

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Thursday 14th June 2007 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room 3, Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor A. Turner (Chairman)
Councillor Cotterill (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Ahmed, Burston, Mrs Collins, Ms Foster, Harley, Nottingham
and Ryder.

OFFICERS

Assistant Director for Partnerships and Childrens' Trusts (Lead Officer to the Committee), Assistant Director of Law and Property (Corporate Estate Services) (for item 7 only), Assistant Director Culture and Community Services, Head of Community Safety, Principal Lawyer, Police Liaison Officer and Messrs. Jablonski and Furidze (Directorate of Law and Property).

1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillor Jones and the Head of Policy.

2 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman informed the Committee that Andy Winning, the Strategic Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator, was currently absent from work through illness.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, write to Andy expressing the best wishes of the Committee to him for a speedy recovery.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

4 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15th March, 2007, be approved as a correct record and signed.

5 PUBLIC FORUM

No matters were raised under this agenda item.

6 INTRODUCTION TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

A report of the Lead Officer was submitted on the Introduction to the Work of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report submitted on the work of the Select Committee for the coming year taking into account the full range of the Committee's responsibilities as determined in the Council's Constitution, be noted.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP (CDRP)
REFORM

A report of the Chief Executive was submitted on the CDRP Reform programme following the review of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Appendix 1 to the report submitted set out the possible stages in the Community Call to Action process whilst Appendix 2 set out the CDRP Reform timetable.

In presenting the report the Head of Community Safety, informed the Committee that all partnerships working to tackle problems of crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse, will be required to meet minimum standards around six strands of business which will determine the CDRP effectiveness. The Committee was also informed of the experience of another local authority on the Community Call to Action (CCA). A further detailed report on the implications for overview and scrutiny and the CCA would be submitted to the Committee following receipt of further guidance from central government.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report submitted, on the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Reform, be noted and that a further detailed report regarding the implications for overview and scrutiny and the Community Call for Action be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee following receipt of further guidance from central government.

8 THE DIRECTORATE OF LAW AND PROPERTY'S EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT 2006/07

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the Directorate of Law and Property's equality and diversity for 2006/07. In the ensuing discussion, the Committee asked that information, on posts ring-fenced to be filled without advertisement, be included in the Corporate Annual Equality report to be submitted to a future meeting of the Select Committee on Regeneration, Culture and Adult Education.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report and appendix to the report, submitted on the Directorate of Law and Property's Equality and Diversity Annual Report for 2006/07, report be noted.

9 OBESITY STRATEGY ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT JULY 2005 – JULY 2006

A report of the Director of the Urban Environment was submitted on the Obesity Strategy and the 2005-06 Annual Monitoring Report within the terms of reference of this Committee.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report and appendix to the report, submitted on the Obesity Strategy and the Annual Monitoring Report for 2005/06 with specific reference to those areas fully within the terms of reference of the Committee, be noted.

10 PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORKING GROUPS FOR 2007/08

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on the proposed work programme and arrangements for working groups for 2007/08.

RESOLVED

1. That the proposed work programme for 2007/08, as set out in paragraph 2 of the report submitted, be approved.
2. That whilst no formal working groups be appointed in 2007/08, it be noted that there may be a need for an ad hoc working group to consider the Community Call for Action, referred to at minute 7 above, a possible proposal regarding the appointment of such a working group at the next meeting of the Committee.

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QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT

A report of the Lead Officer was submitted on the performance of the Council for the third quarter of 2006/07, from October to December 2006, in relation to the activities within the Committee's terms of reference.

Arising from the consideration given to this matter, the Lead Officer undertook to provide Councillor Burston with more detailed information requested in respect of Performance Indicator H19/BV 175 – Racial Incidents.

RESOLVED

The information contained in the report on the activities relating to the terms of reference of the Committee, be noted

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE FOR 2006/07

A report of the Lead officer to the Committee was submitted on Annual Report of the Committee for 2006/07 and the work programme for 2007/08.

RESOLVED

That Council note the content of the report submitted on the work of the Committee for 2006/07 and the work programme for 2007/08.

The meeting ended at 7.40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN