

At a meeting of the COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 2009 AT 5.30 P.M.

Present:-

Councillor R. Heron in the Chair

Councillors Paul Maddison, O'Connor, Speding, Timmins, Wake and J Walton.

Also in attendance:-

Councillor Tate.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Ball, Copeland, Scaplehorn and D. Smith.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 15th September, 2009

Councillor J. Walton referred to previous comments on the introduction of 30 extra police officers. This issue had been mentioned to an officer at the Fulwell Neighbourhood Watch meeting who knew nothing of the subject.

Stuart Douglass, Safer Communities Manager, advised that it may be that the budgets had to be agreed upon and that particular officer was not aware of the situation. Mr. Douglass advised that he would look into the situation and notify Members.

The Chairman informed the Committee on the response Councillor Copeland had received from Northumbria Probation in relation to Community Payback. The response detailed that during a review of the structure of the group's undertaking Community Payback projects, it was identified that supervisors would be able to safely manage six offenders rather than five. This small change within each group would not affect the total number of Community Payback hours on the projects completed, but was a more efficient and cost effective way of working.

This meant that whilst the same amount of Community Payback work was being undertaken, fewer supervisors would be required overall and unfortunately, those that had temporary contracts would not be renewed.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 15th September, 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

There were no declarations of interest.

Gambling Act 2005 – Approval of amendments to the Council's Statement of Principles

The Chief Solicitor and Executive Director of City Services submitted a joint report (copy circulated) to seek the advice and consideration of the Committee on a report to be considered by Cabinet on 4th November, 2009. The report set out the revised Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor J. Walton queried the paragraph which reads:-

If individuals wish to approach Councillors to ask them to represent their views, care should be taken that the Councillors are not part of the Licensing Committee.

Tom Terrett, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, advised that Members were entitled to make representations in their own right. If a member of the public had concerns their Ward Councillor could speak on their behalf but could not then be part of the decision making process if they were on the Licensing Committee. There had to be a separation of Members speaking against an application and then making a decision on it.

2. RESOLVED that the report be received and the comments of the Committee be referred to Cabinet.

National Drug Strategy

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide the Committee with:-

- i) an overview of Drugs: Protecting Families and Communities;
- ii) an overview of progress against all four priority areas contained within the strategy, and to
- iii) seek support to continue with all work plans.

Leanne Davis, Drug and Alcohol Strategy Manager, presented the report and was on hand to answer Members' queries.

Councillor Wake enquired as to how the identified drug dens were made impossible to use again, as mentioned in the report.

Ms. Davis advised that LMAP's would tend to the area, removing any overgrown foliage, etc. to make the location more visible. Engagement with young people in the area would also be implemented.

Councillor Wake advised that after a recent discussion with a Police Inspector he had been informed that, in relation to the 101 scheme, statistics on ASB had been given to the Police, however, under the new scheme they had not, and there seemed to be a break in the chain of information.

Mr. Douglass suggested that as the Committee were to review ASB, the 101 issue could be explored further at a future meeting.

Ms. Davis advised that information on drug related litter hotspots was being received and further engagement could be implemented through LMAP's if it is a police matter.

Councillor O'Connor commented that there had been a number of drug busts in the area and he believed the reason they could go undetected for so long was due to letting agencies/landlords taking 12 months rent, rather than on a month to month basis.

Ms. Davis agreed and advised that work to target landlords through charging for clean up services and so on was being undertaken. It was hoped this would initiate a greater responsibility from landlords.

Ms. Davis noted the leaflets showing the damage caused through the use of Cannabis farms were to be produced and circulated to landlords.

The Chairman enquired on Councillor Copeland's behalf on the treatment of methadone to drug users.

Ms. Davis advised that there were strict guidelines which GPs had to follow on the use of methadone. The amount of methadone prescribed was dependent on how much heroin the user was taking.

The length of the prescription would be over a number of years and would be dispensed and supervised by a pharmacist.

Ms. Davis also advised that there were alternative drugs to methadone which could be prescribed.

The Chairman commented that he was surprised at the length of time methadone was prescribed for, but was pleased to see that support and guidance for the families of drug users was being addressed.

Councillor Wake commented that he was pleased to see that there was an alternative drug available other than methadone as he was aware of reports that methadone was more addictive than heroin.

3. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the report and the overview of the national drug strategy and the work that is ongoing to implement it in Sunderland be received and noted;
- ii) that the issue of the 101 number statistics be investigated under the Anti Social Behaviour Review at a future meeting of the Committee.

Policy Review Consultation – Safer Sunderland Partnership Forum

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide Members with a briefing on the annual Safer Sunderland Partnership Forum.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr. Douglass advised that as well as the item on Anti Social Behaviour, it may be of interest to Members to discuss items on justice and drugs, etc. if they so wish at the forum.

The Chairman commented that Members needed to give consideration to whether they have their own session or move around to other sessions which may flag up areas this Committee had not considered.

Councillor Wake commented that the last event had operated on a carousel basis to discuss each issue and requested that if this were the case again, that the timings be more flexible to enable more consideration of each item.

Mr. Douglass advised that there had been many similar comments in relation to the last event and that the number of carousels would be reduced and the timings for presentations/discussions would be increased.

4. RESOLVED that the arrangements for the Forum and role of Members as part of the consultation exercise for its study be noted.

Poverty of Place

Sal Buckler, Diversity and Inclusion Manager submitted a report (copy circulated) to highlight to the Committee current research as regards poverty in place in relation to understanding community safety and the relationship with community cohesion.

It was also suggested that the Committee undertake a site visit to both an area where poverty of place was currently having an adverse effect and an

area where environmental work has had a positive impact upon community cohesion.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Speding commented that he believed there was often a problem of co-ordination between directorates and enquired if the process would bring about a more joined up approach to dealing with such issues.

Ms. Buckler agreed that there was an issue but there was a movement of change and people were starting to see how things were joining up.

Ms. Buckler commented that she believed this to be an opportunity to see what the issues were and engage in partnership working.

Councillor Wake commented that he believed the appearance of litter in a particular street was not necessarily an indication of poverty.

Ms. Buckler advised that recent research had identified a very real link between levels of poverty and the way that a place looks.

It had been demonstrated that there is a direct connection to what a place looks like and how much money is circulated within the community.

The Chairman commented that there was a problem in that politicians may be able to identify issues, but cannot deal with them until certain legislation is in place, which results in ongoing issues and delays.

Councillor Wake referred to a recent definition of poverty which stated that a child was living in poverty if they did not have a TV, mobile phone, etc. Councillor Wake commented that he found this offensive when there were children starving in the World.

Councillor Speding commented that he believed the research was sound and that the poverty lines were always being redrawn. The biggest driver was establishing what was to be done next.

Councillor O'Connor commented that everyone had experienced poverty in their Wards and would like to attend a site visit to the areas recommended.

The Chairman proposed that if Members were to agree, the visit be arranged for an afternoon, so that the area could be viewed in daylight.

5. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the report be received and noted;
- ii) a) The Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee invite Members of both the Environment and Attractive City and the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committees to accompany

them on a site visit to look at areas where poverty of place was evident and also projects where it was being addressed.

- b) Suggested areas included Fence Houses, where at the LMAPS there is a repeated concern with community cohesion and community safety issues arising from poor environmental availability.
- c) Also Hendon Community Allotment where a project by Groundwork is actively addressing some of these issues.

Overview and Scrutiny Handbook

The Head of Overview and Scrutiny submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide the Committee with a progress report on the refresh of the Council's Handbook for Overview and Scrutiny, specifically in relation to: A draft Protocol for the Appointment of Co-opted Members to the Council's Scrutiny Committees.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

6. RESOLVED that the draft Protocol be endorsed and is included in the new Handbook.

Request to attend Conference

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) for the Committee to consider sending delegates to the LGA Conference entitled "The Future of Scrutiny – Tackling the Big Issues".

(For copy report – see original minutes).

7. RESOLVED that:-

- i) Members contact Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, if they wish to attend the Conference; and
- ii) the report be received and noted.

Forward Plan – Key Decisions for the period of 1st October, 2009 to 31st January, 2010

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide Members with an opportunity to consider the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 1st October, 2009 – 31st January, 2010.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) R. HERON,
Chairman.

COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

POLICY REVIEW INTO ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - GENTOO'S APPROACH TO NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY

REPORT OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR GENTOO SUNDERLAND

10 NOVEMBER 2009

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline Gentoo Sunderland's approach to Neighbourhood Safety, highlighting key performance outputs over the last full year (2008-9), active partnership working and current and future developments. This report is submitted as part the Committee's evidence gathering process in relation to its study into Anti – Social Behaviour.

2. Introduction

2.1 The Group's new Neighbourhood Safety Strategy was approved in November 2008. The Strategy operates within the Group's Vision "To improve the Art of Living Beyond Imagination". The ultimate aim of the strategy is to ensure that "everyone within our neighbourhoods feel safe and secure". This is consistent with the City's overarching Community Safety objective

2.2 The Strategy has four strategic objectives, which are mutually- reinforcing and interlink to achieve our overall aim:

Objective 1	Prevent and minimise anti-social behaviour (ASB) and perceptions of it by taking a long-term approach which combines prevention and early intervention, support and swift enforcement where necessary.
Objective 2	Empower our neighbourhoods to feel safe and secure, particularly where there are more vulnerable groups.
Objective 3	Provide tailored support to victims as well as offenders.
Objective 4	Engage fully with others to deliver coherent, long-term solutions and communicate our actions to our partners, others organisations and our communities.

3. Scope of the Service

3.1 Neighbourhood Safety covers the following elements of service delivery:-

- Tenancy enforcement

- Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention
- Early intervention
- Victim Support
- Perpetrator Support

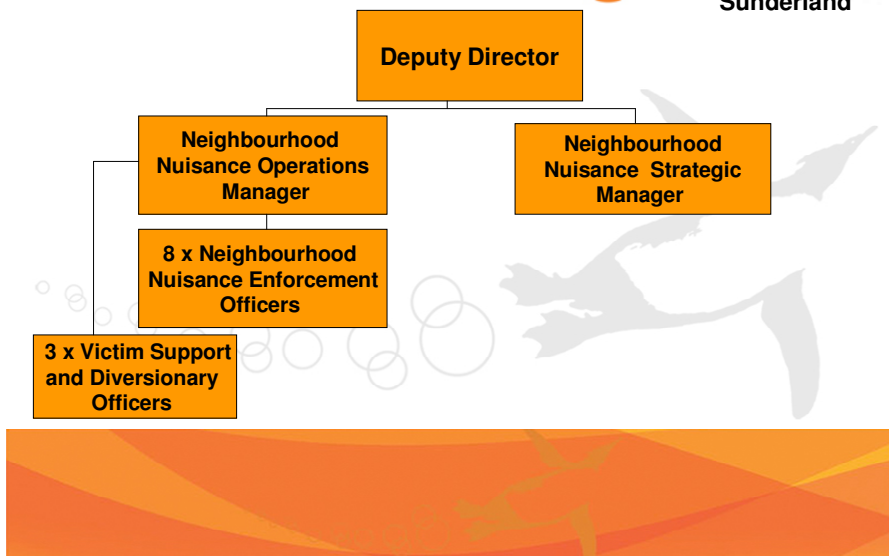
A summary of each is shown below:-

- 3.1.1 Tenancy Enforcement - Taking tenancy enforcement action where appropriate using a range of tools and powers available.
- 3.1.2 Prevention - Taking action to prevent ASB occurring in the first place. This includes diversionary work with young people and addressing the causes of ASB.
- 3.1.3 Early Intervention - Taking early intervention action to prevent the ASB escalating further and “nip it in the bud”.
- 3.1.4 Victim Support - Supporting victims of ASB through tailor made, customer-led support plans.
- 3.1.5 Perpetrator Support - Supporting perpetrators to tackle to causes of ASB behaviour for example, misuse of drugs and alcohol, mental health issues and poor parenting skills.

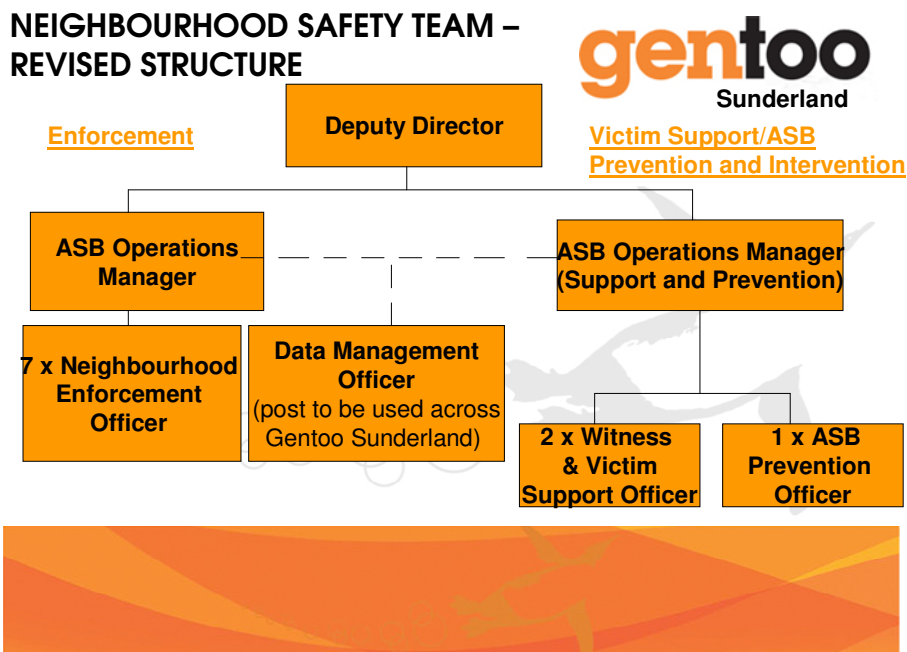
4. Neighbourhood Safety Team Structure

- 4.1 The Neighbourhood Safety Team has recently been restructured to ensure it is fit for purpose to deliver the objectives within the strategy. The previous structure is shown below:-

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY TEAM – PREVIOUS STRUCTURE



4.2 Roles and responsibilities have been re-shaped to create the current structure shown below:-



4.3 The 7 x Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers are based locally within the Neighbourhood Teams and report to the local Neighbourhood Operations Manager whilst the other Officers named on the structure are centrally based.

5. Performance Summary 2008-9

5.1 ASB Caseload - Gentoo categorise the most serious cases of ASB as category 1 and 2 cases and these are dealt with by the Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers.

5.2 New Cases Added - Over the 2008-9 financial year, 519 new category 1 and 2 cases were added. This is relatively consistent with the previous year and represents a decrease of 38 (7%) across the City.

5.3 This caseload was spread across the 5 management areas as shown in Table 1 below:-

Table 1

Management Area	% of Caseload	No. of NEO's
Central	14.3%	1
H & H	16.2%	1
North	28.1	2

South	12.1%	1
Washington	29.3%	2

- 5.4 The statistics demonstrate a relatively consistent workload for each Neighbourhood Enforcement Officer.
- 5.5 Of these 519 complainants, 509 (98%) were responded to within 24 hours. This represents an improvement on the previous year when 95% of all complainants were responded to within 24 hours.
- 5.6 New cases added as a result of information obtained from Northumbria Police increased by 18% when compared to the previous year. This reinforces the excellent partnership working that exists between Gentoo's Neighbourhood Safety Team and the local Police teams.
- 5.7 Cases Resolved and Closed - Over the year, 504 cases were resolved compared to 603 the previous year. Cases are usually resolved by using either early intervention or enforcement measures. Table 2 shows this breakdown. Comparative data from the previous year is also shown.

Table 2

Measures Used	2007-8	2008-9
Allegations Unfounded	1%	2%
Enforcement	15%	27%
Early Intervention	84%	71%

- 5.8 The number of cases resolved by enforcement measures has increased due to the number of police led cases also increasing as referred to earlier in the report.
- 5.9 Live Cases (April 2009) - In terms of live cases, as at April 2009, 157 category 1 and 2 were registered on the breach system.

6. Victim Support Caseload

- 6.1 New Cases Added - Over the 2008-9 year, 99 new customers were supported as part of the victim support service. This represents an increase of 58 on the previous year, however, this is due to increased resource in this area of service.
- 6.2 Two dedicated Victim Support Officers are now appointed therefore, it is anticipated the number of customer accessing support will increase during the 2009-10 year.

6.3 Victim Support Cases Closed - 59 Victim Support cases were closed during the 2008-9 year which represents an increase of 24 on the previous year.

7. Enforcement, Prevention & Early Intervention Activity

7.1 A range of enforcement, early intervention and prevention activity has taken place over 2008-9 as outlined in Tables 3 and 4 below. Comparative data from the previous 2 financial years is also shown where available:-

Table 3 Enforcement Action

Measure Used	2006-7	2007-8	2008-9
Notice of Seeking Possession (NOSP)	185	188	171
ASB Injunction (ASBI)	21	10	7
ASB Order (ASBO)	0	0	0
Suspended Possession Order	10	7	11
Absolute Possession Order	2	4	4

Table 4 Early Intervention and Preventative Action

Measure Used	2006-7	2007-8	2008-9
Interview	Not available	453	438
Letter	N/A	367	370
Visit	N/A	472	503
Appropriate Behaviour Agreements (ABA's)	58	49	60
Demotion Order	2	0	1
Diversions Activities	20	30	29
Referrals to Mediation	30	47	53

7.2 The statistics demonstrate that generally, the team are utilising more early intervention tools and less enforcement tools. This approach is in line with Home Office and Audit Commission recommendations as early intervention measures, if successful, are proven to be more sustainable.

8. Out Of Hours Working

8.1 During the 2008-9 year, the Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers worked out of normal office hours on 425 occasions. The reasons for the out of hours working are varied for example:-

- Reactive work in response to a live case
- Home visits to reassure victims and/or witnesses
- High visibility walkabouts
- To attend a customer involvement forum
- Targeted surveillance work

8.2 On 104 occasions, the Officers witnessed events which helped to strengthen evidence in relation to ongoing cases.

9. Customer Feedback

9.1 Customer feedback in relation to Neighbourhood Safety issues is gathered via the following methods:-

- Customer Complaints
- Customer Satisfaction
- Customer Involvement Methods

10. Customer Complaints

10.1 Over the 2008-9 year, 17 complaints were received through Gentoo's complaints procedure in relation to ASB. The trends associated with the feedback received from the complaints were in relation to the customer actually reporting ASB and the customer's perception that either no action had been taken or action wasn't being taken quick enough.

11. Customer Satisfaction

11.1 Customer satisfaction data is currently collected in relation to the Victim Support Service and in relation to the handling and outcome of ASB cases.

11.2 The Victim Support satisfaction regime has been in place throughout the whole financial year, however, the ASB satisfaction system started mid-way through the year. A summary of customer satisfaction data recorded over the 2008-9 financial year is show below:-

Victim Support Service

How safe did you feel in their homes at	No. of	%
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first contact?	Respondents	
Very safe	0	0
Fairly safe	15	15
Neither	8	8
Fairly unsafe	31	32
Very unsafe	45	45

How safe did you feel in their homes at closure of the case?	No. of respondents	%
Very safe	22	37
Fairly safe	20	34
Neither	9	15
Fairly unsafe	4	7
Very unsafe	4	7

Were you satisfied with level of support?	No. of respondents	%
Too much	0	0
Just right	58	98
Not enough	1	2

- 11.3 It is pleasing to note that one of the positive impacts of the Victim Support Service is that customers feel much safer in their homes i.e. only 15% of customers felt very or fairly safe prior to receiving the service and this increases to 71% after receiving the service. It is also positive to note that 98% of customers felt the level of support they received was just right.

12. ASB Satisfaction

Taking everything into account, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the outcome of your ASB complaint?	No. of Respondents	%
Very satisfied	20	45%
Fairly satisfied	14	32%
Neither	2	5%
Fairly dissatisfied	3	7%
Very dissatisfied	5	11%
TOTAL	44	100%

- 12.1 Again, it is pleasing to note the relatively high levels of satisfaction in relation to the ASB service with 77% of complaints being very or fairly satisfied with the outcome of their complaint. ASB cases can be difficult to manage, often being related to sensitive and/or complex situations. At times, the complainants expect more swift legal action (i.e eviction) when this is usually not the most appropriate course of action.

13. Partnerships

13.1 Gentoo Sunderland work in partnership with a range of agencies in relation to the Neighbourhood Safety agenda, in particular the Council's Neighbourhood Relations Team and Northumbria Police. Three of the police teams are based within Gentoo facilities at Havelock, Concord and Hendon. Gentoo are represented on all of the City's main partnership forums in relation to this agenda including the Business Support Group (BSG) and the ASB Delivery Group.

13.2 Other key City-wide partnerships where Gentoo play an active role include:-

- Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)
- Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)
- Family Intervention Project (FIP)

A summary of each is described below:-

MAPPA exists to ensure that the responsible authorities and social care agencies who have a duty to co-operate (as identified in the Criminal Justice Act 2000) work together to assess and manage the risk posed by sexual and violent offenders who reside in Wearside. Gentoo Sunderland's Deputy Director is the Group's lead officer. Responsibilities include attending the MAPPA strategic forum, making decisions in relation to re-housing and risk management and managing the implications of any decisions. In addition, the Heads of Service attend local MAPPA meetings where the individual resides or is associated with certain estates. Last year, 70 referrals were made to the MAPPA Unit.

MARAC is a multi-agency forum to discuss the highest risk Domestic Violence Cases within the City. Other partners include the Police, Childrens Services, Housing Options Team, Probation, Health, Drug and Alcohol Support, Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA), Education Department and Wearside Women In Need (WWIN). Gentoo's ASB Operations Manager (Support and Prevention) or a Victim Support Officer attend fortnightly MARAC meetings where the 8 most high risk cases are discussed and risk management plans developed. Case numbers for the period 21.07.08-09.06.09 are as follows:-

Total Number of Cases	Gentoo Tenants	No. of Cases Where Information Provided by Gentoo Team
116	73	105

The statistics show that Gentoo have contributed to 91% of all cases.

Family Intervention Programme (FIP) is a City wide scheme available to all landlords. DISC is the support provider. Gentoo Sunderland's Deputy Director is a member of the multi-agency FIP Strategic Group and the ASB Operations Manager (Support and Prevention) coordinates all referrals within Gentoo. Over the 2008-9 year, 26 referrals were made to the FIP project, 16

(62%) of which were referred by Gentoo staff and 21 (81%) of which were Gentoo tenants. The programme provides support for tenants who need to change their behaviour otherwise they would be evicted. There are three models of support – Residential, Dispersed and Floating. Currently, all FIP referrals receive floating support, however, we are aiming to have the dispersed model available during the 2009-10 year.

14. Objectives Over 2009-10

14.1 Gentoo's Neighbourhood Safety Team are working towards the following objectives over the 2009-10 year:-

- Implement Diversionary Framework to assist with identifying priorities.
- Use GIS Mapping system to maximise use of data.
- Further develop ASB Prevention programme including:-
 - Diversionary work
 - Durham Prison Visits
 - Attitude Changing DVD
 - Out of School Clubs in hot-spot areas
- Refresh fear of crime data at a neighbourhood level.
- Clarify costs and value for money of each enforcement and early intervention tool.
- Implement Family Intervention Tenancies to offer FIP dispersed model as well as floating support model.
- Develop customer literature in relation to new aspects of service delivery.
- Complete review of Gentoo's Domestic Violence Strategy.
- Work in partnership with other agencies to promote awareness of support networks in relation to Domestic Violence.
- Increase high visibility patrols.
- Improve customer information on how to report ASB.
- Target vulnerable groups in relation to Neighbourhood Safety information.

15. Recommendation

15.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

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FEEDBACK FROM CONFERENCE – THE FUTURE OF SCRUTINY – TACKLING THE BIG ISSUES

LINK TO WORK PROGRAMME – POLICY REVIEW

Report of the Chief Executive

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP5: Safer City.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services; CIO4: Improving Partnership Working To Deliver 'One City'.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide feedback from the LGA Conference “The Future of Scrutiny – Tackling the Big Issues”.

2. Background

- 2.1 On 13 October 2009, the Committee agreed to send representatives to a national conference on the future of overview and scrutiny powers in relation to crime and disorder. The event took place on Friday 30 October 2009 at Local Government House in London. Councillor Ellen Ball and Councillor Rosalind Copeland were in attendance. Speakers included Dr Phyllis Starkey MP, Chair of the Communities and Local Government Select Committee.

- 2.2 The conference covered a range of issues including:-

- Understanding the big issues where Council's have new scrutiny powers;
- The role of councils in tackling crime and disorder;
- CAA Success – the role of scrutiny;
- What new powers and support are needed to promote effective scrutiny.

- 2.3 The conference raised a number of issues including:-

- Importance of building positive and constructive relationships with partners and build up the scrutiny process;
- Need to raise the profile of scrutiny;
- The importance of the policy review as part of the scrutiny process;
- The need to develop the role of scrutiny in the CAA process;
- The importance of the scrutiny community leadership role.

- 2.4 Councillor Ball and Councillor Copeland will be provide feedback on the issues raised during the Conference.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the feedback from the LGA Conference “The Future of Scrutiny – Tackling the Big Issues.

4. Background Papers

Conference Papers

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COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

FORWARD PLAN – KEY DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1 NOVEMBER – 28 FEBRUARY 2010

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10 November 2009

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide Members with an opportunity to consider the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 1 November 2009 – 28 February 2010.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council's Forward Plan contains matters which are likely to be the subject of a key decision to be taken by the Executive. The Plan covers a four month period and is prepared and updated on a monthly basis.
- 2.2 Holding the Executive to account is one of the main functions of Scrutiny. One of the ways that this can be achieved is by considering the forthcoming decisions of the Executive (as outlined in the Forward Plan) and deciding whether Scrutiny can add value in advance of the decision being made. This does not negate Non-Executive Members ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.
- 2.3 The Forward Plan for the period 1 November 2009 – 28 February 2010 is attached marked **Appendix 1**. As requested by members at the last meeting, only those items which are under the remit of the Committee have been included. The remit of the Committee covers the following themes:-

Safer Sunderland Strategy, Social Inclusion, Community Safety; Anti Social Behaviour; Domestic Violence; Community Cohesion; Equalities; Licensing Policy and Regulation, Community Associations, Registrars.

2.4 In the event of Members having any queries that cannot be dealt with directly in the meeting, a response will be sought from the relevant Directorate.

3. Recommendations

3.1 To consider the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 1 November – 28 February 2010.

4. Background Papers

None

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Forward Plan: Key Decisions for the next four months - 01/Nov/2009 to 28/Feb/2010
Items which fall within the remit of the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee

No.	Description of Decision	Decision Taker	Anticipated Date of Decision	Principal Consultees	Means of Consultation	When and how to make representations and appropriate Scrutiny Committee	Documents to be considered	Contact Officer	Tel No
01325	To recommend Council to approve the determination of the Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005	Cabinet	04/Nov/2009	Police; Gambling Licensees; Gambling Awareness Charities	Draft Statement sent to Licensees	Via the contact Officer by 20 October 2009 Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee	Report; Consultees responses	Norma Johnston	5611973