

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## REPORT TO: Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee

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**Date of Meeting:** 6 January 2011  
**Report of:** Tony Potts  
**Subject/Title:** PCSO Service Level Agreement

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### **1.0 Report Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on the current situation in relation to the proposed service level agreement, between the Safer Cheshire East Partnership and Cheshire Constabulary, in relation to the funding of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO)

### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 To comment on the update and make recommendations

### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 Inform members of the current financial situation in order that they can understand and accept the reasons for the lack of progress in developing the SLA.

### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 All

### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 All

### **6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health**

- 6.1 N/A

### **7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)**

- 7.1 None

### **8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)**

- 8.1 The Safer Cheshire East Partnership had proposed to contribute 188,800 from 2010 for 3 years, however due to the comprehensive spending review, and the uncertainty around future funding, until the finite details of this exercise are known, no commitment can be given at this stage.

## **9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)**

- 9.1 None, subject to the comments of the scrutiny committee.

## **10.0 Risk Management**

- 10.1 The partnership is currently assessing the impact of the comprehensive spending review and the impact this will have upon the area based grant. This will obviously change the way services are administered and will affect this initiative and other existing commitments, after 2010.

## **11.0 Background and Options**

- 11.1 The Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee considered a report from the community safety manager on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010, which set out the proposals for the funding of 16 PCSOs, and the various grant schemes these would come from.
- 11.2 The committee made recommendations to the Portfolio Holder in relation to deployment and management, and this was to be considered, and report back to the committee at a later date.
- 11.3 However, since this meeting announcements have been made by government following the comprehensive spending review in how funding for the safer cheshire east partnership will continue in the future. As funding for these posts comes from 2 main funding streams, the area based grant, and second homes taxation.
- 11.4 Until the final detail of this is known, and the outcome that relates to the wider home office funding for PCSOs, both parties have agreed not to progress the SLA at this stage.

## **12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues**

- 12.1 N/A

## **13.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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