

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting:	25 March 2010
Report of:	The Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title:	Draft Protocol Between the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee and the Safer Cheshire East Partnership

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee approve the draft protocol, which sets out the mutual expectations of Scrutiny Members and partners in connection with the involvement of the Committee in the community safety scrutiny process.

2.0 Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 In order to ensure that the Councils statutory responsibilities in respect of the scrutiny of community safety matters are discharged.

3.0 Wards Affected

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 Local Ward Members

- 4.1 N/A

5.0 Policy Implications

- 5.1 There appear to be no policy implications

6.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 6.1 There appear to be no financial implications for Transitional Costs

7.0 Financial Implications 2010/2011 and beyond

- 7.1 There appear to be no identifiable financial implications for 2010/2011 and beyond.

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 There appear to be no legal implications

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 There appear to be no risks associated with approving this protocol. It would provide clarity for officers and Members in relation to the scrutiny of community safety matters.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 The Council has designated the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee as the Committee to discharge the Council's responsibilities for crime and disorder functions in accordance with Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.
- 10.2 At its meeting held on 17 December 2009, Council resolved that the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee be requested to develop a protocol which sets out the mutual expectations of scrutiny partners in connection with the involvement of the Scrutiny Committee in the community safety scrutiny process. A draft protocol is now attached for Members consideration.
- 10.3 At that meeting it was also resolved that, Cheshire Police Authority be informed that the Council supports the appointment of a Police Authority representative to the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee, in accordance with option 2 as contained in the Home Office Guidance on Sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006. The Police Authority has now appointed an expert advisor to the Committee.

12.0 Access to Information

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

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