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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 Accept and adopt the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership 2005-8 Crime and Disorder Strategy and Year One Action Plan.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform Members of the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership's new three year Strategy and year one action plan and to seek their acceptance of that plan.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The South Derbyshire Crime and Disorder Audit, published in October 2004, contained a comprehensive audit of recorded information from organisations that enabled a proper assessment to be made of crime trends and disorder over the previous three years. The Audit also included findings from a number of surveys undertaken with local people. These included a Citizens Panel of 726 people, a rural crime survey of 2385 people and a Youth Needs Survey completed by local young people.
- 3.2 The Audit process also included a consideration of the Strategies of other organisations to ensure that whenever possible, organisations were working in a co-ordinated manner and not duplicating resources or missing the chance to work in partnership. Strategies considered included the Derbyshire Constabulary Policing Plan, Home Office Crime Reduction Plan, Youth Justice Plan, Derbyshire Drug Action Team, Southern Derbyshire and Derbyshire Dales Health Improvement Plan and the Tackling Drugs to Build a Better Britain Strategy.
- 3.3 Following the publication of the Audit, the local community were asked for their views on crime in South Derbyshire. This consultation took several forms including the distribution of 5000 Audit leaflets across the district. South Derbyshire Council for Voluntary Service organised a number of public meetings around the district and contacted specific groups such as the disabled, ethnic minorities and travellers. Formal discussions were also undertaken with organisations within the Partnership.

- 3.4 The outcomes from this extensive consultation process confirmed the selection of the priorities for the Strategy and provided valuable information to be used in the Partnership's work over the next three years. In addition to the local consultation work, a recent MORI poll found those members of the public when asked "what makes somewhere a good place to live" identified that "low levels of the crime" was the most important factor (56%). The next highest factors were health services at 39%, affordable decent housing at 37%, shopping facilities at 28% and public transport at 27%.
- 3.5 The Audit and the consultation process have led to the identification of the priorities for the 2005-08 Crime and Disorder Strategy. The priorities are Anti-social Behaviour (including criminal damage and disorder), Community Reassurance and Fear of Crime, Property Crime (including burglary and car crime), Violent Crime (including Domestic Abuse, assault, robbery and sexual offences) and Substance Misuse (drugs and alcohol). Underpinning these priorities are several key issues, which are: "community engagement", prolific and priority offenders and victim support. In terms of Prolific and Priority Offenders, the Partnership has been charged by the Home Office to establish a multi agency scheme to catch and convict, prevent and deter and rehabilitate these offenders.
- 3.6 To ensure that accountability for achieving the targets for each of these priorities is accepted by members of the Partnership, a number of the Partnership's Strategic Group members have taken responsibility for the priorities. These are:

Anti Social Behaviour	Mark Alflat, SDDC
Reassurance / Fear of Crime	Jo Smith, South Derbys CVS
Property Crime	Inspector Steve Fairbrother, Police
Violent Crime	Commander Tony Hurrell, Police
Substance Misuse	Nina Ennis, DD&SD PCT
Prolific and Priority Offenders	Inspector Steve Fairbrother, Police

- 3.7 In addition to the Strategy, a Year 1 Action Plan has been written for 2005-06. The Action Plan sets out the key initiatives to be addressed under each priority. Four dedicated Action Teams will be responsible for gathering data, developing projects and achieving 'annual targets related to the above priorities. The Action Teams will also be accountable for producing future action plans.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The budget available for implementing the Partnership's work and related crime and disorder initiatives, which is held by the authority, is expected to be in the region of £550,000. This consists principally of contributions of money, or Partnership support, of £220,000 from SDDC, £150,000 from the Police, £15,000 from Derbyshire County Council, and £130,000 from the Local Area Agreement (formerly Home Office). Applications for funding to cover specific projects within the overall Strategy are already being submitted.
- 4.2 The Council's contribution is made up of existing commitments plus a significant increase in 2005/6 towards crime and disorder initiatives and a warden service.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The publication of the Strategy and Action Plan meet the Council's statutory duty as a member of a Safer South Derbyshire Partnership. Its delivery will contribute to achieving many of the Council's objectives contained within the Corporate Plan.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The Partnership has prioritised a number of crime types for reduction over the next three years. However, it will also work hard to reduce the fear of crime so that local communities feel safe in and around their homes. This process will involve local people in protecting their own property and that of their neighbours. It will also demand the further development of effective working relationships with the police and other organisations to reduce crime.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 The work of the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership has already started to contribute to making South Derbyshire a safer place to live, work, play and visit. The combined funding of the partners will ensure that this contribution is increasingly effective.

8.0 Background Papers

- 8.1 Crime and Disorder Files CD1 – 16.

