

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## CABINET

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<b>Date of meeting:</b>	7 October
<b>Report of:</b>	Places Workstream
<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Cllr Brian Silvester
<b>Title:</b>	Cheshire East Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

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### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To support the establishment of a shadow Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) for Cheshire East from October 2008, involving the other Responsible Authorities (Police, Police Authority, Fire Authority, Primary Care Trust, Probation Service) named in the relevant legislation. This will ensure that Cheshire East will be compliant with the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act and the 2006 Police and Justice Act, and that the transition to the new authority does not compromise current effective partnership work on reducing crime and disorder.

### **2.0 Decision Required**

- 2.1 To direct officers to establish a shadow CDRP for the new authority in advance of the 1 April deadline. This will ensure continuity of service, effective use of resources and the confidence of partner agencies named above, as well as other co-operating bodies such as the Youth Offending Team, Drug Action Team the Community and Voluntary sector, housing commissioners and providers and others.

### **3.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs**

- 3.1 The establishment of the shadow CDRP will be supported by re-prioritising existing officer time and no specific transitional costs are anticipated.

### **4.0 Financial Implications for 2009/10 and beyond**

- 4.1 Work to establish the current local authority costs of delivering community safety services is under way. This will include the community safety elements of the Government's Area Based Grant to Cheshire East for 09-11 and will inform a budget setting exercise for the partnership in early 2009.

### **5.0 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 Establishing a CDRP for Cheshire East is a statutory obligation for the named Responsible Authorities, which includes the new Cheshire East Authority. This will require a Constitution and Terms of Reference to be developed and compliance with new legislation in regard to Community Call to Action and other statutory duties in the 2006 Police and Justice Act.

## 6.0 Risk Assessment

- 6.1 Work to date has identified the following risks to Cheshire East from 1 April 2009
- Failure to establish key problem solving and case management functions in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour; Prolific and Priority Offenders; addressing hotspots for crime and disorder; identifying emerging community safety problems.
  - Failure to comply with the 1998 and 2006 Acts
  - Loss of confidence and engagement with key health and criminal justice partners
  - Inability to respond to Comprehensive Area Assessment and related inspection regimes
  - Inability to respond to the concerns of residents, elected members and community groups about crime and disorder in Cheshire East
- 6.2 Establishing a shadow CDRP from October 2008 will signal leadership and provide robust partnership working arrangements to address the risks set out above

## 7.0 Background and Options

- 7.1 Legislation and relevant inspection regimes clearly expect leadership and partnership working on crime and disorder to be established at the Cheshire East level and therefore there will be one CDRP for Cheshire East. Early consideration will have to be given as to how Cheshire East's community safety and area/neighbourhood working arrangements can be brought together to ensure elected member and resident involvement in raising issues and solving problems.
- 7.2 There is some scope for continuing joint working with local authorities in Cheshire West and Chester, Halton and Warrington on specific issues where there are economies of scale, for example crime mapping.
- 7.3 A Shadow CDRP for Cheshire East will continue to consult and engage with the existing CDRPs in Macclesfield, Congleton and Crewe and Nantwich for the remainder of 2008-09.

## Overview of Day One, Year One and Term One Issues

- 8.1 **Day One:** Cheshire East will require a Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy based on Strategic Assessment of crime and disorder in Cheshire East. This will need to address as a minimum: alcohol harm reduction; domestic abuse; prolific offending; anti-social behaviour; community concerns and information sharing.
- 8.2 The authority will also need to ensure that that current problem solving and case management arrangements with police and key partners are not affected by the transition. Cheshire East will be the accountable body for the 'safer, stronger' elements of the Area Based Grant from Central Government, which would be in the region of £447,000 in 09-10, and will therefore need to agree a budget and spending plan with partners.
- 8.3 Ensure that partnership work supports the effective transition of operational community safety services including CCTV, Anti-Social Behaviour and Domestic Abuse
- 8.4 **Year One/Term One:** Maintain current effective practice while developing new area/neighbourhood working arrangements and establishing effective working arrangements with Police, Probation, Fire and Rescue Service, Primary Care Trusts and other key partners. Successfully engage and inform the Comprehensive Area Assessments and any other inspection regimes, thus contributing positively to the assessment and reputation of the new authority in developing safer communities.

## **9.0 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 9.1 This recommendation will establish a new Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership that retains the most effective strategic and operational arrangements from the three existing CDRPs. This will allow Cheshire East to be compliant with legislation and inspection regimes in 2009-11. It will also demonstrate leadership from the new authority in this key policy area, will develop high quality relationships with key partners and facilitate new ways of problem solving with communities.
- 9.2 This recommendation is supported by the CDRP Task Group and the Places Advisory Group.

### ***For further information:-***

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### ***Background Documents:-***

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