

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)

15th May 2013

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith (Chairman), Councillor Atkin (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor Mrs. Hood.

**Labour Group**

Councillors Bambrick, Bell, Mrs. Mead and Pearson.

OS/34. **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Mrs. Patten (Conservative Group).

OS/35. **CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY – DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES WITHIN SOUTH DERBYSHIRE**

It was reported that the Crime and Disorder Act 2006 extended scrutiny powers to include the work of Community Safety Partnerships. The Committee had previously considered the area of review work for this year's Crime and Disorder scrutiny and had selected domestic abuse services. The submitted report provided details of the services available in the District through a variety of agencies. The agencies worked together and formed a tiered approach that was tailored to the needs of each victim. A risk assessment process was completed and a table within the report showed how different levels of risk were addressed by the agencies. In high risk cases, multi-agency conferences took place to ensure that victims were protected and offenders rehabilitated. The report also detailed the other specialist support mechanisms available within the District and set out the current funding arrangements. Longer-term funding concerns were also reported. The financial implications reported the contributions from the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership and the District Council.

Members took the opportunity to submit questions, particularly exploring the funding available. The mechanisms for referral were discussed together with the multi-agency risk assessment conferences. Reference was also made to the roadshows and awareness raising activities, with details being provided of planned future events.

**It was agreed to note the report and acknowledge the potential future risks in funding.**

MRS. A. PLENDERLEITH

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 5.30 p.m.