

REPORT OF CRIME AND DISORDER REVIEW PANEL

(Meeting held on 18 September 2001).

1. WORK PROGRAMME (REPORT A) (MINUTE NO. 17).

The Panel discussed their Work Programme for the forthcoming year.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Work Programme for 2001/02, as attached at Appendix 1 to this report, be approved to guide the Panel's activities over the coming year.

2. COMMUNITY GUARDIANS (REPORT B) (MINUTE NO. 21).

The Panel discussed the operation of Community Guardian Schemes to evaluate whether this would be an option that should be investigated further for this District.

The report discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the schemes that were under development in other areas. Members considered that, as this was a very new initiative, there was not enough information available to allow them to evaluate the idea properly. There were a number of potential models being tried out. For example, the Community Guardian might live in the community, and take responsibility for minor repair and maintenance work as well arranging, for example, for the removal of abandoned vehicles. Alternatively, the guardian may have a role which was more geared towards enforcement, including acting as a professional witness in instances of intimidation or nuisance behaviour. Members considered that, for such a scheme to work, it must be generated by the community concerned, who must have ownership of it. As there was insufficient information available at this time, it was agreed that a further report should be submitted to the meeting of the Panel in September 2002, to include the outcome of the schemes which are currently being introduced in other areas.

3. CRIME AUDIT FINDINGS (REPORT F) (MINUTE NO. 23).

The Panel received the Consultant's report on the findings of the Crime Survey for the District. Hampshire Constabulary have assigned an officer to help this Council evaluate the findings in the context of the local Geographical Information System database, and national statistics. This will be used to create a Final Audit Report which establishes the key areas of concern for this District. There was a good level of response to the survey, with the respondents spread evenly across the District. The findings should therefore be representative of the situation in the community as a whole. Indeed, members considered that the report reflected perceptions in their local communities.

The Panel also received the draft Community Safety Strategy 2002-2005 which had been prepared by the Community Safety Partnership for submission to the Government Office for the South East. This currently relies heavily on national best value indicators for Community Safety, but it is hoped that this can be refined in the light of the survey findings to establish key areas of concern and achievable actions.

This issue will be discussed further at the November meeting of the Panel, in conjunction with the debate on the Final Audit Report, to determine whether other objectives should be commended to the Community Safety Partnership for inclusion in the draft strategy.

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CHAIRMAN

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**CRIME AND DISORDER REVIEW PANEL
WORK PROGRAMME**

23 October 2001

- ◆ Budgets
- ◆ CCTV (evaluation of periods for which the control centre should be manned; and arrangements for the appointment of lay scrutinisers)

20 November 2001

- ◆ Road Safety – Speeding (including 20 mph limits)
- ◆ Emergency Response Plan (to include the provision of sandbags)
- ◆ Interaction between the Council and the community during emergency responses
- ◆ List of emergency types and the policies already in place to deal with them.
- ◆ Report on Audit Analysis of Crime

22 January 2002

- ◆ Final Audit Strategy Report
- ◆ Review of numbers served and effectiveness of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Antisocial Behaviour Orders.
- ◆ Budget Estimates 2002/03

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- ◆ Emergency Plans, other than flooding (e.g. Solspill)

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- ◆ Community Guardians - further evaluation in the light of experience in other Local Authority areas.

Future

- ◆ Drugs/Alcohol Abuse
- ◆ Domestic Violence