

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Monday, 15th June 2006, at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room 3, Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Blood (Chairman)
Councillor Cotterill (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Burston, Mrs Collins, Mrs Dunn, Finch, Harley, Male, Waltho,
C Wilson and Wright.

Officers

Lead Officer to the Committee, Chief Executives Directorate; Director of Law and Property; (for item 6 only), Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic Services
Strategic Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator, Chief Executive's Directorate; Marketing and Communications Officer and Mrs J Holland, Directorate of Law and Property.

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Jordan, the Assistant Director, Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services and the Community Safety Manager.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

3 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the former Select Committee on Community Safety held on 7th March 2006, be approved as a correct record and signed.

4 **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES FOR THIS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE**

It was reported that Councillor Waltho had been appointed to serve as a substitute for Councillor Mrs Jordan for this meeting of the Committee only.

5 TERMS OF REFERENCE, PROTOCOL AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted setting out the Terms of Reference, Protocol and Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, and appendices to the report submitted on the Terms of Reference, Protocol and Rules of Procedure of the Committee be noted.

6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005/06

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted and presented on the Directorate of Law and Property's Equality and Diversity Annual Report for 2005/06.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, and Appendix to the report, submitted on the Directorate of Law and Property's Equality and Diversity Annual Report for 2005/06, be noted.

7 UPDATE ON PUBLICISING ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ORDERS

The Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic Services, in introducing the update, reminded the Committee that the publicising of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBO's) was being coordinated by the Strategic Anti-Social Behaviour Co-Ordinator based within the Community Safety Section of the Chief Executives Directorate. He also commented that Government guidance was supportive of publication of such Orders.

The Strategic Anti-Social Behaviour Co-Ordinator informed the Committee that he and the Cabinet Member for Community Safety had met to discuss the way forward with regard to publication of ASBO's following the submission of a report to the Select Committee by the Chairman of the Children and Young Peoples Working Group. The Cabinet Member had agreed with the proposals put forward and had indicated that he was satisfied with the safeguards that had been built into the proposals.

Following discussion by the Committee, it was

RESOLVED

That following discussions to take place between the Cabinet Member for Community Safety, and the Strategic Anti-Social Behaviour Order Co-Ordinator, a further update on the publicising of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders be made to the Committee.

8 NOMINATION OF WORKING GROUP MEMBERS 2006/07

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on nominations from Members to serve on three working groups of the Committee.

In presenting the report the Lead Officer referred Members to the Chairman's recommended Working Group membership for 2006/2007, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report submitted.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the appointment of the following three working groups of the Committee together with their membership as indicated:-

Working Group on Regulatory Controls

Councillor R Burston (Chairman)
Councillor W Male
Councillor T Wright
Councillor A Finch

Working Group on Partnership Developments

Councillor Mrs J Dunn (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs K Jordan
Councillor P Harley

Working Group on Customer Services and Public Information

Councillor B Cotterill (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs J Collins
Councillor C Wilson

9 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2006/2007

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on the proposed Work Programme of the Committee for 2006/2007, given the updated Terms of Reference of the Committee, and the proposed terms of reference of the working groups attached as Appendix 1 to the report submitted.

In presenting the report the Lead Officer referred the Committee to Appendix 2 of the report regarding the proposals for the working groups and their proposed work programme for 2006/2007.

Following a discussion regarding progress made by the working groups of the former Select Committee on Community Safety in 2005/2006, it was

RESOLVED

1. That the proposals for the work programme for 2006/2007 be agreed in principle and that further discussions on the programme take place when the working groups have had their first meeting and any suggested amendments reported back to the Committee.
2. That the Cabinet Member for Community Safety be invited to attend the first meeting of the Working Group on Partnership Developments to discuss Neighbourhood Policing Policies.

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QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on the performance of the Council in relation to the activities relating to the terms of reference of this Committee for the period 1st October to 31st December 2005.

In presenting the report the Lead Officer explained that the report contained extracts specifically concerned with Community Safety and Community Services for the Quarterly Performance Report submitted to the Cabinet.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, and appendix to the report submitted, be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.10 pm

CHAIRMAN