

**Select Committee on Community Safety and Community Services**  
**13<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

**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 1998 (CDAR)

**Background**

2. Following the submission of the paper on CDRP reform to the select committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2007, there have been a number of developments.
3. The proposals regarding the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (OSC) and the community calls for action have been put on hold.
4. The draft guidance document for the partnerships has been circulated.
5. The Government new crime strategy has been published.
6. The proposal regarding the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and community calls for action have been 'paused' to allow the Government to consider the findings of the report they have commissioned on policing procedures by Sir Ronnie Flanagan. This report is not due to be published until the end of this year, and as one of the key areas concerns the increased local accountability of the police, it was felt to be inappropriate to develop the processes around OSC's and community call for action until the findings of the report had been duly considered.
7. The Governments draft guidance on the national minimum standards for CDRP's and how to achieve and exceed them, has been published for consultation. The document was circulated to all partners and a collated response was sent to Government by the 23<sup>rd</sup> July deadline. As a result of representation on the national CDRP reform and implementation groups, there are three Dudley case studies included in the document.
8. The Government Crime Strategy 'Cutting Crime – a new partnership 2008 – 2011' has been published. The key elements are:  
The strategy identifies the following seven key areas for everyone involved to focus upon over the next three years:

- **Stronger focus on serious violence:** There will be a new violent crime strategy published towards the end of 2007. A new PSA is proposed for 2008-2011 including specific measures of success for tackling violent crime and sexual offending (expected autumn 2007).
- **Continued pressure on anti-social behaviour:** Includes a fresh drive on the use of supportive interventions like parenting contracts. Government intends to ensure all partnerships achieve the standards of the current best performing ones (how is not stated).
- **Renewed focus on young people:** The new Department for Children, Schools and Families will focus on getting children out of poverty, re-engaging disaffected young people and raising standards. Government will work with ACPO and the YJB to develop a new Youth Crime Strategy<sup>1</sup>.
- **New national approach to designing out crime:** The Government will work with the corporate sector to design crime out of new products and services. The planned national Fraud Strategy will have prevention as the key element.
- **Continuing to reduce re-offending:** The Government will simplify criminal justice processes. DIP and PPO programmes will continue.
- **Greater sense of National partnership:** Key partners are to be brought together on the new National Crime Reduction Board. The Government will develop the role of the Third Sector (Voluntary Services).
- **\*\*\*\*Freeing up local partners, building public confidence:** A new PSA, due in the autumn, will reduce centrally mandated targets, and require greater flexibility to respond to local crime priorities. Three existing performance frameworks on community safety will be merged into APACS (developed in 2007, implementation in 2008/2009). This will be aligned with the new performance framework for Local Authorities. Government intend to become enablers, and less directive. Government will cut red tape. National Standards will be introduced in summer 2007, for inclusion into APACS. Citizens will become better informed regarding local crime issues by ensuring crime information is published in a more accessible way, at a more local level, and more frequently (at least monthly). This will be a police responsibility. The aim is to significantly increase local accountability. Partnerships will be held to account on how well they engage with their communities, to ensure that communities influence local crime and community safety priorities. GOWM will lead for the Government in ensuring local communities wishes are reflected in the LAA. \*\*\*

### **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 April 2008.

### **Equality Impact**

11. This report is in accordance with the council's equality and diversity policy.

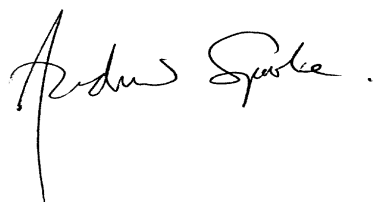
### **Recommendation**

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12. It is recommended that the committee note the information contained in this report.
13. That a further report be brought before the committee whenever further guidance is received. The next publication on the role of OSC's and community calls for action is expected in the New Year.

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<sup>1</sup> The Respect Agenda has been aligned to this new Department

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