

**Select Committee on Community Safety Working Group**

**29<sup>th</sup> September 2005**

**Report of the Director of Lead Officer**

**Recommendations from the Working Groups**

**Purpose of Report**

- 1 To consider the recommendations of the following Working Groups
  - 7<sup>th</sup> September 2005 – Housing and Neighbourhood Nuisance Working Group
  - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005 – Children and Young People Working Group
  - 15<sup>th</sup> September 2005 – Strategy Working Group

**Background**

- 2 **Select Committee on Community Safety Housing and Neighbourhood Nuisance Working Group**

The Working Group met on 7<sup>th</sup> September, and received the following items

***Update on developments regarding the use of mediation to resolve anti social behaviour and an update on dealing with tenants in breach of noise abatement orders***

Mr O McMillan (Mediation Officer) presented an overview to the Working Group on how mediation could be of assistance in reducing conflict between parties involved in neighbourhood disputes.

In making the presentation, Mr McMillan advising Working Group members of what the Mediation service had to offer in terms of assistance in neighbourhood and family noise nuisance and mediation in family disputes to alleviate the risk of homelessness.

The following was RESOLVED:

- That Mr McMillan invite Council Members to a meeting and for representatives from the Directorate of Housing, including representative from the Mediation Service, and inform them of the kind of assistance the Mediation Service can provide.
- That a further report on progress be submitted to the Working Group meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

***Update on dealing with tenants in breach of noise abatement orders***

Mr R Sims (Assistant Director Housing) updated the Working Group on progress regarding complaints of noise nuisance, and on the Council's actions once a complaint is received. He also explained the role of the "out-of-hours" team with regard to witnessing. A discussion regarding how to tackle car stereo noise was also discussed/.

The following was RESOLVED:

- That following consideration by The Cabinet, the Tenancy Conditions report be submitted to the meeting of the Select Committee on Community Safety on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005 and for a representative from the Directorate of the Urban Environment also be invited to advise the Committee on the current view regarding noise emanating from car stereos.
- That the Working Group supported the work being undertaken by the "out of hours" team.

**Select Committee on Community Safety Children and Young People Working Group**

The Working Group met on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005 and received the following items

***Survey of Young Peoples' Attitudes to Community Safety***

Ms L Thompson of Dudley Youth Council presented the Working Group the feedback from the "Have a Say Day" initiative by outlining some of the items that young people had considered to be priorities for keeping young people safe in Dudley.

Following discussion by the Working Group, it was RESOLVED

- That Mr M Galikowski and Mr A Winning to prepare a report on publicity in respect of anti social behaviour order and submit it to the Working Group meeting to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2005.

- That a report on information gathered at the “Have a Say Day” be submitted to the next meeting of the Working Group on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2005.
- That a cross-section of young people be invited to attend the Working Group Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005, so that the Working Group could ascertain their views on “naming and shaming” people who are the subject of an anti social behaviour orders
- That Mr Mayou to liaise with Mr M Williams (Director of Finance) in respect of the joint consideration between representatives of the Select Committee on Education and Lifelong Learning on the report entitled “Information and Developments Relating to Exclusions, Attendance and Admissions and Children in Public Care” due to be presented to this Working Group to on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005.

Select Committee on Community Safety Strategy Working Group 15<sup>th</sup> September 2005

***Cultural Strategy***

Mr D Lowndes (Assistant Director Culture and Leisure) presented a report advising the Working Group of the current position regarding the production of a local Cultural Strategy with specific reference to community safety issues and the following was RESOLVED

- That a draft strategy be included in the agenda for discussion by the Working Group at the meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

***Alignment of Local and National Priorities and Developing Issues and Links that Impact on Community Safety***

Ms D Hewitt (Head of Communiy Safety) reported on the alignment of local and national priorities and key lines of enquiry and the focus on inspection, and also the Council’s compliance with the requirements of Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act.

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED

- That the CPA evidence be presented to the meeting of the Working Group to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2005, for their scrutiny and discussion.
- That a copy of the three Key Line of Enquiry (KLOE) questions to be forwarded to the three members of the Working Group, namely Councillors Burston, Finch and Mrs Dunn

## **Finance**

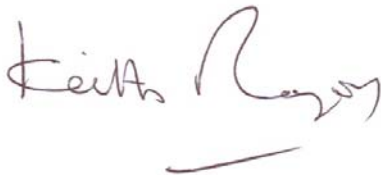
3. There are no specific direct financial implications arising from this report at this date.

## **Law**

4. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or which is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of its statutory functions.

## **Equality Impact**

5. It is recommended that
  - The Select Committee considers the Lead Officer's Report and raise any issues it wishes to be taken into account for consideration by the Select Committee at a future date.



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## **Background Papers**

Minutes of the appropriate Working Groups

