

Policy and Resources Select Committee

23rd October 2014

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny

Origins of Community Safety Duties (now updated)

1. Crime and Disorder Act 1998

- Responsibilities to work in partnership to analyse crime and to develop and implement strategies to prevent and reduce crime and disorder on a 3 year cycle
- Revised the Youth Justice System, introducing Youth offending Teams
- Required authorities to consider the impact of decisions on crime and disorder
- Raft of new measures relating to anti-social behaviour
- Partnerships at the district level
 - Local authorities (both tiers)
 - Primary Care Trusts
 - Police
 - Fire and Rescue Authorities
 - Police Authorities
 - Probation Services

2. Local partnerships accountable to the Secretary of State, performance against targets managed by regional Government Offices

3. Specific and significant crime reduction budgets from the Home Office

How the context and duties have evolved

Police and Justice Act 2006

- Local accountability
- County Agreement for Crime and Disorder: A plan between all responsible authorities for those matters which are more effectively co-ordinated on a county wide basis overseen by a County Strategy Group.
- Regulations in 2011 relaxed the procedures around the County Strategy Group and local Community Safety Partnerships.
- Scrutiny Committee

Home Office funding passed to upper tier authorities (part of Local Area Agreement)



More recent developments

- 1. Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011**
 - Police and Crime Commissioners (Nov 2012)
 - Police and Crime Panels
- 2. Health and Social Care Act 2012**
 - NHS re-organisation - Public Health transfer (2012)
- 3. Deficit reduction programme and transfer of Home Office funding to P&CC**
- 4. Transforming Rehabilitation – MoJ reform of prison and probation services**
- 5. National Troubled Families programme**

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny

County Agreement scrutinised previously by Safe and Healthy People Select Committee. Annual meeting with presentations and Q&A on key programmes, including external partners.

In scope:

- The County Agreement – the improvement areas, partner engagement and commitment, impact of change, leadership
- Focus on how the partners are working together on joint programmes – not scrutinising individual agencies.
- Annual scrutiny review – recommendations to partners

Out of scope

- Designated Scrutiny Committees at District level scrutinise the work of local community safety partnerships.
- Separate Police and Crime Panel arrangements to scrutinise the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner. PCC is not a responsible body under the legislation.

Hampshire's Community Safety Agreement (constant themes/ key programmes delivered)

- Tackling those who cause most harm to communities. **Development of the Hampshire Integrated Offender Management Service.**
- Supporting victims and those at highest risk. **Development of an Integrated Domestic Abuse Service**
- Early intervention and prevention - **Development of the Youth Crime Prevention Service and the Supporting Troubled Families Programme**
- Clear information for the public and analytical tools for partners. **Hampshire Information Management Suite.**

- **Joint investment including Home Office funds**
- **Delivered positive outcomes**
- **Strong partnership working**
- **Retained significant investment as Home office funding has transferred to the Police and Crime Commissioner.**



Building on success

– developing the next Agreement

- A further round of step improvements which will
 - Improve community safety outcomes
 - More effective use of resources
 - Transformation and prevention
 - Accountability for leadership and delivery
 - A more dynamic process of involving stakeholders
- Supports priorities in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan
- Developed in a modular way with key areas of focus still to be finalised
- Improvements identified through a series of quarterly workshops led by the County Council, supported by the PCC and engaging all responsible bodies and wider stakeholders

County Agreement refresh

Theme 1 – Working with perpetrators of domestic abuse:

- Seminar September 2014
- Over 100 delegates shaping our approach to prevention
- Specialist programmes
- Addressing the issue in mainstream services
- Working better together and working holistically
- Effective education and early interventions



Hampshire Domestic Abuse Steering Group to use outcomes to formulate an improvement plan for prevention through more effective interventions with perpetrators

