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**Report to**  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

1<sup>st</sup> March, 2006

**Report of**  
Councillor Matchet, Cabinet Member (Health & Housing)

**Title**  
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Community Safety Partnership

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### **1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 At their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2005, the Cabinet approved a process of reporting back to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on the work of those outside bodies appointed to by the City Council. This reports sets out details of the work of the Coventry Community Safety Partnership over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the City Council continue to send the Cabinet Member (Health & Housing) who has the lead on community safety issues, to the Coventry Community Safety Partnership. This is particularly important with the recent recommendations contained within the review of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998, that was published on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

### **3 Information on Work of Outside Body**

- 3.1 The Coventry Community Safety Partnership was formed in September 2003, as a result of the merge of the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership and the Drug & Alcohol Action Team. This was as a result of recommendations contained within the Police Reform Act 2002 and has ensured that there is strategic direction to work to reduce crime, disorder, the fear of crime and drug and alcohol misuse in Coventry.
- 3.2 The Partnership is also responsible for delivering the Community Safety Theme in the Coventry Community Plan.
- 3.3 The key role of the Partnership is to co-ordinate the efforts of statutory and voluntary organisations to ensure that the Government's Community Safety Plan and associated plans are implemented locally. The Partnership is responsible for carrying out all the functions allocated to Responsible Authorities under the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998, the Police Reform Act 2002 and other relevant legislation.

### **4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment**

- 4.1 The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 placed a statutory duty on Local Authorities as 'Responsible Authorities' to work in partnership to reduce crime and disorder. Therefore it

is beneficial both for the Local Authority but also for the Partnership that the Lead Member for this work is a member.

- 4.2 The benefits particularly include being able to influence the development of strategies and resources to address community safety and ensure that the Local Authority are adequately and effectively represented as a partner in this work.

## **5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment**

- 5.1 Councillor Matchet is the City Council's representative on the Coventry Community Safety Partnership, in the last twelve months there have been 6 meetings of the forum of which Councillor Matchet has attended 2.

- 5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

### List of background papers

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