

## (b) COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT

### REPORT OF CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

#### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform the Members of the Management Scrutiny Committee of the progress made to date by the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee.

#### 2. Progress of the Scrutiny Committee

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Committee has a new remit and is building up its knowledge and information about the service areas covered by its scope. Since the start of the Council year the Scrutiny Committee has :

- Scoped a review of the progress being made in tackling issues of anti social behaviour in the city. Evidence has been received on a monthly basis;
- Considered the effectiveness of the pilot introduction of polycarbonate glasses and recommended to the Safer Sunderland Partnership Board that the programme be further developed;
- Examined the progress being made in relation to the National Drugs Strategy and its implications for Sunderland;
- Provided its views to Cabinet on changes to the provisions of the Gambling Act;
- Received a performance monitoring report in relation to services included within the Committee's remit;
- Participated in the Safer Sunderland Forum held at the Stadium of Light.

- 2.2 The Committee has also sent representatives to the Local Government Association Conference on the Future of Scrutiny and reported back their findings to the Committee.

#### 3. Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Management Scrutiny Committee notes the progress of the Scrutiny Committee.

#### 4. Background Papers

Community and Safer City Work Programme 2009/10