

REVIEW:	Community Engagement in Herefordshire Community Safety and Drugs Partnership	
Committee:	Community Services Scrutiny Committee	Chair:
Lead support officer:	Natalia Silver, Head of Economic and Community Services	

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Terms of Reference

The objectives of this review:

- To understand the mechanism in which communities currently engage in the Herefordshire Community Safety and Drugs Partnership.
- To look at models of engagement in other merged partnerships through desk research and interviews in relevant parties, e.g. Government Office and best practice elsewhere.
- To recommend ways, if required, of enhancing community engagement that is effective for the partnership and productive for the community in addressing local crime.
- To align these recommendations with national and regional guidance and practices.

Desired outcomes

- To gain an understanding of current practice for community engagement in Herefordshire Community Safety and Drugs Partnership.
- For community engagement to address the issue of perceptions of crime and contribute to address key issues of community safety impacting on the County.
- To recommend ways of enhancing community engagement if required, and methods of promoting that engagement to enable local delivery of community safety.

Key questions

- How are communities able to engage in the work of HCSDP?
- How are the opportunities for engagement promoted?
- What influence does the consultation and involvement of the community have in influencing strategy or local activity?
- What, if any, are the barriers to communities becoming involved, influencing and shaping community safety policy and activity?
- How does the engagement of community marry with national and regional guidance in operating Herefordshire Community Safety and Drugs Partnership?
- Are there other areas of good practice that can be used in Herefordshire?
- What are the best mechanisms for community engagement considering resources available, relevance to the work of the HCSDP and best utilisation of individuals / communities time?

Corporate Plan Priorities

Stronger and Safer Communities

Timetable (some of the facilities are only open seasonally and will influence the time table)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Timescale</i>
Agree approach, programme of consultation/research/provisional witnesses/dates (first meeting with members)	June 08
Collect current available data	July to August 08
Analysis of data	September 08
Final confirmation of interviews of witnesses	July / August / September 08
Carry out programme of interviews	September / October 08
Update to Scrutiny Committee	To be confirmed
Final analysis of data and witness evidence	November 08

Prepare options/recommendations	December 08
Present Final report to Scrutiny Committee	January 09
Present options/recommendations to Cabinet	February 09
Cabinet response	March 09
Implementation of agreed recommendations	April 09 onwards
Members	Support Officers
	Officer from Community Safety