

COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRESS REPORT

Report By: Director of Social Care and Strategic Housing

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

1. To advise on the progress made in the work of the Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership.

Financial Implications

2. All the activity is supported by agreed contributions by the Council and partner stakeholders, alongside dedicated funding for community safety initiatives.

Considerations

3. The Community Safety Partnership has, ahead of Government requirements, merged with the Drug Action Team. This has already produced added value in commitment and joint endeavour. The Partnership does form part of the Herefordshire Plan work and as such reports as an ambition group.
4. The progress is outlined in the attached report by the Community Safety Co-ordinator (Appendix 1).
5. The targets are being met effectively apart from vehicle crime. The achievability of this target has been acknowledged by Government to be problematic.
6. The capacity to deliver the performance management requirements regionally and nationally is an issue outlined. The requirements are considerable and the Partnership is trying to find a more creative way of managing this by the dedicated officers circulating analysis for the membership to respond and amend as appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT progress be noted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Report on the Plan to Social Care and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee – 2 October 2003
- Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership Annual Report April 2002 to March 2003