

# RESPONSE TO THE REVIEW OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN COMMUNITY SAFETY AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP

## PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITY: ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGIC HOUSING AND CORPORATE & CUSTOMER SERVICES & HUMAN RESOURCES

CABINET

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### Wards Affected

County-wide

### Purpose

To consider a response to the Community Services Scrutiny Review of Community Engagement with the Community Safety and Drugs Partnership.

### Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

### Recommendation

**THAT the proposed response to the recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Review be approved.**

### Reasons

1. The Review produced a number of recommendations for consideration by the Executive, aimed at improving community engagement with the Community Safety & Drugs Partnership.

### Considerations

2. At its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008 the Community Services Scrutiny Committee concluded a review regarding community engagement in the Herefordshire Community Safety and Drugs Partnership (HCSDP). The Review identified a number of possible improvements to the Partnerships approach to community engagement. The Committee agreed a set of recommendations to be forwarded to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Strategic Housing who has responsibility for HCSDP. A number of the review recommendations (items three, eight and nine specifically) relate to the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Customer Services and Human Resources.
3. A suggested response to the recommendations is set out below with an attached action plan on the implementation of the recommendations.

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Further information on the subject of this report is available from  
Natalia Silver, Head of Economic and Community Services on (01432) 260732

## **Legal Implications**

4. There are no legal requirements.

## **Financial Implications**

5. None immediately arising from the recommendations of this report.

## **Risk Management**

6. The risk that the Community Safety and Drugs Partnership does not fully engage with the Community is mitigated by the actions proposed in response to this review.

## **Alternative Options**

7. To do nothing. This however would fail to deliver improvements in community engagement.

## **Consultees**

Herefordshire Partnership Team / HCSDP Team.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Review of Community Engagement in Community Safety and Drugs Partnership by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee.

Appendix 2 - Action Plan for the delivery of recommendations of the Community Services Scrutiny Review of Community Engagement in Community Safety and Drugs Partnership.

## **Background Papers**

None