Brief for Scrutiny

CLEANER, GREENER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Topic to be Scrutinised

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

Questions to be Addressed

- (1) Where is the Partnership now, in terms of effectiveness?
- (2) Can things be done differently & better, especially in light of resource reductions?
- (3) What links are there with wider partnerships and partners? Can these be developed in order to produce positive outcomes?

Outcome

- (1) A safer Borough, free from crime and the fear of crime.
- (2) A re-constituted CDRP, allied to community safety work which is effective and cost-effective.
- (3) Reaffirmation of links between key partners in the delivery of positive outcomes for the Borough.

Background Materials

- (1) Previous audits of community safety in the county as a whole (2008).
- (2) Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill.
- (3) Sustainable Community Strategy.
- (4) Partnership Plan.
- (5) Annual Strategic Assessment 2010-11.

Evidence and Witnesses

- (1) Partner organisations, including responsible authorities.
- (2) Elected Members NBC and SCC, including Cabinet Members.
- (3) Key officers, including Head of Business Improvement and Partnerships, Community Safety Manager and other key officers inside and outside the Borough Council.
- (4) Peer review (to be defined and arranged).
- (5) LAPs Chairs.

Method of Scrutiny

- (1) Task and Finish Group to oversee any review and change process and consisting of chairs of Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Active and Cohesive Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as well as members from those committees and also representative from Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) Consideration of partner evidence and views.
- (3) Consideration of LAPs views.
- (4) Consideration of elected Member views and evidence.
- (5) Input from review panel, made up of representatives from other organisations as part of a peer review process.

Start Date:	September 2011
Dates of Meetings:	TBA
Draft Report:	31 August 2011 (outline report) and follow up reports from T &
	F Groups thereafter
Final Report:	Presented to 9 November 2011
Report to Council:	14 December 2011

Constraints

Partner buy-in to the processes and capacity of all bodies to take part in review processes

Members to Undertake the Scrutiny

Councillor Williams Councillor Mrs Heames Others to be confirmed

Support

Head of Business Improvement & Partnerships Community Safety Manager Chief Executive Community Safety Team

Newcastle Borough Council Corporate Plan Priority area (s)

- Creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough.
- Creating a Borough of opportunity.
- Creating a healthy and active community.
- Transforming our Council to achieve excellence.

CfPS Objectives:

- Provides and critical friend challenge to executive policy makers and decision makers.
- Enables the voice and concerns of the public to be heard.
- Is carried out by independent governors who lead and own the scrutiny role.
- Drives improvement in public services.

Brief Approved by Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

Signed:

Date: