

Select Committee on Community Safety and Community Services - 13th March 2008

Report of the Director of Law and Property

Outline Work Programme for 2008/09

Purpose of Report

1. To consider proposals for the Outline Work Programme of the Committee for the 2008/09 Municipal Year.

Background

2. The Terms of Reference of the Committee provide for the Committee to fulfil all of the overview and scrutiny functions of a Select Committee. An extract from the Constitution relating to the terms of reference of the Committee is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
3. The Work Programme for 2008/09 may include the following ongoing items and updates from the 2007/08 work programme:-
 - Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Reform – each meeting
 - Marketing Strategy for Community Safety – June, 2008
 - The Respect Agenda – November, 2008
 - Adult Drug Treatment Plan, Drug Intervention Programme and Children and Young Persons Substance Misuse Plan – November, 2008
 - Update on Anti social Behaviour Unit Development – September, 2008
 - Update on the Domestic Abuse Strategy – September, 2008
 - Update on Neighbourhood Policing and Police and Communities Together meetings – September, 2008
 - Update on the operation of Dudley Council Plus – January, 2009
 - Race Hate Strategy – January, 2009
 - Home Security Initiative – January, 2009
4. During the course of 2008/09 the Committee will also be invited to consider the following regular items:-
 - Directorate of Law and Property – Equality and Diversity Annual Report – June, 2008
 - Annual Report of the Head of Contingency and Disaster Management – November, 2008
 - Update of the Council's Capital Strategy – November, 2008
 - Equality and Diversity Action Plan Report for the Directorate of Law and Property – March, 2009
 - Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Reports – June, September and November, 2008 and January, 2009
 - Proposed Revenue Budget 2009/10 – January, 2009

- Outline Work Programme 2009/10 – March, 2009
 - Annual Report of the Committee to Council – June, 2008
 - Directorate Reporting on Section 7 of the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998 – Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services - September, 2008
 - Directorate Reporting on Section 7 of the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998 – Directorate to be confirmed - March, 2009
5. The following is a suggested item and Members are now requested to consider additional items for consideration in the 2008/09 Municipal Year:-
- Alternative Measures for Anti social Behaviour – June, 2008

Finance

6. There are no direct financial consequences arising from this report.

Law

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

Equality Impact

8. This report complies fully with the Council's policies on equal opportunities and diversity.

Recommendation

9. That the Committee considers its outline Work Programme for 2008/09.

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List of Background Papers

The Council's Constitution

SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Membership

11 Councillors

Terms of Reference

To fulfil all the overview and scrutiny functions of a Select Committee as they relate to: -

- (a) the crime and disorder functions of the Council under the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998, or any other relevant legislation;
- (b) all the other community safety issues affecting the Borough or any part of it,
- (c) the functions of the Council relating to social inclusion, community development, neighbourhood management and Dudley Council Plus.