

## COMMUNITY & SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

**Meeting to be held in the Civic Centre, Committee Room No. 1, on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 at 5.30 p.m.**

#### **Membership**

Cllrs Anderson, Copeland, Curran, Emerson, Essl, Forbes, T. Martin, Scaplehorn, Thompson, D. Trueman and Wiper

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26<sup>th</sup> August, 2011

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 at 5.30pm in the Civic  
Centre, Committee Room No.1**

**At a meeting of the COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on TUESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2011 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Anderson in the Chair

Councillors Copeland, Curran, Emerson, Essl, Forbes, T. Martin, Scaplehorn, Thompson, D. Trueman and Wiper

**Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2011**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Community Cohesion Policy Review 2011/12: Draft Scoping Report**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which put forward proposals in relation to the forthcoming policy review into community cohesion.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Stuart Douglass, Lead Policy Officer for Community Safety, presented the report and advised that this report followed on from the Scrutiny Conference in May and the previous meeting of the Committee in June. The report provided a background to community cohesion and provided the proposed terms of reference for the policy review which were detailed at paragraph 5.1 of the report.

The Sunderland Partnership had produced a Community Cohesion Strategy for the period 2008 – 2015, this was to be refreshed soon and the partnership would be waiting until after the Committee had completed its policy review before carrying out this review.

The Chairman stated that there were a lot of strategies which made up the Community Cohesion Strategy. She asked whether copies of the strategy could be provided to Members. Mr Douglass agreed to ask an officer to attend the Committee to present the strategy.

Following a query from Councillor Forbes, Mr Douglass referred to paragraph 2.8 of the report and advised that provision for young people was something that the Committee would need to look at in order to tackle the issues set out in the report.

Mr Douglass then advised, in response to the Chairman, that as part of the investigation the Committee could invite ARCH to attend to provide information around hate crimes.

Councillor T. Martin advised of an incident he had been informed of where there had been a instance of racial abuse; he had ensured that this incident had been reported to the Local Multi Agency Problem Solving Group (LMAPS). Councillor Copeland added that there had been intermittent problems around Thornhill School however the issues had reduced recently.

Councillor Copeland then stated that she had attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations at the Bangladeshi centre and while there she had found that the Bangladeshi community was separate from the rest of the community although it seemed that they were happy to be separated. It was important to work to make them feel more a part of the community and increase their trust in the rest of the community.

Councillor Curran inquired as to whether there were any figures for incidents of racist abuse. Mr Douglass advised that he did not have the information with him so would provide a report to a future meeting which would detail the racial incidents which had occurred. He also stated that the city had an ethnically diverse population and incidents occurred across the whole of society.

The Chairman advised that figures were available and that when she had seen the figures she had been shocked by the number of hate crimes against people with disabilities. There had been a lot of work in schools to improve relations between schools; part of this work had included an event at the Stadium of Light which she had been invited to attend, unfortunately she had not been able to attend this event however Councillor T. Martin had attended.

Councillor T. Martin provided the Committee with feedback from the event, he advised of the activities the young people had performed and stated that there had been guests from the Council had attended and the young people had done a presentation for these guests. The young people had also been informed of the work of the youth parliament and had been given the opportunity to raise issues which concerned them. It had been a successful event and he thanked Leslie Etherington from Thornhill School for working hard to organise this event.

Councillor Forbes stated that the work being done in schools was fantastic and there was excellent voluntary youth provision in the city. The Blue Watch Youth Project

was looking to engage 10 to 13 year olds. She also stated that young people often did not attend activities which were held within the schools.

Councillor Emerson advised that the East Area Committee had provided funding for youth provision. People were members of many different communities at the same time and there was a need to improve the links between these different communities.

Councillor Wiper commented that in 26 years of working in the city he had seen very little in the way of racial tension apart from some minor issues in the Hendon area. It was important to be proactive to prevent issues from arising.

Councillor Thompson stated that he had attended the event at the Stadium of Light and had thought that it had been excellent. He raised the point that it was possible that the young people in attendance would be the high achievers who would be less likely to use youth clubs and may be socially excluded in school. He also advised that in 2006 he had attended an event in London and a Chief Officer from Bradford had stated that issues could escalate very quickly.

Councillor Scaplehorn stated that music was a good way to bring young people together. The Washington Area Committee had funded a concert at the skate park in Princess Anne Park which had seen approximately 500 young people attend despite the atrocious weather.

The Chairman stated that the concerts and events were good for young people. The Coalfield Area Committee was looking at youth work and the XL Youth Villages had held events within the area which had been fantastic. There was however a problem with young people hanging around in Hetton Bus Station every night; this was a difficult problem to tackle. She also referred to the Area Cohesion Groups which had representatives from all organisations within the area.

Mr Douglass stated that Community Cohesion was a broad subject. He drew Members attention to the draft terms of reference outlined in paragraph 5.1 to the report and also to the recommendations set out in paragraph 9.1.

2. RESOLVED that the scope of the Committee's policy review for 2011/12 be agreed.

## **Members Induction Session**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with the details of a proposed induction session in relation to the work of the Committee.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Stuart Douglass, Lead Policy Officer for Community Safety, presented the report and advised Members that this was an optional session which would provide an opportunity to meet with the Safer Sunderland Partnership. It was proposed that this

session would be taking place on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 and a draft programme had been circulated to Members.

Councillor Copeland stated that she was looking forward to this session; the new Members of the Committee might not realise how big a part the partnership plays.

The Chairman advised that Councillor Copeland had visited Durham Prison and had suggested that the Committee might be interested in visiting. She asked Councillor Copeland to brief the Committee on the visit.

Councillor Copeland, by way of introduction, advised that she used to sit on the Youth Offending Panel and approximately 18 months ago it had been suggested that a visit to the prison be undertaken, unfortunately nothing further had happened. Following on from this an individual visit had been arranged for her. She then provided feedback from her visit and advised that:

- The prison officers were happy and reported that mostly there were no issues.
- The prison was very bright however the cells were small and dark.
- The prison had recently been downgraded and was now home to short stay prisoners.
- There were a wide variety of facilities available for prisoners to use including a well used library; a chapel which catered for all religions; and a gym. There were also workshops and training rooms and officers worked to help inmates gain qualifications.
- The prisoners were working to redecorate the prison.
- Video links to the courts had been introduced to help reduce the costs associated with transporting prisoners to the courts for trial.

3. RESOLVED that consideration be given to the holding of an induction session for Members.

## **Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which updated Members on the progress made on the implementation of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Stuart Douglass, Lead Policy Officer for Community Safety, presented the report and advised that this report followed on from the report which had been received by the Committee in February 2011. The February report detailed the key points of the bill at that time and this was summarised in paragraph 2.2.

The government were hoping that the Commissioners would be elected on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 with the police authorities then being abolished on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012. The House of Lords had removed the clause allowing elected Commissioners however this had then been reintroduced by the government when the bill had returned to the House of Commons.

The Home Office had announced a 60 percent funding cut for the safety partnerships and from 2015 all of the funding would go directly to the commissioner.

In London the elected Mayor already acted as the commissioner.

It had been suggested that there was the possibility that the controversial parts of the bill could be removed in order to allow the bill to be passed more quickly if necessary.

Councillor Essl stated that it would be interesting to see how the new system would work and queried who would be required to fund the elections.

Mr Douglass advised that elections were expensive to hold which was why it was proposed that they would be tied in to the existing local government elections.

Councillor Wiper stated that he was totally against the proposals as he felt that policing and politics should be kept separate from each other.

Councillor Thompson queried how long there would be between elections and Mr Douglass advised that there would be 4 years between elections with the commissioner only being able to sit for a maximum of 2 terms in office. He also advised that the policing panel would have a budget of £30,000 and from this budget the panel would need to fund all of its support.

The Chairman queried how the panels would be made up and what their functions would be. Mr Douglass responded that there would be at least 1 representative from each Local Authority on the panel and there would be a minimum of 11 members with a maximum of 20.

Councillor Thompson stated that the Chief Police Officers were highly experienced police officers and he was concerned that it would be possible for people with very little experience to be elected.

Mr Douglass advised that it would be possible that this could happen however the role of the commissioner was not to influence operational policing; although they would have the power to appoint the Chief Constable. There were discussions underway around the possibility of giving the commissioners a wider role.

In response to a query from Councillor Scaplehorn Mr Douglass advised that the Home Office grant was being cut and the partnership would be losing funding of around £65,000 this year.

Councillor Scaplehorn then expressed concerns that the work of the partnership would be reduced by this cut in funding and was advised by Mr Douglass that the Safer Sunderland Board were looking at the situation. Mr Douglass also advised, following further questioning from Councillor Scaplehorn, that there would be changes to policing in the Northumbria force area; neighbourhoods would still have their community policing although it was likely there would be cuts made at senior management level.

The Chairman asked that the Committee be kept informed of the progress being made and thanked Mr Douglass for his report.

It was then:-

4. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.

### **Drug Misuse – Update**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with an update of the current national and local framework for tackling drug misuse and which also informed Members of the current challenges in Sunderland and the interventions in place to reduce drug taking and drug related crime and harm.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Leanne Davis, Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety, introduced the report and delivered a presentation which provided an overview of the new national drug strategy and the situation in Sunderland.

Ms Davis advised that the population of problematic drug users in Sunderland was a small proportion of the population and stayed about the same size. There had been an increase in cocaine use among these problem drug users and this had been attributed to a shortage of heroin which had lead to people using cocaine instead.

It was estimated that in Sunderland there were 1109 adults who were problematic drug users; a problematic drug user was defined as someone who used heroin or crack cocaine while a non-problematic drug user was someone who used any other drug. At the end of 2010/11 there were 910 problematic drug users accessing structured drug treatment in Sunderland and a further 378 non-problematic drug users accessing treatment.

The Chairman stated that this was an important issue and it was good that this background information was being provided to the Committee as there were a number of new Members on the Committee.

Councillor Copeland stated that there were clinics in Southwick which dispensed methadone and since these had opened there had been an increase in crime in the area. She was aware that the government were trying to keep people from using methadone and asked whether there had been any progress with this. She also queried when the methadone programmes would end and how long the waiting lists were.

Ms Davis advised that the funding had fortunately been retained for the coming year; there were people already receiving methadone treatment and for these people methadone needed to remain an option. There was a three week target for treatment; users must be seen within three weeks of being referred to the programme.

Councillor Essl queried how many of the 1109 problematic drug users in the city were actually from the city and how many were imported by the hostels and also how the figure compared with other cities.

Ms Davis advised that 1109 was not a particularly high number, Newcastle and Middlesbrough had many more problem drug users. In Sunderland there was also a large number of the drug users were in treatment. Individuals who were from outside of the area were a real concern; there was a need to identify those who did not have a connection to the city and there was a need to look at whether housing should be provided for them within the city.

In response to a query from Councillor Thompson, Ms Davis advised that there was work to prevent drug driving including the testing of individuals who were suspected of driving under the influence of drugs. It was intended that this would prevent people from getting behind the wheel when under the influence. If caught there were a lot of risks including the potential for the loss of employment and transport if convicted.

The Chairman asked for clarification of which classification cannabis was and was advised by Ms Davis that it was class B and had been downgraded to class C between 2004 and 2008. The Chairman also stated that there had been a lot of publicity around the work on tackling cannabis farms.

Councillor Forbes referred to housing and stated that it could be difficult for people to return home after being in treatment. She also queried how the police worked across the force borders to tackle issues.

Ms Davis advised that it was known that housing was a real issue. Some users did not have homes and ended up living in hostels. There was a need to ensure that the families of users were kept safe and there was work being done in the hospitals with maternity services to identify mothers with drug addictions to ensure that there were services in place for the baby. With regard to policing Ms Davis advised that where possible information was passed around to tackle emerging issues such as online sales of drugs. The A19 was a focal point of cross border working as the road travelled through several force areas.

Councillor Emerson commented that last year there had been a briefing from the Police Drug Liaison Officer and during this briefing Members had been informed that not every cannabis user moved onto heroin use however all heroin users started by taking cannabis.

The Chairman thanked Ms Davis for her presentation and it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.

## **Work Programme 2011-12**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided, for Members information, the current work programme for the Committee's work for the 2011-12 Council year.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

6. RESOLVED that the work programme be received and noted.

#### **Forward Plan – Key Decisions for the period 1 July 2011 – 31 October 2011**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide Members with an opportunity to consider those items on the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 1 July 2011 – 31 October 2011 which relate to the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

7. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

(Signed) F. ANDERSON,  
Chairman.

# **COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**6 SEPTEMBER 2011**

## **RESPONSE FROM CABINET – 22 JUNE 2011**

### **POLICY REVIEW – STUDY INTO ALCOHOL, VIOLENCE AND THE NIGHTTIME ECONOMY**

#### **JOINT REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR SAFER CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP3 SAFE CITY**

**CORPORATE PRIORITIES: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services,  
CIO4: Improving Partnership Working to Deliver ‘One City’.**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide feedback from the Cabinet meeting held on 22 June 2011, which considered the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee’s Policy report into Alcohol, Violence and the Night time Economy.

#### **2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The investigation into Alcohol, Violence and the Nighttime Economy conducted by the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee falls under the remit of the Office of the Chief Executive and is, within the service area covered by the Safer City Portfolio Holder.
- 2.2 On 21 July 2010, Cabinet considered the Final Report of the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee into tackling Anti Social Behaviour. This report provides feedback from the Portfolio Holder following the Cabinet’s consideration of, and decisions in relation to this Committee’s recommendations.
- 2.3 Following on from this report, progress towards completion of the actions will be monitored through the Action Plan, with standardised six monthly monitoring reports to be presented to the Committee.

#### **3. RESPONSE FROM CABINET TO THE POLICY REVIEW**

- 3.1 Following consideration of the final report, Cabinet approved the recommendations in their entirety. Details of each recommendation and proposed actions to be taken following approval by Cabinet are provided in the Action Plan attached at **Appendix A**.
- 3.2 Cabinet commended and congratulated the Committee and its officers for their hard work in undertaking the policy review and additional work.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 That Members note the proposed actions detailed within the Action Plan, appended to this report (**Appendix A**) and seek clarification on its content where felt appropriate.

#### **5. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 5.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-
- (i) Cabinet Agenda, 22 June 2011.

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## Appendix A

### Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee

#### Alcohol, Violence and the Night Time Economy: Policy Review recommendations 2010/11

Recommendations for Sunderland City Council					
Ref	Recommendation	Action	Owner	Due Date	Progress Commentary
(a)	That the Council continues to support applications for Drinking Banning Orders where resources allow and monitor opportunities for Drinking Banning Orders on conviction, as piloted by other local justice areas	The Council's Legal Team to continue to work with Northumbria Police to support, where appropriate, applications for Drinking Banning Orders	Sunderland City Council's Solicitor Jim Wotherspoon	March 2012	Ongoing
		The Policy and Strategy (People and Neighbourhoods) Team to continue to monitor the effectiveness of the pilot Drinking Banning Orders on conviction scheme.	Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety (Leanne Davis)	July 2011	The effectiveness of existing and completed Drinking Banning Orders continues to be monitored at a local level. There is no national research available as yet regarding the effectiveness on DBOs on conviction.
		The Policy and Strategy (People and Neighbourhoods) Team to consider applying for Drinking Banning Orders on Conviction as and when they are nationally rolled out.	Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety (Leanne Davis)	March 2011	Pending

(b)	That further promotion is undertaken with regard to the Best Bar None Scheme to enhance participation in the scheme	The 2011/12 Best Bar None Scheme to include a new category of 'Best Community Pub' for each of the Area Regeneration Framework Areas	Health Promotion Specialist / Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety (Susan Goodchild/Leanne Davis)	May 2011	The 2011-12 Best Bar None Scheme now includes Best Community Pub awards for the five regeneration areas. There is also a best 'local night out' category which is sponsored by Sun FM and the Sunderland Echo.
		To launch Best Bar None via each of Sunderland's Pubwatch schemes to ensure greater promotion of the scheme throughout the City	Police Neighbourhood Inspectors (Chief Inspector Sean McKenna)	November 2011	The 2011-12 Best Bar None Scheme was launched on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August, 2011 with the award ceremony planned for the 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2012.
		To update the Best Bar None Website to ensure that it accurately reflects the 2010/11 winners and promotes the 2011/12 scheme	Safer Communities Officer / Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety (Susan Kellie /Leanne Davis)	November 2011	Pending – a comprehensive marketing plan is being drawn up to support this year's scheme.
(c)	That information collected by the Council's Neighbourhood Helpline is shared with the Police and other appropriate partner agencies	Daily reports from the safer communities survey to be shared with relevant council services for action	Customer Services Staff	Ongoing	Ongoing
		To explore further capabilities of the Izuka system and find a way to obtain and extract socio demographic information which can be used for strategic planning of services to meet customer needs	Data Analysts/ Policy and Strategy (People and Neighbourhoods) Team / Customer Services Staff (Janet Collins)	March 2012	Pending

		Officers from the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Sections will report the details of information received via the Council's Neighbourhood Helpline at the fortnightly meetings of the Council's Licensing Act Responsible Authorities Group (LARAG) which are attended by the Police and other relevant agencies	Trading Standards and Licensing Manager (Tom Terrett)	Ongoing	101 reports are shared at the fortnightly meetings of the Council's Licensing Act Responsible Authorities Group
(d)	That the council consider continuing supporting the Taxi Marshall Scheme	<p>The Safer Sunderland Partnership to agree a budget for the Taxi Marshall Scheme for 2011/12</p> <p>The Security and Emergency Services and Policy and Strategy (People and Neighbourhoods) Team to review the necessity of three nights cover (Friday / Saturday / Monday) for the Taxi Marshall Scheme</p> <p>The Security and Emergency Services pilot new hours for the Taxi Marshall Scheme</p> <p>The Safer Sunderland Partnership to consider it's budget to see if it can continue to support additional Taxi Marshall coverage for special occasions where there is expected additional visitors to the city (i.e.</p>	<p>Lead Policy Officer for Community Safety (Stuart Douglass)</p> <p>Assistant Security Officer / Lead Policy Officer for Community Safety (Steve Eagland/Stuart Douglass)</p> <p>Assistant Security Officer (Steve Eagland)</p> <p>Lead Policy Officer for Community Safety (Stuart Douglass)</p>	<p>April 2011</p> <p>July 2011</p> <p>July 2011</p> <p>July 2011</p>	<p>The Council has maintained it's budget for Taxi Marshall Scheme for 2011/12</p> <p>It was decided that as of the 29<sup>th</sup> May Friday night cover was no longer be required the Park Lane rank. Cover at the Green Terrace rank remains the same for Friday, Saturday and Monday.</p> <p>As above</p> <p>The Safer Sunderland Partnership retain a problem solving budget and can continue to support additional cover as and when required for 2011/12</p>

		concerts at the Stadium of Light, bank holidays, etc)  To consider where, and how, funding for the Scheme beyond March 12 can be secured	Assistant Security Officer (Steve Eagland)	December 2011	Pending
(e)	That changes in legislation regarding the Security Industry Authority are carefully monitored to ensure that the City of Sunderland responds effectively to these government proposals	Licensing Officers will monitor any Government announcements about the Security Industry Authority and report upon the responses planned to the Licensing Committee	Trading Standards and Licensing Manager (Tom Terrett)	Ongoing	No further announcements made since Committee considered the matter.
<b>Recommendations for the Safer Sunderland Partnership</b>					
(f)	That the Safer Sunderland Partnership (SSP) continues to prioritise work to tackle alcohol related violence across the city and in the city centre particularly	To consider relevant alcohol and violence data as part of the Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment and set priorities according to greatest need	SSP Performance and Information Manager (Usha Jacob)	October 2011	Pending – Data gathering for the 2011-12 Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment has commenced.
		The Safer Sunderland Partnership's Alcohol Delivery and Violent Crime Delivery Groups to continue to work together to tackle alcohol related violence	Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety (Leanne Davis)	March 2012	Ongoing
		To conduct a time limited task and finish group to coordinate activity to increase the joint working between Sunderland City Council and Northumbria Police to tackle on and off licensed premises who inappropriately sell alcohol	Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety (Leanne Davis)	June 2011	Ongoing – a Task and Finish Group has been established and there have been a number of joint operations targeting the most problematic premises. Information has also been shared with HMRC.

		To undertake further analysis of alcohol related domestic violence and develop a SMART action plan depending upon the outcomes from the analysis	Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety (Leanne Davis)	September 2011	A Task and Finish Group is planned for the end of August and analysis of relevant data is pending.
(g)	That the minimum dataset for the Cardiff Model, currently used by City Hospitals Sunderland for violence prevention, is reviewed to consider the inclusion of data in relation to pre loading and that the use of the model is expanded to utilise data from Walk In Centres	To work with Balance (the North East of England's Alcohol Office) to consider the agreed common minimum dataset to potentially include additional data	Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety (Leanne Davis)	August 2011	Ongoing
		To work with the Cardiff Coordinator at City Hospitals Sunderland to agree and then introduce changes to the minimum dataset	Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety / Performance and Information Manager (Usha Jacob)	September 2011	Ongoing
		To work with Balance and NHS SoTW to introduce the use of the Cardiff Model within the Walk-In Centres through the training of reception staff and inclusion within the Walk-In Centres I.T. systems	Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety / Performance and Information Manager (Leanne Davis/Usha Jacob)	August 2011	One Walk In Centre is now piloting an initiative to collect data on alcohol related assaults and sharing this with the Cardiff Coordinator at Sunderland Royal Hospital. The results of this pilot will help shape the further roll out of this scheme to other walk in centres across the city.

(h)	To monitor the work of other local authorities with regard to introducing a minimum unit price for the sale of alcohol and to work with Balance, the North East Alcohol Office, who lobby / undertake campaigns on behalf of the North East authorities	To maintain links with Balance who are monitoring the effectiveness of introduction of minimum unit price trials and to present findings and recommendations to the Safer Sunderland Partnership, Licensing Committee and /or the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee	Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety / Balance (Leanne Davis)	December 2011	Ongoing
(i)	That the introduction of a voluntary agreement with licensed premises for a suitable closing hour be further explored	<p>To discuss the potential introduction of a voluntary agreement regarding opening hours with members of PubWatch</p> <p>To support licensed premises to reduce their trading hours, where appropriate</p> <p>To continue to monitor the progress of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill, which includes a review of the Licensing Act 2003, through Parliament and to highlight opportunities the Bill allows to the Licensing Committee,</p>	<p>Northumbria Police (Chief Inspector Stuart McKenna)</p> <p>Trading Standards and Licensing Manager (Tom Terrett)</p> <p>Trading Standards and Licensing Manager (Tom Terrett)</p>	<p>June 2011</p> <p>September 2011</p> <p>December 2011</p>	<p>Discussions with licensed premises have been initiated, however, no formal applications to reduce hours have been undertaken as yet. Where appropriate the Police and Trading Standards are discussing reduction in hours with premises as part of any formal reviews.</p> <p>There have been no applications to reduce hours. This issue is dependent upon legislative developments and/or Police action (see above).</p> <p>The third reading of the Bill occurred in the House of Lords on 20 July 2011. No date has been set for consideration in the House of Commons of amendments made by the Lords</p>

		such as the introduction of Early Morning Restriction Orders as they become available			
(j)	That the Partnership continues to raise awareness regarding the services of voluntary and community sector organisations that support victims of violent crime, in particular alcohol related crimes	<p>To confirm the budget available for marketing and communications work across the Safer Sunderland Partnership priority areas</p> <p>To ensure that the Safer Sunderland Partnership's Marketing and Communications Delivery Plan includes the promotion of services available to victims of crime</p> <p>To continue to promote the support available for victims of alcohol related crime in hot spot areas across the city, including Sunderland Royal Hospital</p>	<p>Lead Policy Officer for Community Safety / External Communications Manager (Stuart Douglass/Jane Peverley)</p> <p>Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety (Julie Smith)</p> <p>Accident and Emergency Consultant Lead (Dr Kate Lambert)</p>	<p>June 2011</p> <p>June 2011</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>£40,000 allocated for delivery of SSP marketing plan 2011-12 Note: this is a reduction from £100,000 in 2010-11</p> <p>The SSP marketing plan includes messages to raise awareness of, and signpost victims and witnesses (and their friends, family and carers) to a wide range of support services available. This includes messages around crime (e.g. Victim Support and Witness Care); domestic violence (e.g. WWIN, IDVAs); abuse in teenage relationships; forced marriage; rape; sexual assault (SARC); hate crime (e.g. ARCH); drugs and alcohol misuse (e.g. carers support; Hiwecanhelp, FRANK, Your health); ASB victim support caseworkers etc.</p>

(k)	That the Partnership provides support to the Street Pastors Scheme	To confirm the level of financial support to be given to the Sunderland Street Pastor Scheme in 2011-12	Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety (Julie Smith)	July 2011	Awaiting final confirmation from Stuart Douglass following the SSP Board meeting.
		To provide marketing and communications support to help the Street Pastors promote the community safety outcomes of the scheme	Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety (Julie Smith)	Throughout 2011-12	In July 2011, the SSP signed off the SSP marketing plan which includes a commitment to deliver messages to promote local schemes to make the city centre safer, such as Taxi Marshall scheme, Best Bar None, Street Pastors, and Operation Barracuda etc. including messages on the outcomes of these. Also, a Street Pastors case study was written and included in the LSP Forum delegate packs and has also been submitted for the LSP annual report.
		To provide data on changes in violent crime in the city centre to help the Street Pastor scheme monitor its impact	Northumbria Police	Quarterly throughout 2011-12	In May 2011, Northumbria police provided quarterly data on levels of violent crime and alcohol related violent crime for Friday and Saturday nights in the city centre covering the period 10pm till 4am.
		To assist the Street Pastor Scheme in accessing relevant training and support for new volunteers	Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety (Julie Smith)	Throughout 2011-12	Ongoing
		To assist the Street Pastor Co-	Associate Policy	Throughout	In June 2011, support was

		ordination in identifying and accessing other revenue streams e.g. by providing guidance and co-writing funding applications	Lead for Community Safety (Julie Smith)	2011-12	provided to the Street Pastor co-ordinator for an SIB application.
(I)	That partnership working between the Police and the Council is further strengthened through a co-ordinated approach to tackle violent crime in the city centre	To continue to undertake a partnership strategic intelligence assessment to identify priority issues requiring partners involvement to resolve	SSP Performance and Information Manager (Usha Jacobs)	October 11	The Safer Sunderland Partnership's Strategic Intelligence Assessment process has now commenced. A final version will be expected in October 11.
		Representatives from Sunderland City Council and Northumbria Police to continue to support the Safer Sunderland Partnership's Violent Crime Delivery Group	Lead Policy Officer for Community Safety / Northumbria Police Violent Crime Lead Associate (Stuart Douglass / Chief Inspector Stuart McKenna)	Ongoing	Ongoing – meetings are scheduled on a bi-monthly basis.
		The Safer Sunderland Partnership's Task and Finish Group on Alcohol and Licensing to develop and implement a comprehensive action plan to address alcohol related violence	Associate Policy Lead for Community Safety (Leanne Davis)	July 2011	Completed – an action plan is now being implemented.
		The Council and Police to agree a joint operations plan to tackle the most problematic premises in the city centre	Northumbria Police Violent Crime Lead / Trading Standards and	July 2011	Completed – joint operations are now undertaken to target the most problematic premises.

			Licensing Manager (Chief Inspector Sean McKenna / Tom Terrett)		
(m)	That referral pathways for alcohol treatment services are developed further to allow more people to access these services	<p>To undertake a review of the current alcohol treatment provision to ensure it is fit for purpose, recommendations for improvement to be offered to the Safer Sunderland Partnership and the Prevention and Staying Healthy Board in Sunderland TPCT</p> <p>To re-commission the alcohol (and drug) treatment system to ensure it is fit for purpose, easily accessible and embeds a recovery based model of treatment</p>	<p>Commissioning Officer (Safer Communities Team / Public Health) (Nicola Grainger)</p> <p>Commissioning Manager (Safer Communities Team / Public Health) (Ben Seale)</p>	<p>July 2011</p> <p>April 2012</p>	<p>A review of the current alcohol treatment system has been undertaken and an initial report with recommendations has been presented to the SSP's Joint Commissioning Group.</p> <p>The Safer Sunderland Partnership and Staying Healthy Board have agreed the re-commissioning of the alcohol and drug treatment system, this work will be ongoing throughout 2011-12.</p>

**POLICY REVIEW – MONITORING OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**1. Purpose of the Report**





- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee with progress in relation to the Fear of Crime Policy Review and Anti Social Behaviour Policy Review recommendations.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Following Cabinet consideration of recommendations from the Fear of Crime Policy Review and the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy Review the Committee agreed that progress towards completion of the actions would be monitored through the Action Plan, with standardised six monthly monitoring reports to be presented to the Committee.

**3. Current Position**

- 3.1 The recommendations agreed as part of the Committees Policy Reviews will deliver a range of improvement activity. A full overview of progress is attached as appendix A. The table below provides a summary of the number and percentage of actions that have been achieved, are on schedule to be achieved, are not now deliverable, or are not on schedule to be achieved.

Policy Review	Rag Key			
	 <b>Green</b> (achieved)	 <b>Blue</b> (not deliverable)	 <b>Amber</b> (On schedule)	 <b>Red</b> (Not on schedule)
Fear of Crime	19 (100%)			
Anti Social Behaviour	9 (100%)			

**4. Recommendations**



- 4.1 That Members note the progress towards completion of the actions detailed within the Action Plan, appended to this report (**Appendix A**) and seek clarification on its content where felt appropriate.

## **5. Background Papers**

- 5.1 Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee-Fear of Crime Policy Review 2008/09
  - 5.2 Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee- Anti- Social Behaviour Policy Review 2009/10
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## Fear of Crime Policy Review Recommendations

Summary Review Progress				
				Total
0	0	0	19	19
Recommendation & Action	Owner	Due Date	RAG	Commentary
RECOMMENDATION 1 Surveys such as Fear of Crime Survey and the MORI reports provides a good deal of useful information on fear of crime. However, we do feel that it is important to further and develop the questions being asked of the public in order to be clearer as to why people feel as they do and the factors affecting fear of crime at the neighbourhood level;	Smith, Julie J	not set		
1.1 Rationalise consultation exercises	Smith, Julie J	not set	★	Action completed in October 2010. Community safety surveys rationalised into a single survey that also includes community engagement and service recovery. Survey results are reported to the SSP every quarter.
RECOMMENDATION 2 If we are to make a significant and long lasting impact on crime and fear of crime it is important that the work of all of the partners is coordinated and focused. It is also important that the partners and the public should be clear on their respective roles and duties;	Susan, Kellie	31/03/2010		
2.1 SSP to ensure that work is coordinated and resources maximised	Susan, Kellie	not set	★	Action completed March 2010. The Partnership's delivery groups and delivery plans co-ordinate, capture and monitor the added value partnership activity covering prevention, early intervention, enforcement, support, rehabilitation and reassurance. The Partnership's Induction Pack also clearly set out partners roles and responsibilities.
2.2 Home Office Neighbourhood Crime & Justice Programme	Susan, Kellie	31/03/2010	★	Action completed March 2010. The Crime and Justice Programme ended in March 2011. It promoted how the public could take a more active role in helping keep their community safe, backed up by marketing and communications activity. At a national level, proposals to encourage people to become active citizens are being put forward by Baroness Newlove in the context of the big society and these now extend beyond safer communities. In April 2011, the recommendations from the Victim's Champion work on the risk assessment matrix (RAM) were reported to the SSP and agreed by the SSP Board. The report highlighted the need to monitor implementation of the RAM together with a number of recommendations to improve the identification of vulnerable victims and witnesses. The recommendations will be progressed by the ASB Delivery Group.
RECOMMENDATION 3 We support the proposals for a new Magistrates and Crown Court in the city and would urge the Council to do what it can to accelerate its development;	Susan, Kellie	not set		
3.1 Support the development of the proposed court complex	Susan, Kellie	30/11/2011	★	Action complete. The council has continued to have a close working relationship with the Sunderland Court through its engagement in the Local Criminal Justice Board.

Recommendation & Action	Owner	Due Date	RAG	Commentary
RECOMMENDATION 4 We feel that it is important that the Court continues to actively communicate their work to the general public. Providing information and feedback on issues such as sentencing and rehabilitation should help to build confidence in the criminal justice system. It is important that SSP partners are involved in the use made of resources for marketing;	Susan, Kellie	31/03/2010		
4.1 Formalised links with the LCGB Engagement & Communications group	Susan, Kellie	not set	★	Action complete. The LCJB Engagement and Communications Group no longer exists and so a task and finish piece of work was done with the LCJB on guidance for staff around key messages to promote how offenders are dealt with (completed in May 2011). These key messages are now included within its 2011-12 SSP marketing and communications plan. Northumbria Police continue to publicise local sentencing outcomes across all of its area commands via its website, local media and face to face engagement e.g. PACT meetings. At a national level, Government has committed to publishing key data on criminal justice. Much of this will be outcomes of sentencing data published by the courts and probation but from May 2012, it is proposed that the national crime mapping website, Police.uk, will provide the public with information on what happens next for crime occurring on their streets, i.e. police action and justice outcomes.
RECOMMENDATION 5 We feel that tackling low level crime and anti social behaviour is a key factor in improving feelings of safety within local communities and we recommend the expansion of initiatives such as the use of Neighbourhood Wardens;	Bill, Blackett B	31/03/2010		
5.1 Expansion of initiatives such as the use of Neighbourhood Wardens	Bill, Blackett B	31/03/2010	★	The council has been reviewing its Local Responsive Services programme and has carried out a strategic review of its ASB services in order to inform the development of locality based ASB service in 2011 (this include Environmental Enforcement Officers).
RECOMMENDATION 6 We need to more closely monitor low level anti social behaviour indicators such as litter, graffiti and noise disturbance and the role it plays in promoting fear of crime;	Bill, Blackett B	not set		
6.1 Neighbourhood helpline, use of LMAPs and enforcement activity	Douglass, Stuart	not set	★	Action completed
RECOMMENDATION 7 We feel that the Community Payback scheme has great value in helping to raise confidence in the criminal justice system. We feel that the scheme has the potential for dealing with local environmental concerns - itself a major factor in fear of crime. We support the promotion of unpaid environmental work and people having a say in what work should be undertaken;	Susan, Kellie	30/04/2010		
7.1 Publicity locally for the Community Payback Scheme	Douglass, Stuart	30/04/2010	★	Action completed. Messages around community payback have continued to feature in the SSP's marketing and communications plan. Articles on local activity have been promoted through feedback postcards; police e-newsletters; PACT meetings; and the Council's 'Community News' newsletters, including information on how residents can make suggestions for community payback work.
RECOMMENDATION 8 We feel that it is important that appropriate facilities are available for young people to socialise on an evening and would like to see the further development of the Mobile Youth Village Scheme;	Bill, Blackett B	not set		
8.1 XL Youth Village Pilot	Bill, Blackett B	not set	★	Action completed in July 2010. XL youth villages and the mobile youth buses continue to operate. Some areas have seen a 30% decrease in youth disorder during the time the events are on. Feedback from young people has told us that the events have given them an alternative to drinking and hanging around on streets.

Recommendation & Action	Owner	Due Date	RAG	Commentary
RECOMMENDATION 9 We feel that there is potential for the Council's new Area Committees arrangements to have a greater role in finding solutions to local crime related issues. Tackling crime and fear of crime successfully depends on working with and listening to the views of local residents.	Smith, Julie J	not set		
9.1 Area committee programmes	Smith, Julie J	not set	★	Action completed. Stronger links exist between elected members and Neighbourhood Policing Teams through the Area Committees and the LMAPS groups. Actions to improve community safety continue to be progressed as part of the Area Committee work programmes with delivery also supported through the LMPAS and/or the Safer Sunderland Partnership's themed delivery groups. Examples of where Area Committees have been strengthened work in tackling crime and disorder includes: (i) considering public's priorities from the safer communities survey when developing Local Area Plans; (ii) joint meetings outside of Area Committee with Neighbourhood Police Teams; (iii) strengthening the connection between the 'cleaner/safer/greener' agenda with the 'tackling crime' priority through Area Response Managers attendance at LMAPS; (iv) strengthening PACT meetings through the attendance of Responsive Local Services Ward Managers, with outcomes being feed into Area Committees and LMAPS when necessary; and (v) Elected members, Neighbourhood Police Team and Streetscene (RLS) staff holding local ward walkabouts.
RECOMMENDATION 10 A lot of good work is going on in marketing and communicating the key messages regarding fear of crime. However, we feel that the Council and its partners need to make fuller use of the publications and websites to keep people informed of action being taken in the local community publicise to combat crime and anti-social behaviour	Smith, Julie J	31/05/2010		
10.1 Local publicity from Area Committees	Douglass, Stuart	not set	★	Action completed. Community safety updates have been included in all issues of Community News covering each area framework.
10.2 Safer Sunderland Partnership Webpages	Smith, Julie J	31/05/2010	★	Action completed. In addition, partners websites continue to be improved and become more customer focused.
10.3 Feedback Postcards	Smith, Julie J	31/10/2009	★	Action completed in 2009. It is of note that the safer communities survey results indicate that residents' top 3 'preferred' methods of receiving community safety information are: (1) Leaflets, flyers and letters; (2) Council / Police / Community newsletters and magazines; (3) Email.
10.4 Crime & Justice Newsletters	Smith, Julie J	28/02/2010	★	Action completed March 2010. Whilst efficiencies made to the SSP marketing and communications budget have meant bespoke community safety newsletters have ceased, regular community safety updates (bespoke to each area framework) are now included within each edition of Community News. Furthermore, the SSP contributes content on partnership activity to the regular police e-newsletters. Action Completed.
10.5 Partners & Communities Together (PACT)	Smith, Julie J	not set	★	Action completed. Northumbria Police has continued to promote awareness of PACT meetings in Sunderland and neighbourhood policing teams proactively engage with residents face-to-face as part of their planned patrols. The PACT meetings and on-line PACTs are also promoted via <a href="http://www.police.uk">www.police.uk</a> ; the Northumbria Police website; the police e-newsletters; and partner agencies. The Q1 (2011-12) safer communities survey results show that 71% of residents are aware of PACT meetings and is in line with the force average (68%). Awareness of Neighbourhood Policing Teams is strong in Sunderland (60%), particularly in Sunderland East (84%) where it is by far the highest result of all sectors in the force area (54%).

Recommendation & Action	Owner	Due Date	RAG	Commentary
RECOMMENDATION 11 We feel that the visible presence of security staff and the police is a key element in making people feel safer. We need to encourage people that public transport is safe. The more people who use public transport, the safer people will feel and the safer it will become;	Douglass, Stuart	not set		
11.1 Supporting public transport operatives through a variety of initiatives	Douglass, Stuart	not set	★	Action completed. The Safer Sunderland Partnership jointly funded a reassurance campaign in April 2011 with British Transport Police and Nexus (called "a dedicated force") to raise awareness of the visible police presence on public transport. The aim was to improve feelings of safety on public transport through the promotion of a 'dedicated force'.
RECOMMENDATION 12 It is important that respect is maintained in the criminal justice system and that low level crime such as a lack of respect for enforcement officers or the vandalising of public property does not undermine its effectiveness	Susan, Kellie	31/03/2011		
12.1 Pathfinder Crime & Justice Programme	Susan, Kellie	not set	★	Action completed.
12.2 Neighbourhood Crime & Justice Programme	Susan, Kellie	31/03/2011	★	Action completed
RECOMMENDATION 13 We would suggest that more research is undertaken into the reasons behind the higher than average levels of fear of crime on public transport in Sunderland.	Smith, Julie J	30/06/2010		
13.1 SSP and Nexus Focus Group Work	Smith, Julie J	30/06/2010	★	Action complete

## Anti Social Behaviour Policy Review Recommendations

Summary Review Progress					
					Total
0	0	0	9		9
Recommendation	Owner	Due Date	RAG	Progress	
RECOMMENDATION 1 The comments and recommendations of the Anti Social Behaviour Policy Review be incorporated into the forthcoming SSP Anti Social Behaviour Strategy;	Bill, Blackett B	not set			
1.1 Finalise Delivery Plan to include partner comments and contribution. Seek endorsement from SSP Board at April 2010 meeting.	Bill, Blackett B	01/05/2010	★	• Action complete.	
RECOMMENDATION 2 The Safer Sunderland Partnership considers the options for a more unified system of data capture, particularly across the housing sector, in order to improve the response of partners to ASB;	Bill, Blackett B	not set			
2.1 Seek a more unified system of data capture across the partnership to include partner response to ASB. This is to include requirements in relation to victims of ASB, and the Challenge and support ethos.	Bill, Blackett B	01/12/2010	★	• The City Council is reviewing its anti social behaviour service delivery arrangements. This action is being developed within the scope of that review and is on target to be completed by October 2011.	
RECOMMENDATION 3 The Safer Sunderland Partnership investigates how it might better identify potential victims of anti social behaviour	Bill, Blackett B	not set			
3.1 Agencies supporting victims of ASB to be asked to provide victim profile data for inclusion in future PSIAa. Police are working with partners to implement a system to protect, reassure and empower vulnerable victims of crime. Use of a case conferencing approach being considered for high risk victims of ASB.	Bill, Blackett B	01/12/2010	★	• Action complete	
RECOMMENDATION 4 The Safer Sunderland Partnership reviews the enforcement measures available to partners and provides staff with guidance on the powers currently available for tackling ASB	Bill, Blackett B	not set			
4.1 Knowledge on use of tools and powers needs to be refreshed and suitable guidance and training for staff to be put in place during 2010-11	Bill, Blackett B	01/12/2010	★	• Safer Sunderland Partnership has responded to the Governments review and consultation in conjunction with the Scrutiny Committee. The outcome of the home office review is still pending.	
RECOMMENDATION 5 That the City Council and its partners investigate options for improving the enforcement of environmental ASB and combat issues such as graffiti, litter and fly-tipping;	Clarke, Les	not set			
5.1 Service Delivery on priorities to be reviewed pending Street Scene Transformation/ restructure. Greater emphasis to be placed upon responsive local services, to ensure swifter reporting and sorting of issues backed up by feedback to the community on enforcement taken.	Clarke, Les	01/12/2010	★	• Action complete. Local response of service arrangements are now in place.	
RECOMMENDATION 6 Partners investigate ways of expanding the operation of the Phoenix project in order to help tackle areas experiencing higher levels of ASB fires	Bill, Blackett B	not set			
6.1 YOS and TWFRS to assess if additional referrals could be sourced for the project from those areas experiencing higher levels of ASB fires.	Bill, Blackett B	01/12/2010	★	• The Phoenix Project has confirmed funding for 2011/12. The project selects referrals from areas of greatest need. Action complete.	

Recommendation	Owner	Due Date	RAG	Progress
RECOMMENDATION 7 Partners investigate the potential of expanding the operation of the XL Village concept throughout the city	Bill, Blackett B	not set		
7.1 Weekend youth work to be targeted in ASB hotspot areas (via local data and survey findings)	Bill, Blackett B	01/12/2010	★	• Action complete. XL Youth villages operate in consultation with local partners including Northumbria Police to plan and deliver the programme.
RECOMMENDATION 8 Partners investigate the potential of introducing improved security on buses and explore the potential of the youth work pilot working with young people.	Bill, Blackett B	not set		
8.1 Partners investigate the potential of introducing improved security on buses and to examine youth worker engagement with youths in bus shelters to involve them in alternative activities.	Bill, Blackett B	01/12/2010	★	• Action complete. NEXUS continue to extend CCTV use on the bus network and detached youth work arrangements can be targeted via the local multi agency problem solving arrangements.
RECOMMENDATION 9 The City Council and its partners consider the extension of the CCTV monitoring system subject to the availability of resources.	Frost, Barry	not set		
9.1 Make full use of CCTV technology to tackle ASB in public spaces to deter, aid detection and support prosecutions.	Frost, Barry	31/03/2011	★	• Action complete

**COMMUNITY COHESION POLICY REVIEW  
2011/12: SETTING THE SCENE**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP3: SAFE CITY**

**CORPORATE PRIORITIES: C101: Delivering Customer Focussed Services, C102: Being 'One Council', C103: Efficient and Effective Council, C104: Improving partnership working to deliver 'One City'**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the background to the Committee's policy review into community cohesion.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 On 7 June 2011, the Committee agreed to undertake a policy review into the actions and interventions being taken by the Council and its partners in relation to community cohesion and how national policy will impact on the city.
- 2.2 Members chose this area in view of the importance attached by local people to the related issues of improving employment opportunities, tackling poverty, improving educational attainment, securing better housing and improving sport and cultural activities.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 19 July 2011, the Committee received a report outlining the process to be adopted for the review, together with background information on the development and evolution of the concept of community cohesion during the past decade.
- 2.4 It was agreed that the policy review should include consideration of the following themes:-
- the background and policy context for the development of community cohesion at a national and local level;
  - the priorities for a future refresh of the Sunderland Partnership Community Cohesion Strategy;
  - the range of community cohesion interventions in the city across a number of themes including young people, sport and cultural activities, education, housing and planning, community safety and policing, press and media and ethnic and minority groups;

- the policies and programmes of the Council, its partners and the community and voluntary sector which can help bring people together across the city and build bridges between communities;
- the range of interventions being taken to tackle tensions for example between older and younger generations within neighbourhoods and communities;

2.5 Community cohesion is a relatively new term which first came into use widely following the disturbances in Bradford, Oldham and Burnley in 2001. In response to these disturbances, the Government commissioned the Cattle report. This report focused on the importance of developing a dialogue and understanding between members of different racial, cultural and religious communities and ensuring an open debate about issues such as identity, shared values and citizenship.

2.6 During the last decade, our understanding of the features of a cohesive community have continued to develop and evolve. This has reflected not only the complexity of the issue but also the fact that there is no one fits all solution to the problems faced regionally or at a local level. Community cohesion has therefore come to encompass broader issues than ethnicity or faith. It has now come to include wider issues such as tackling poverty and inequalities and developing people's understanding and tolerance of others.

2.7 As part of the review, the Committee will receive a presentation by Jane Hibberd, Head of Strategy and Policy (People and Neighbourhoods). The presentation will supply contextual background and set the scene for the review for the year ahead.

2.8 Also attached for information is a copy of the Sunderland Partnership Community Cohesion Strategy 2008- 2015. This document sets the framework for community cohesion work in the city. The Strategy aims to ensure that our communities are strong and vibrant and also the opportunities that exist to ensure that the people of Sunderland feel fully able to participate in the life and future of the city.

### **3. Recommendations**

3.1 Members are recommended to consider the report which will be included as part of its policy review into community cohesion.

### **4. Background Papers**

Sunderland Partnership – Community Cohesion Strategy 2008-2015

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## Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee

6<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### Performance Report Quarter 4 (April – March 2011)

#### Report of the Chief Executive

##### 1.0 Purpose of the report

The purpose of this report is to provide Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee with a performance update against the former national indicators relating to the period April 2010 to March 2011.

##### 2.0 Background

Performance against the national indicators, particularly those identified as priorities identified in the former Local Area Agreement (LAA) have been reported to Scrutiny Committee throughout 2010/11 as part of the quarterly performance monitoring arrangements. This report provides the end of year position.

In October 2010 the Government announced that from April 2011 there would no longer be a requirement for council's to produce an LAA. In 2010/11 the Government also announced the demise of the National Indicator set and a move towards self regulation and improvement with an emphasis on reporting against local priorities.

As a consequence the performance framework of Sunderland City Council is being reviewed. A new framework is being developed that focuses on local priorities and the achievement of outcomes relevant to the people, place and economy of Sunderland. The new framework will form the basis of future performance reporting to scrutiny.

##### 3.0 Performance Overview

##### 3.1 Crime

There have been substantial reductions in recorded crime, ranging from a 1.9% reduction in serious violent crime to a 41% reduction in vehicle interference. Total crime reduced by 8% which equates to 1,637 fewer victims of crime. Table 2 shows a summary of performance against the main recorded crime categories for 2010/2011 when compared with 2009/2010.

<b>Table 2: Sunderland Crime April to Mar 2011</b>			
Actual vs. Previous YTD			
Measure	Actual	Previous YTD	% Variance
Total crime	18,955	20,592	-7.9%
Violent crime (excluding Penalty Notice for Disorder - PND)	3,881	4,309	-9.9%
• Violence against the person	3,639	4,034	-9.8%

• Violence against the person - With injury	2,022	2,300	-12.1%
• Most serious violence	202	206	-1.9%
• Violence against the person - Without injury	1,617	1,734	-6.7%
• Robbery	113	132	-14.4%
• Sexual offences	249	229	8.7%
Vehicle crime	1,592	2,213	-28.1%
• Vehicle interference	140	238	-41.2%
• TFMV	1,050	1,463	-28.2%
• TWOC	402	512	-21.5%
Burglary	1,997	2,094	-4.6%
• Burglary dwelling	884	829	6.6%
• Burglary OTD	1,113	1,265	-12.0%
Criminal damage	4,468	5,192	-13.9%
• Criminal damage - vehicle	1,717	2,038	-15.8%
• Criminal damage - dwelling	1,529	1,727	-11.5%
• Criminal damage - other than dwelling	474	522	-9.2%
• Criminal damage – other	748	905	-17.3%
Drug crime	1,147	1,061	8.1%
Other crime <sup>1</sup>	5,750	5,637	2.0%
Shoplifting	1,959	2,363	-17.1%
Theft from the person	119	157	-24.2%
Theft of a pedal cycle	343	316	8.5%
Serious acquisitive crime	2,449	2,936	-16.6%
Racially and religiously aggravated crime	116	133	-12.8%
Anti-Social behaviour	25,322	26,012	-2.7%
• Youth ASB	8,303	9,593	-13.4%
• Non-Youth ASB	17,019	16,419	3.7%

As the table shows Most Serious Violence is showing a decrease of 1.9% compared to the previous year, reducing from an increase of 16.3% at the end of Nov 2010. However Burglary Dwelling 7%, Sexual offences 9%, Drug crime 8%, Theft of a pedal cycle 9% and Non-Youth ASB 4% are showing an increase when compared to last year. There has been an increase of 20 sexual offences Apr to Mar 2011 (9%). These crimes can be broken into rape, other serious sexual offences and other sexual offences. The increase is spread across Sunderland East, Sunderland South, Sunderland West, Houghton and Washington. A significant number of these crimes have related to historical offences.

There was a reduction of 13% Apr to Mar 2011 when compared with Apr to Mar 2010 in assaults involving actual bodily harm (NI 20). There has been a reduction of 274 assaults with less serious injury for Apr to Mar 2011 dropping from 2,093 to 1,819 offences. The crime rate in Sunderland 6.5 per 1000 residents for assault with injury is below the average (7.8) when compared with most similar Community Safety Partnership CSP.

<sup>1</sup> Other Crime e.g. theft of a pedal cycle, fraud and forgery, miscellaneous crime such as blackmail, perjury, bail offences etc.

The number of serious violent offences involving the use of a knife or other sharp instrument (NI 28) which is collected by Northumbria force area has fallen from 0.45 in March 2010 to 0.28 per 1,000 population reported in March 2011.

Repeat incidents of domestic violence managed by MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) (NI 32) has fallen from a 33.96% repeat rate in March 2010 to a 20% repeat rate reported in March 2011, which is also lower than the projected target for the year. The number of domestic homicide offences (NI 34) across the Northumbria force area has fallen from 0.01 per 1,000 population reported in March 2010 to 0.00 reported in March 2011.

### **3.2 Reducing Re-Offending**

There was a 17.3% reduction against the national three year target of 10.1% for youth re-offending (NI 19) and this has been achieved through a reducing re-offending strategy aimed at tackling the risk factors that national research has shown to be linked to offending. These include having a suitable accommodation (former NI 46) and being actively engaged in education, training and employment (NI 45). Excellent performance has been achieved against both these indicators as at March 2011. The percentage of young people sentenced to custody (NI 43) continues to be maintained at a low level. The performance of 1.9% represents just 13 young people and for a second year the Chair of the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales has written to the Chief Executive of Sunderland Council congratulating Sunderland on this performance. This performance has been achieved through the delivery of effective alternatives to custody such as the Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Scheme that have the confidence of the local courts.

The latest available re-offending data for Prolific and Priority Offenders (NI 30) is based on Q3 2010 -11 and is within target. The cohort comprised 46 PPOs, with an average of 49.0 months on programme and 112 convictions. This represents a - 45% improvement in number of convictions. An increased number of offenders under probation supervision are living in suitable & settled accommodation (NI 143), with 86% reported in March 2011 compared to 82% in the previous year. An increased number are also in employment at the end of their order (NI 144), with 46% reported in March 2011 against 39% reported in March 2010. Both measures have exceeded the projected target for the year. A number of positive actions have been taken to address adult re-offending including targeting of high crime causers, for example: 1) the monthly targeting meeting to identify problematic offenders at the earliest opportunity and take positive action 2) development of the drug recovery wing in Durham prison which will improve the links between prison and the community and address the issue of repeat offending.

Joint work has been undertaken between Sunderland Youth Offending Service and National Probation Services to recruit a YOS Officer within the Probation IOM to target high crime causes in the transitional age band.

### 3.3 Other

For 2010/11 the number of primary and secondary fires causing injury or fatality has reduced from 2009/10, with all targets achieved for the year. However, the total number of non-fatal fire casualties per 100,000 population (NI 49iii) has increased from 5.7 incidents in March 2010, to 6.4 incidents (per 100,000 Tyne and Wear population).

The speed at which abandoned vehicles are removed (BVPI 218b) has improved, with 100% of vehicles removed within 24 hours compared to 93.75% reported in the previous year.

The % of food establishments that are broadly compliant with food hygiene law (NI 184) has increased year on year, although has fallen short of its projected target of 89%. The National Food Hygiene Rating System was launched in June 2011 which may influence businesses to improve standards in the future.

**Appendix 1** provides an overview of all performance measures collected within Community and Safer City.

## 4. Recommendation

That the committee considers the continued good progress made by the council and the Sunderland Partnership and those areas requiring further development to ensure that performance is actively managed.

## Report Key

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The target is what we want to achieve. A question mark means that a target has not been set  
? = target not set

Performance Indicator	March 2010 Latest Data	March 2011 or Latest Data	Are we improving?	Target	Have we achieved the target?	Commentary
Total number of enquiries (libraries) (LPI010)	159,052.00	169,147.00	✓	155,000.00	★	Performance output above target at end of year
Number of active borrowers per 1,000 population (LPI013)	181.00	167.30	✗	180.00	▲	There is an ongoing programme to encourage active borrowing and reading including continued development of reading groups, author visits and promotions such as World Book Day and National Children's Book Week.

This is a comparison of March 2010 performance against March 2011 performance. The symbols mean:

Performance has improved



Performance is stable



Performance has declined



Information is not available



The traffic light is a comparison of performance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 against the target. The symbols mean:

The target has been achieved



Performance is within 5% of the target











The target has not been achieved



Not applicable due to no target being set



## Community & Safer City

Performance Indicator	March 2010 Latest Data	March 2011 or Latest Data	Are we improving?	Target	Have we achieved the target?	Commentary
Number of most serious violent crimes per 1,000 population (NI015)	0.72	0.76		?		<p>Total serious violent crimes increased during the first half of 2010/11, although steadily started to fall into the latter half of the year and continues to fall into 2011/12, however maintaining low levels of alcohol related violence, particularly most serious violence remains a concern and is currently receiving attention from representatives from the Alcohol Delivery Group and Violent Crime Delivery Group.</p> <p>Northumbria Police and the Council's Trading Standards and Licensing Department are continuing to undertake joint operations to address issues relating to the night-time economy and licensed premises. This work is ongoing throughout 2011-12.</p> <p>There are ongoing discussions between representatives from the Alcohol Licensing Task and Finish Group with members of the PubWatch Scheme asking them to consider a voluntary arrangement to reduce opening hours. This work will be ongoing as the review of the Licensing Act 2003 passes through Parliament. The Best Bar None working group has also been established.</p> <p>Information has now been shared between Northumbria Police, Sunderland City Council and HMRC regarding the top twenty problematic premises involved in the sale of illicit alcohol and operations to target these premises are now being undertaken.</p>
Number of serious acquisitive crimes per 1,000 population (NI016)	10.46	8.75		?		<p>Acquisitive crime including dwelling burglary, robbery and vehicle theft has fallen by 16% over the past 12 months to March 2011. Operation Predator has been ongoing to tackle burglary and metal theft through various operational methods. Metal thefts account for the majority of the offences.</p>
The percentage of adult offenders on the probation caseload who have re-offended within three months of the snapshot taken compared with the predicted re-offending rate (NI018).	4.02 %	0.25 %		?		<p>For the 12 month rolling period ending Dec 2010 Sunderland is slightly under performing. The Predicted Re-offending rate was 15.93%, and the Actual Re-offending rate was 15.97%. This is 0.25% above baseline; however it is a marked improvement from the last quarter when it was 2.74% above baseline.</p> <p>The top 143 high crime causers have been identified and non statutory cases are being proactively targeted. Police tasking groups have been set up so that problematic offenders can be reviewed and positive actions taken. The Education Training and Employment (ETE) pathways are being developed with Jobcentre plus and job linkage and work is underway with Sunderland University to develop a course for Integrated Offender Management (IOM) cases and those clients who are in treatment.</p> <p>Year end data available Autumn 2011.</p>
Number of young people (aged 10-17) re-offending in the youth justice system (NI019).	0.81	0.98		1.06		<p>Although there has been an increase in the rate of re-offending from March 2010 to March 2011, significant reductions in re-offending have been achieved over the 3 year target period.</p> <p>Over the period 2008-2011, a reduction of 17.3% has been made, when compared with the target baseline. The baseline rate of re-offences per person in the cohort was 1.18, in 2010/11 this decreased to 0.98.</p> <p>The three year target set against this indicator was 10.1% reduction. The target has therefore been exceeded by a considerable amount.</p>

Performance Indicator	March 2010 Latest Data	March 2011 or Latest Data	Are we improving?	Target	Have we achieved the target?	Commentary
This indicator measures the proportion of young offenders who are actively engaged in education, training or employment (NI045).	88.40	90.77	✓	90.00	★	<p>There has been no target set for this indicator, however previous National Youth Justice Board targets were that 90% of young people ending an intervention with the YOS should be in suitable education, training or employment (ETE) and this has been used as a local guideline.</p> <p>90.8% of young people ending an intervention with the YOS in the period April - March 2011 were in suitable full time ETE. Sunderland YOS have sustained an outturn of over 90% across the last four quarters despite the challenges of an indicator of this nature. Sunderland YOS had the 3rd highest percentage of young people in suitable ETE in the period April - December 2010 of all 142 YOT's.</p> <p>Sunderland YOS continues to maintain it's position within the top percentage of all YOT's for the number of young people offending in suitable ETE.</p>
This indicator measures the proportion of known young offenders who have access to suitable accommodation (NI046).	99.82	99.31	✗	?	!	<p>This represents excellent performance with just 0.7% of children and young people offending not in suitable accommodation.</p> <p>Removed as an NI, although performance is still monitored locally by Sunderland Youth Offending Service Partnership Management Board.</p> <p>Target not set for 2010/11.</p>
The number of Actual Bodily Harm (assault with injury) crimes per 1000 of the population (NI020)	7.50	6.45	✓	8.67	★	<p>A 13% reduction year on year, with actual crimes down from 2,093 to 1,819, a fall of 274. The assault with injury crime rate in Sunderland is below 7.75, which is the average across similar CDRP groups.</p>
Number of serious violent offences per 1000 population that involve the use of a knife or other sharp instrument (NI028)	0.45	0.28	✓	?	!	<p>The rate has fallen 38% year on year. This is due to the TKAP (Tackling Knives Action Programme) action plan aimed at youth violence, an awareness campaign delivered across all secondary schools by neighbourhood policing teams and night time planned patrols (Operation Guardian).</p>
Number of recorded firearms offences per 1, 000 of the population (NI029)	0.02	0.07	✗	?	!	<p>The Raoul Moat incident during Summer 2010 accounted for a large proportion of incidents counted as part of this measure. A gun is taken to be involved in an offence if it is fired, or used as a blunt instrument to cause injury to a person, or used as a threat.</p>
The change in convictions for Prolific and other Priority Offenders (PPOs) over a 12 month period (NI030)	-33.00	-45.00	✓	-17.00	?	<p>The development of Integrated Offender Management (IOM) model now embedded within probation and treatment staff are co-located. Regular multi agency tasking and coordinating meetings are also taking place. Joint Working with the police has been established to target the most problematic offenders in Sunderland.</p> <p>A housing panel has been set up with Gentoo to provide access to housing for offenders. Work is underway to consider the use of Restorative Justice Approaches within the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) unit.</p> <p>Latest available data relates to Dec 2010. Year end data available Autumn 2011.</p>

Performance Indicator	March 2010 Latest Data	March 2011 or Latest Data	Are we improving?	Target	Have we achieved the target?	Commentary
Percentage reduction in repeat victimisation for those domestic violence cases being managed by a MARAC (NI032)	33.96 %	20.00 %	✔	30.00 %	★	<p>An e-learning package around domestic violence is being introduced in conjunction with Safeguarding Boards. Operation Liberty, another domestic violence campaign was undertaken, providing extra Police support on weekends.</p> <p>The 'Only Losers Give Bruises' campaign ran in July 2011 across the City, taking into account teenage relationship abuse and healthy relationships. This campaign was covered in the local press, Radio Newcastle and on Facebook. As a result, more work with local schools on domestic violence is being planned. The campaign was also strongly supported by Leader, Deputy Leader and local MPs. Research is planned to understand the high number of retractions by victims and low turn out at court. Repeat victimisation has fallen 41% year on year and remains on target.</p>
Number of domestic homicide offences per 1,000 population (NI034)	0.01	0.00	✔	?	!	Domestic homicide reviews are required to be in place for incidents after 1 April 2011. These will be lead by the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). A flow chart and associated procedures have been produced with support across the Northumbria force area.
The average offending rate by those identified as Class A drug misusers in the course of their contact with the criminal justice system (NI038).	1.17	1.00	✔	0.97	●	<p>There were 160 clients in the cohort and their predicted offending rate was 449 against an actual of 449, exactly what we expected. This does represent an overall increase of 39 offences year on year, although the gap between predicted and actual offending rate has shortened from 1.17 reported last year to 1. This is against a target of 0.97 or 13 less offences.</p> <p>Three placements have been commissioned with Phoenix House specifically for Integrated Offender Management offenders. These placements provide detoxification for drug using offenders and community re-integration over a twelve month period. Two of these placements have been taken up and feedback is very positive.</p>
The change in the number of drug users, being in effective treatment, when compared with the number of drug users being in effective treatment in the baseline year of 2007/08 (NI040).	910.00	916.00	✔	921.00	●	Waiting times, planned discharges, care planning and healthcare assessment measures remain on target. Alongside longer term structural reform, we are continuing to develop a permanent assertive outreach function to help stimulate planned discharges from treatment and maintain active engagement with treatment.
The percentage of offenders under probation supervision living in settled and suitable accommodation at the end of their licence order (NI143).	82.00 %	86.00 %	✔	83.00 %	★	A year on year improvement and target has been achieved.
The percentage of offenders under probation supervision in employment at the end of their order or licence (NI144).	39.00 %	46.00 %	✔	40.00 %	★	A year on year improvement and target has been achieved.

Performance Indicator	March 2010 Latest Data	March 2011 or Latest Data	Are we improving?	Target	Have we achieved the target?	Commentary
Number of deliberate primary fires per 10,000 population (NI033i)	12.80	9.31	🟢	?	!	The number of deliberate primary and secondary fires continues to fall year on year.
Number of deliberate secondary fires per 10,000 population (NI033ii).	69.90	64.64	🟢	?	!	Year on year reduction.
Total number of primary fires per 100,000 population (NI049i).	242.60	194.40	🟢	?	!	<p>Work is ongoing with the Tyne &amp; Wear Fire &amp; Rescue Service (TWFRS) to identify individuals at risk of fire due to drug and alcohol use. Providers are currently identifying individuals who could benefit from a fire risk assessment and will be linking in with TWFRS to undertake assessments.</p> <p>A training session between providers, TWFRS and Northumbria Police took place in April with a focus on the risk of fires, cannabis farms and methyl-amphetamine laboratories. TWFRS have also received training regarding signs and symptoms of drug use and how to make referrals into treatment services.</p>
Total number of fatalities due to primary fires per 100,000 population (NI049ii).	0.40	0.00	🟢	?	!	Year on year reduction.
Total number of non-fatal casualties per 100,000 population (NI049iii).	5.70	6.40	🔴	?	!	<p>The Phoenix Project is a partnership run between Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service and Sunderland and Newcastle Youth Offending Services, funded through the Youth Justice Board. The Project is committed to improving the life chances of every young person it works with by introducing them to 'Life Skills'.</p> <p>The course works with young people who are known to be offending and those at risk of offending between the ages of 12 and 18. All the participants volunteer to go on the course, which seeks to foster the benefits of working within a disciplined uniformed team.</p> <p>Course Objectives include: To enable young people to experience being part of a team; Increase awareness of the impacts of offending/anti-social behaviour; Enhancing employment opportunities; Development of personal and social confidence; Reduction in offending and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Work is ongoing with TWFRS to identify individuals at risk of fire due to their alcohol use, providers are currently identifying individuals who could benefit from a fire risk assessment and will be linking in with TWFRS to undertake these. Further training sessions are currently being planned.</p>
% of new reports of abandoned vehicles investigated within 24hrs of notification (BV218a).	96.20 %	93.83 %	🔴	90.00 %	★	The decline can be attributed to a fall in the number of investigations carried out during unsociable hours. Partnership work will continue with Northumbria Police to ensure we continue to meet our target.
% of abandoned vehicles removed within 24 hours (BV218b).	93.75 %	100.00 %	🟢	95.00 %	★	A year on year improvement and target has been achieved.

## Environmental Health

Performance Indicator	March 2010 Latest Data	March 2011 or Latest Data	Are we improving?	Target	Have we achieved the target?	Commentary
The percentage of satisfied customers with regulatory services. (trading standards, environmental health and licensing) (NI182)	77.70 %	78.10 %	📈	79.00 %	🟡	The performance figure has improved relative to the previous year. Given the necessarily small size of the sample set any slight change in the nature of responses leads to a disproportionate variation in the percentage figure. In the light of the improvement and the fact that the PI has been discontinued the service considers that there is no need for any further action.
The number of significant issues that the Trading Standards Service is called upon to deal with less the number that it is actually able to deal with (NI183).	3.21	2.22	📈	3.50	★	An improvement on the previous year and on target.
The percentage of food establishments within the local authority area which are broadly compliant with food law (NI184).	82.92 %	84.26 %	📈	89.00 %	⚠️	<p>This shows an ongoing improvement from last year i.e. progress is still being made toward the "target".</p> <p>The national Food Hygiene Rating System was launched in June 2011 and this may contribute to an effort by businesses to improve standards in the future.</p> <p>All businesses will be encouraged to display their rating on door stickers and this may motivate some improvement.</p> <p>Whilst we have already been contacted by good businesses seeking to improve to become "top rated", many businesses at the lower end are likely to be struggling to survive. There is a high level of turnover of these businesses and any good work by Officers to promote knowledge of hygiene and management standards disappears when the business closes.</p>

# **COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**6 SEPTEMBER 2011**

## **FORWARD PLAN – KEY DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 2011 – 31 DECEMBER 2011**

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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

- 1.1 To provide Members with an opportunity to consider those items on the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 1 September 2011 – 31 December 2011 which relate to the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee.

#### **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 a decision being made. This does not negate Non-Executive Members ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.
- 2.3 Members requested that only those items which are under the remit of the Committee be reported to this Committee. The remit of the Committee covers the following themes:-

*Safer Sunderland Strategy; Social Inclusion; Community Safety; Anti Social Behaviour; Domestic Violence; Community Cohesion; Equalities; Food Law Enforcement; 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. Recommendation**

- 3.1 Members are asked to note that there are no items in the current Forward Plan relating to the remit of this Committee.

#### **4. Background Papers**

- 4.1 There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

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# **COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**6 SEPTEMBER 2012**

## **WORK PROGRAMME 2011-12**

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**Strategic Priorities: SP3 – Safer City**

**Corporate Priorities: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services, CIO4: Improving partnership working to deliver ‘One City’.**

#### **1. Purpose of the report**

- 1.1 The report attaches, for Members’ information, the current work programme for the Committee’s work during the 2011-12 Council year.
- 1.2 The work of the Committee in delivering its work programme will support the Council in achieving its Strategic Priorities of Safer City, support delivery of the related themes of the Local Area Agreement, and, through monitoring the performance of the Council’s services, help the Council achieve its Corporate Improvement Objectives CIO1 (delivering customer focussed services) and C104 (improving partnership working to deliver ‘One City’).

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 The work programme is a working document which the Committee can develop throughout the year. The work programme allows Members and officers to maintain an overview of work planned and undertaken during the Council year.

#### **3. Current position**

- 3.1 The work programme reflects discussions that took place at the 7 June 2012 Scrutiny Committee meeting. The current work programme is attached as an appendix to this report.

#### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 The work programme developed from the meeting will form a flexible mechanism for managing the work of the Committee in 2011-12.

#### **5 Recommendation**

- 5.1 That Members note the information contained in the work programme and consider the inclusion of proposals for the Committee into the work programme.

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**COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2011/2012**

<b>REASON FOR INCLUSION</b>	<b>JUNE 07.06.11</b>	<b>JULY 19.07.11</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 06.9.11</b>	<b>OCTOBER 18.10.11</b>	<b>DECEMBER 06.12.11</b>	<b>JANUARY 10.01.12</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 21.02.12</b>	<b>APRIL 03.04.12</b>
<b>Cabinet-Referrals and Responses</b>			Response to the 10/11 Policy Review – Alcohol, Violence and the Night Time Economy (JD)					
<b>Policy Review</b>	Annual Work Programme and Policy Review 2011/2012 (JD)	Policy Review - Scoping Report (JD)	Policy Review – Scene Setting (JD)	Policy Review - Evidence Gathering (JD)	Policy Review – Evidence Gathering (JD)	Policy Review – Evidence Gathering (JD)	Policy Review Progress Report (JD)	Policy Review: Final Report (JD)
<b>Performance</b>			Performance Report (Gillian Robinson) Progress on Past Recommendations (JD)			Performance Q2/ Policy Review Progress ()		Performance Q3/ (Gillian Robinson)
<b>Scrutiny</b>	Food Law Enforcement (Norma Johnston)  Forward Plan (SA)	Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill - Update (Stuart Douglass)  Drug Misuse – Update (Leanne Davis)  Work Programme (SA)  Forward Plan (SA)	Work Programme (SA)  Forward Plan (SA)	Emergency Planning (Barry Frost)  Neighbourhood Helpline (LSL)  Work Programme (SA)  Forward Plan (SA)	Work Programme (SA)  Forward Plan (SA)	Work Programme (SA)  Forward Plan (SA)	Work Programme (SA)  Forward Plan (SA)	Work Programme (SA)  Forward Plan (SA)
<b>CCFA/Members items/Petitions</b>								