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DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 6TH MARCH 2006

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE COMMUNITY SAFETY

Purpose of Report

1. To submit to Council, the Annual Report of the Select Committee on Community Safety for the 2004/2005 review year and to submit the programme for 2006/2007.

Background

2. Article 6 of the Council's Constitution requires that Select Committees report annually to the full Council and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods, if appropriate, for the forthcoming year.

Council's attention is drawn to the attachments at appendices 1, 2 and 3, that indicate the items included in the work programme for review during the 2005/2006 year.

There were no 'call-ins' of decisions relating to the remit of the Committee through the Decision Sheet Process during the year.

Conclusions for 2005/2006

The Committee continued to consider the wider issues and activities of the Council and its impact on Community Safety within the Borough, with reference to scrutiny and the terms of reference of reviewing aspects of Crime and Disorder and Anti Social Behaviour, and the Council's Corporate Strategy.

The Committee and its Working Groups recognised the importance of strategic partnership working across the Council's services and the partnerships within the area.

The major concerns of the Committee continued to reflect the expressions made by local people, for example

- Issues concerning anti social behaviour and the publicising of the names of perpetrators given an Anti Social Behaviour Order (ASBO).
- The implementation of the Community Safety Strategy and other items outlined in the appendices to this report.

Proposed Work Programme for 2006/2007

It is anticipated that the following items are to be included in the Programme for consideration by the appointed Working Groups and by the full Committee:

- Monitoring of consultation.
- Recommendations and findings from the Select Committee's Working Groups.
- Quarterly Performance Monitoring of Community Safety Performance Indicators and Progress within Council Plan Targets.
- Regular updates and progress on the introduction of measures concerned with alcohol and substance misuse..
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- The activities and decisions of Council Services in relation to the duty placed on them by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act.
- Community Safety Strategy Implementation.
- The consideration of the initiatives taken in conjunction with partner agencies, namely Dudley Community Safety Partnership – Safe and Sound - and the impact on crime and disorder within the Borough, including feedback reports from members representing the Council on the Partnership.
- Any other items referred to the Committee or its Working Groups/

Finance

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

Law

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

Equality Impact

5. There are no special considerations to be made with regard to equality impact in noting and receiving this report.

Recommendation

6. That the Council notes the contents of the report in relation to the work undertaken in the 2005/2006 Municipal Year by the Select Committee on Community Safety and in relation to the proposed Work Programme for 2006/2007.