

Safe and Healthy People Select Committee - 23rd November 2012

Item 5 – Hampshire County Strategy Group for Crime and Disorder

Introductory note

The purpose of this note is to outline the work of the Hampshire County Strategy group for Crime and Disorder during 2012-13 as an introduction to a series of presentations to be made to the Safe and Healthy People Select Committee on the 23rd November 2012.

1. Background

1.1. The Hampshire County Strategy Group for Crime and Disorder is a statutory partnership led by the County Council. The role of the Group is to identify common priorities across between the Community Safety Partnerships in each of the Districts and Boroughs in Hampshire and to co-ordinate activity relating to these priorities between agencies across Hampshire to improve effectiveness and make the best use of resources.

1.2. The County Council currently manages the Home Office Community Safety Fund which is used alongside other grants and partner resources to support these priorities. These resources have reduced significantly in 2011-12 and 2012-13 and the Group has focussed its attention on supporting 5 agreed priorities:

- **address those who cause most harm to communities.** The Group has supported the development of the Hampshire Integrated Offender Management Service which is now operations and making a significant contribution to the reduction of reoffending rates.
- **protect those who are most vulnerable.** The Group has supported the commissioning of an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor Service in Hampshire. It has considered the outcome of a review of multi-agency arrangements for managing high risk domestic abuse cases and has contributed to the arrangements for managing domestic homicide reviews. It has also supported a strategic review of domestic abuse services.
- **locations where most crime and anti-social behaviour takes place** – the Group has supported and facilitated information exchange between areas on local actions to address anti-social behaviour and violence related to the night-time economy.
- **support longer term preventative approaches** – The Group has supported the development of the Youth Crime Prevention Service and the development of the Hampshire Supporting (Troubled) Families Programme.
- **clear information on crime and disorder to the public** – the Group has supported the development of the new *CrimeReports* public

information system and the development of analytical and case management tools to support effective partnership working.

2. Specific areas to be considered by the Select Committee

The Select Committee will receive short presentations on specific aspects of work supported by the County Strategy Group and will have the opportunity to discuss the approach being taken.

- Hampshire Supporting (Troubled) Families Programme – Ian Langley
- The development of a Commissioning Strategy for Domestic Abuse services – John Winter
- Reducing anti-social behaviour working with partners and housing services – John Whale

3. Future developments

- 3.1. On 15th November Simon Hayes was appointed as the first Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner will take up office on 22 November 2012 and the existing Hampshire Police Authority will be disestablished. This election is for an initial term of 3.5 years. In future, a term of office will be for 4 years. This is a radical reform aimed at strengthening democratic accountability of the police service. The PCC will also have a key role in promoting community safety and will take responsibility for a range of funds currently managed by the County Council which make a vital contribution to the services which the County Strategy group has supported.
- 3.2. The PCC will have much work to do in a short space of time and I will be looking to engage him to ensure that the good work the County Council has developed with partners continues to be supported on the basis that joint investment can be used to much greater effect, working with expert commissioners of services through good governance arrangements. It is important to maintain investment in the short term, to enable joint priorities and collaborative arrangements to be established and managed over the medium term. A copy of my letter to Simon Hayes is attached.
- 3.3. The Committee will be aware that the County Council has led the establishment of the Police and Crime Panel for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to support and hold to account the PCC. A protocol between the Safe and Healthy People Select Committee and the Police and Crime Panel is in preparation.

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