

Select Committee on Community Safety and Community Services
10th January 2008

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.
3. As laid out in the report to this Committee of the 8th November, the guidance is structured around four key aspects of partnership business:
 - Lead and Guide
 - Assess
 - Plan
 - Deliver
4. In order to progress safe and sound, Dudley's Community Safety Partnership's response to this new legislation, the development event outlined in the report for the 8th was held at Himley Hall on the 8th November. The chair of the partnership, DMBC Ch. Exec. Andrew Sparke hosted the day supported by a neighbourhood renewal advisor from the Government Office of the West Midlands as well as the Regional Director for the Home Office, John Curtis. The event was well attended by partner agencies and facilitated by members of the Community Safety Team. Mr. Curtis noted that Dudley were well in advance of any other partnership in holding such a development day, and hoped other partnerships would follow suit.
5. The objectives of the day were twofold. Firstly, to consider if there were any parts of the legislation safe and sound did not currently comply with, and, if so, what change or process needed to occur to achieve compliance. Secondly, where both compliance was being achieved, and where a new structure or process was going to be put into place to achieve it, what could be done to go beyond just compliance to achieve excellence. The workshop format allowed everyone to contribute, and

the ideas gathered will all be worked up into an improvement plan at a meeting with the neighbourhood renewal advisor on the 5th December. This plan will then be put before the safe and sound board in February. The board agreed that the breadth and nature of the changes will necessitate a programme of work which will probably take a minimum of one year to complete. Clearly some elements are deliverable almost immediately, whilst others will not be able to be implemented until the next round of the Council's and partners planning cycles.

6. Two of the key findings of the day were as follows:

- The single greatest area for partnership development is that around community engagement and involvement. There was recognition that whilst most partners had information arising from consulting with Dudley communities, this information had never been properly aggregated into a cohesive picture. Secondly, the partnership recognised that very little serious thought had been given to how they might involve the communities in providing a serious contribution to the solving of Dudley's community safety issues.
- The partnership agreed to explore the potential in merging the intelligence function of partner agencies , which would then provide a set of complimentary intelligence products for the whole partnership to work towards common goals, the vision behind the Assessment Policing Community Safety (APACS). measurement of policing and community safety.

7. Three matters arising from the day were put before the safe and sound board for decision on the 26th November, namely:

- Chairing arrangements: The board decided to adopt a rotating chair policy, drawing from the four statutory partner agencies in providing a chair for one year about.
- Three year plan: The board agreed a working group to deliver the document working through the chair, vice chair and the chairs of CRIG and SMIG.
- Three year plan media: The board agreed to remit the production and distribution of the plan to CRIG and SMIG.

8. The board agreed that they would finalise the improvement plan at the February meeting.

Finance

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

Law

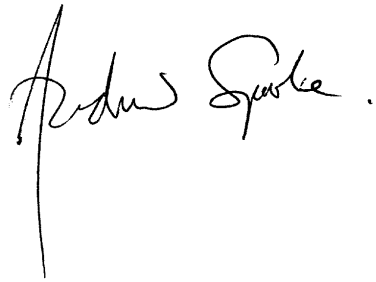
10. The contents of this report are a statutory requirement of the review of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as of 1st August 2007.

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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