

**COMMUNITY SAFETY
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 9th June, 2011 at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 2, The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Kettle (Chairman)
Councillor Cotterill (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Attwood, Burston, Caunt, Foster, Mrs D Harley, Mrs P Martin,
Ryder, Ms Wood and Zada.

OFFICERS

Assistant Director of Corporate Resources (Customer Services),
(Directorate of Corporate Resources), (Lead Officer to the Committee),
The Chief Executive and Drugs and Alcohol Team Manager, (Both Chief
Executive's Directorate), Principal Solicitor and Miss K Fellows,
(Directorate of Corporate Resources).

1. **COMMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN**

This being the first meeting of the municipal year, the Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct in respect of any matter to be considered at the meeting.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 17th March, 2011, be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM**

No matters were raised under this Agenda item.

5. CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS (IF ANY) REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE PETITIONS OFFICER.

No Petitions had been referred to the Committee.

6. SAFE AND SOUND DUDLEY'S COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11

A report of the Chief Executive was submitted detailing an overview of the work of the Community Safety Partnership (Safe and Sound), including information in respect of the performance of the partnership for 2010/11. The Partnerships priorities for 2011/12 were highlighted as reflected in the Community Safety Annual Plan for 2011/12. The names of the safe and sound board members and Crime and Disorder – 2009/10 and 2010/11 performance were Appended to the report submitted.

In presenting the report, the Chief Executive made particular reference to the fact that 2 Elected Members were Members of the Board.

He also reported that the number of victims of reported crime within the Dudley Borough continued to reduce with Dudley continuing to be the safest Borough within the West Midlands.

It was also reported that the number of incidents of anti social behaviour and criminal damage had reduced during 2010/11.

The Partnership's work in relation to drug treatment was referred to together with its impact upon the reduction of crime.

The Chief Executive referred to the crime and disorder initiatives as set out at paragraph 8 of the report submitted, including the success of Operations Spotlight and Staysafe.

In responding to a question from the Chairman, the Chief Executive confirmed that the Safe and Sound Strategic Board met quarterly.

The Chairman requested that reports be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee in relation to the funding and cost of the Community Safety Partnership with a breakdown of the number of people who had attended and the length of time they had participated in drug treatment.

In responding to a further question from a Member, the Chief Executive stated that every two years the Home Office commissioned a British Crime Survey which was a national survey and those figures supported the reduction in the number of offences committed as reported on and contained in the report submitted.

Councillor Foster also referred to the West Midlands Police Feeling the Difference Survey, whereby residents were contacted in relation to their areas and their perceptions in relation to crime and whether they perceived crime to be reducing.

The Chief Executive confirmed that the evaluation in relation to Operation Staysafe would be available to Members of the Committee when it was completed.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report, and Appendices to the report, submitted on the overview of the work of the Community Safety Partnership (Safe and Sound), the performance of the partnership for 2010/11 and the Partnership's priorities for 2011/12 as reflected in the Community Safety Annual Plan for 2011/12, be noted.
- (2) That the Chief Executive be requested to:-
 - (a) Report to a future meeting of the Committee in relation to funding and cost of the Community Safety Partnership (Safe and Sound), together with details of the number of people who had received drug treatment and the length of time they had participated in treatment.
 - (b) Email to Members the evaluation in relation to Operation Staysafe.

7. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR 2010/11

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on the Annual Report of the Select Committee for 2010/11.

RESOLVED

That the Annual Report of the Select Committee for 2010/11 be received and noted and referred to Council.

8. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2011/12

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on the proposed work programme for the 2011/12 municipal year.

Arising from the presentation of the report submitted, Members raised issues and made suggestions as follows:-

- A request that Members discuss their objectives prior to considering the items referred to within the work programme.
- That Members be furnished with reports within good time for them to prepare and formulate questions;
- That in relation to the item of Domestic Abuse other partners should be invited to the meeting, including a representative from Children's Services, West Midlands Police Authority and the Primary Care Trust.
- The Lead Officer requested Members to inform him prior to meetings of any particular matters that they wished to be included in reports to be submitted to future meetings.

Following consideration of the Work Programme it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the work programme of the Committee for 2011/12 be approved as follows:-

Date of Meeting	Item
09/06/11	Work Programme for 2011/12 Annual Report of the Safe and Sound Board Annual Report of the Select Committee to Council Any questions/issues to be raised with a Member of the Safe and Sound Board (to be included on all agendas)
01/09/11	Any questions on matters e-mailed for information (eg Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report) Domestic Abuse Drug Treatment – The number of people who had received drug treatment and the length of time they had participated in drug treatment. Funding and Cost of the Community Safety Partnership (Safe and Sound).
03/11/11	Matters for information e-mailed to Members, that they may wish to ask questions about etc (Annual report of the Head of Contingency and Disaster Management, Update on Council's Capital Strategy and Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report)

- Closed Circuit Television Monitoring
Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill
- 19/01/12 Proposed Revenue Budget
Anti Social Behaviour
Any questions on matters e-mailed for information (eg
Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report)
- 15/03/12 Provisional Work Programme for 2012/13
Any questions on matters e-mailed for information (eg
Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report)
- Reporting on Section 17 – Crime and Disorder Act,
1998.
- Provisional Work Programme for 2012/13
- (2) That no formal working groups be appointed in 2011/12 but
should it be considered that a specific issue requires the
appointment of a working group, then an ad hoc working
group be appointed, on a time limited basis, to consider the
specific issue and report back to the Committee.

9. TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO REQUEST THE ATTENDANCE OF ANY
SAFE AND SOUND BOARD MEMBER OR THE PROVISION OF ANY
INFORMATION AT A FUTURE MEETING IN RELATION TO THE
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME.

Following discussion on this issue it was:

RESOLVED

That a representative of West Midlands Police, Children's
Services and the Primary Care Trust be requested to attend the
next meeting of the Committee for consideration to be given to
Domestic abuse.

The meeting ended at 6.25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN