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**Report to**

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

6<sup>th</sup> February, 2008

**Report of**

Councillor Andy Matchet

**Title**

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

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**1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 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 That the lead portfolio holder for community safety continues to be a representative on the Community Safety Partnership in line with the requirements contained within the Guidance for Effective Partnerships published in September 2007.
- 2.2 That the lead portfolio holder for community safety also be represented on the Coventry Partnership to ensure that community safety priorities are fed into the group and reflected in Local Authority work, in line with the requirements contained within the Guidance for Effective Partnerships published in September 2007.

**3 Information on Work of Outside Body**

- 3.1 The Community Safety Partnership is a statutory body with a responsibility for co-ordinating work on the reduction of crime, the fear of crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse, including alcohol.
- 3.2 Since April 2007 the Partnership has been involved in a number of areas of work including the production of a Strategic Assessment which identifies trends and priorities both geographically and thematically. This has informed the targeting of resources and programmes of work and has assisted in the delivery of the Government's PSA1 target, to reduce British Crime Survey Comparator Crimes (vehicle crime, robbery, burglary, violent crime and burglary).
- 3.3 As a theme group of the Coventry Partnership, the Community Safety Partnership has played a key role in the development of the Sustainable Communities Strategy and the Local Area Agreement, ensuring that community safety is accurately represented and joint priorities and targets are agreed.
- 3.4 The Police & Justice Act 2006 introduced changes to existing arrangements regarding triennial Community Safety Audits and Strategies. The Partnership have played a key role

in responding to the new requirements, which includes the production of an annual strategic assessment and a 3 yearly Community Safety Plan from April 2008.

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

- 4.1 The City Council has a key role to play on the partnership and is identified as a 'responsible authority' within the Crime & Disorder Act.
- 4.2 Creating a city where people feel safe and confident and no-one is disadvantaged by the neighbourhood in which they live is a corporate objective and cannot be achieved by the Council on its own. It is critical that the Council continue to lead and influence the work of this Partnership in order to ensure that national policy is being delivered effectively at a local level and that local residents enjoy a good quality of life, free from crime and the fear of crime.

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

- 5.1 Coventry City Council's representative on Coventry Community Safety Partnership is Councillor Matchet. In the twelve month period from January 2007 to December 2007 inclusive, 6 meetings were held of which Councillor Matchet attended 4.
- 5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

#### List of background papers

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