

Select Committee on Community Safety and Community Services
8th November 2007

Report of the Chief Executive

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) Reform

Purpose of Report

1. To inform select committee of the CDRP reform programme updated position following the review of the Crime and Disorder Act 1988 (CDAR).

Background

2. Following the submission of the paper on CDRP reform to the select committee on the 13th September 2007, The final guidance, Delivering Safer Communities, A guide to effective partnership working has been published.

http://crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/guidance_for_effective_partnerships.pdf

3. The guidance sets out a set of hallmarks that represent key areas of partnership working that underpin effective delivery. These six Hallmarks are:

- Empowered and effective leadership;
- Visible and Constructive Accountability;
- Intelligence led business Processes;
- Effective and Responsive Delivery Structures;
- Engaged Communities; and
- Appropriate skill sand knowledge

Each hallmark comprises two elements

- New statutory elements for partnership working
- Suggested Practise to achieve increased effective partnership , using statutory requirements as a foundation - *Source Delivering safer communities*

The guidance is structured around four key aspects of partnership business

- Lead and Guides
- Assess
- Plan
- Deliver

4. Lead and Guide – Statutory Requirements

- This group is ultimately responsible for preparing and implementing a strategic assessment and partnership plan.
- Each of the five responsible authorities must be represented on the group.
- At least one of the representatives from each of the five responsible authorities must hold a senior position within their home organisation.
- Where there is an elected member responsible for community safety on the council for the district/unitary area, they must also be a member of this group.
- The group can decide the frequency of its meetings and can invite others to their meetings.
- There must be arrangements for appointing a chair, agreeing the period for which the chair can serve and the grounds on which the chair can be changed within this period.
- At least once a year, the group needs to consider whether the partnership has the requisite skills and knowledge to meet the statutory requirements.

5. Assess – Statutory Requirements

- Certain sets of depersonalised information must be shared on a quarterly basis.
- The following information needs to be considered when preparing a strategic assessment:
 - Information from the responsible authorities
 - Information from wider partners
 - Information from the overview and scrutiny committee considering crime and disorder matters, where it exists
 - Information provided by the community
 - The previous partnership plan
- In undertaking any community consultation, the partnership must have regard to the results of any other consultation activities undertaken by the responsible authorities.
- In preparing the strategic assessment, the partnership will seek:
 - Views from the community on the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and substance misuse
 - Views from the community on matters that need to be prioritised by the partnership
- In seeking these views, the partnership will ensure they are sought from:
 - People who appear to represent the interests of as many different groups or persons within the area as is reasonable
 - Those likely to be most affected by the priorities

6. Plan – Statutory Requirements

- This plan has to be a three year plan
- The plan must be revised annually
- The plan has to include a strategy for tackling crime and disorder in the area
- The plan will contain the priorities identified through the strategic assessment
- The plan has to contain information about the role of each partner in supporting delivery of the priorities and how this will be resourced
- The plan should contain information about the way in which performance against priorities will be measured
- The plan will also contain information about the way in which the partnership will engage with their communities

7. Deliver – Statutory Requirements

- The strategy group is responsible for the implementation of the partnership plan.
- The partnership plan must set out the extent to which people living or working in the area might assist the partnership in reducing crime, disorder and substance misuse.

8. Dudley's Community Safety Partnership is keen to ensure that it is fit for purpose and best placed to meet the requirements of the Home Office CDRP reform programme and in particular the six core standards against which the effectiveness of individual CDRP's can be measured. To address this, a partnership development event has been scheduled for 2nd November 2007. This event has been structured around the themes of the guidance document and will identify current practise alongside identifying areas for improvement.

Alongside the above there is a planned audit of the work of the CDRP which will be undertaken by Dudley audit services. The scope of this is as below:

The objectives of the audit are to review:

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) governance arrangements taking account of the framework of National Standards:

- Empowerment and Effective leadership
- Intelligence Led Business Processes
- Effective and Responsive Delivery Structures
- Community Engagement
- Visible and Constructive Accountability
- Appropriate Knowledge and Skills

The review will also look to substantiate the partnership evaluation tool (PET) self assessment

Finance

9. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report at this stage.

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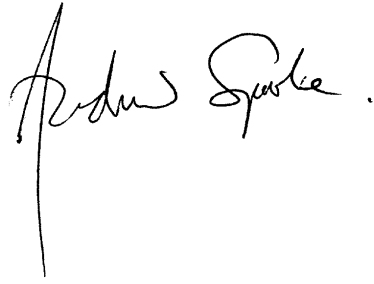
10. The contents of this report are a statutory requirement of the review of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as of 1st August 2007.

Equality Impact

11. This report is in accordance with the council's equality and diversity policy.

Recommendation

12. It is recommended that the committee note the information contained in this report.
13. That a further report be brought before the committee following the development event detailing safe and sounds position in meeting the requirements.
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