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## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## COMMUNITY ACTION IN COALFIELD AREA: IDENTIFYING NEW ISSUES AND AGREEING ACTIONS (2010/11 WORK PLAN)

**1. Why has it come to Committee?**

- 1.1 To enable the future development of area based working, the Area Committee requires detailed information to be freely available from a number of different sources. An “intelligence hub” has been established that will act as a repository for information available. Officers will have access to relevant up-to-date information required to make effective decisions at an area level, and provide Area Committee with the detailed analysis required to identify key priorities and future waves of Responsive Local Services activity.
- 1.2 Information has been sourced from other Committee meetings, Community Leadership Programme, Responsive Local Services, the Customer Service Network, the Area Co-ordination Team, Members Query Management System, Questions to Area Committee, Safer Communities Team, the Consultation Team and the Area Network. Information with regard to crime related issues has been provided by Elected Members, the Community Policing Team, Local Area Multi Agency Problems Solving groups (LMAPS) and the Data Analyst Team from Northumbria Police.
- 1.3 Using this information, new issues have been identified and are presented below for Committee to consider, and agree future action.

**2. New Issues****2.1 Motorcycle disorder**

There has been an issue with motorcycle disorder at a number of locations across the Coalfield area. Problems have been discussed at LMAPS and at the informal meeting with Councillors and the Neighbourhood Police Team. Some of the specific problem areas have been assessed and using a number of funding sources steelwork has been installed to prevent access to some open sites. It is felt that an overall strategy is needed, rather than dealing with issues on a reactive basis.

**Recommendation**

Agree to this issue being placed on the workplan for 2010/2011 and provide information regarding motor cycle disorder hotspots to LMAPS via the nominated Elected Member, the Police or the Area Officer

**2.2 Speeding or dangerous traffic**

A number of sites across the area have been identified as hotspots for speeding or dangerous traffic. Stretches of country roads or rural areas leading to villages or residential areas have caused some of the problems. Also, problems occur where vehicles use residential estates as ‘rat runs’ to avoid slow or busy roads. A number of Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) funding applications have been developed to address individual issues but an area wide plan would be beneficial to inform future service delivery.

**Recommendation**

Receive information from the Interim Assistant Head of Traffic Road Safety and agree this issue to be placed on the workplan for 2010/2011.

**2.3 Youth disorder (anti social behaviour)**

Youth disorder in the area has risen. The main areas of concern are Easington Lane and Penshaw. The problem has been discussed at LMAPS, Police meetings and meetings with the Youth Development Group and youth providers and there is a need to provide a partnership approach to this issue.

**Recommendation**

Committee is requested to agree to add this issue to the 2010/2011 workplan and form a new Task and Result Group to focus on youth disorder.

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