

**Select Committee on Community Safety and
Community Services – 15th March 2007**

**Report of the Chairmen of the Working Groups
prepared by the Lead Officer**

Purpose of Report

1. To present the recommendations from the following Working Group meeting.

040107 – Regulatory Controls Working Group
300107 – Customer Services and Public Information Working Group
060307 – Regulatory Controls Working Group

Background

2. The Select Committee on Community Safety and Community Services approved the setting up and membership of the Working Groups at the meeting held on 15th June 2006.

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 and there is no specific effect on children and young people in the submitting of this report.

Recommendation

6. That the Committee note and comment on the matters discussed by the Working Groups and reported on by the Chairmen of each Working Group; details below:

(i) **Working Group on Regulatory Controls and Working Practices held on 4th January 2007**

Implementation and Development of the Cultural Strategy

The Assistant Director Culture and Community Services circulated a copy of a presentation and explained how the Cultural Strategy had evolved from the Best Value Performance Indicator.

Following a short discussion it was resolved that the Committee receive and endorse the work of the Directorate of the Urban Environment in the implementation of the Strategy.

Monitoring the Impact and Effectiveness of Anti Social Behaviour Orders in Particular Neighbourhoods

A report submitted by the Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator was discussed reporting on some of the successes achieved, particularly in terms of addressing the behaviour of individuals and in providing respite for victims of anti social behaviour.

It was resolved that the Working Group receives and endorses the work of the Directorate of the Urban Environment in the implementation of the cultural strategy.

Monitoring the Use of Dispersal Notices

The Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator reported on the number of Dispersal Notices issues within the Borough and, following discussion, the report was noted.

Customer Services and Public Information Working Group held 30th January 2007

Progress Against Local Initiatives Funded via the Safer Stronger Communities Fund SSCF

The Working Group received a progress report from the Head of Community Safety on initiatives funded via the Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF).

The Working Group noted the report.

Update on the Community Safety Marketing Strategy

The Working Group received a progress report from the Head of Community Safety outlining ongoing projects and proposals.

Following discussion of the report the Working Group agreed that the report be noted and made specific comments on the ongoing work, in partnership with various agencies, to tackle a range of social problems associated with the misuse of alcohol and drugs.

Update on the Publicising of Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs)

The Working Group received a verbal report from the Strategic Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator on the progress towards publicising the details of Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs).

Following consideration of the information submitted, the Working Group endorsed the progress made and requested that an official "launch" be arranged to publicise the action taken.

Regulatory Controls Working Group – 6th March 2007

Progress on the Delivery of the Treatment Plan

The DAAT Manager submitted a report, updating the Working Group in respect of progress made against the final version of the Adult Drug Treatment Plan 2006/2007 that came into effect on 5th April 2006.

A discussion ensued covering aspects of the budget performance for 2006/2007 and the budget for the number of people who were receiving treatment on January 2007.

Following consideration of the report submitted Ms Haywood agreed to circulate the up to date figures in respect of those who received treatment in January 2007 to the Committee Clerk for circulation to Members of the Working Group, and noted the report.

Update on the Drug Intervention Programme

The DAAT Manager presented a report, updating the Working Group on progress made in respect of the Drug Intervention Programme in Dudley.

She explained that the initiative was Home Office funded and was concerned with adult based intervention programmes.

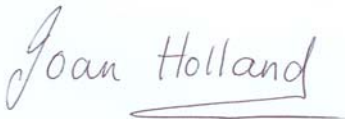
In response to a question Ms Haywood stated that consideration was being given to monitoring of the prolific reconviction rates in

conjunction with the Local Area Agreement.

The Working Group noted the report and requested that further updates on the Drugs Intervention Programme be included in the Work Programme for the Select Committee during 2007/2008.

Update on the Anti Social Behaviour Unit

The Working Group received a verbal update on the present progress with regard to the setting up of an Anti Social Behaviour Unit. During his report, the Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator. He explained the activities that had taken place under phase 1 of the project and advised that phase 2 would see the new staff becoming embedded in their new roles.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Holland". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

.....
Joan Holland
Democratic Services Officer

Contact Officer: Joan Holland, Democratic Services Officer, Directorate of
Law and Property - joan.holland@dudley.gov.uk