

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## REPORT TO: Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee

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**Date of Meeting:** 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010  
**Report of:** Tony Potts  
**Subject/Title:** PCSO Service Level Agreement

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### **1.0 Report Summary**

- 1.1 The report sets out a proposed service level agreement, between the Safer Cheshire East Partnership and Cheshire Constabulary, in relation to the funding of 16 Police Community Support Officers (PCSO)

### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 To comment on the draft proposal, and make recommendations (Appendix A)

### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 Inform members of the proposal to allow sufficient opportunity to make comments, and recommendations that may be incorporated into the document.

### **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 Safer Cheshire East Partnership will contribute £11,800 per PCSO, which for 16 amounts to 188,800 from 2010 for 3 years

## **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 recent phase of government cuts has seen a reduction in the revenue budget of 26k, for 2010/11 and previous "Ring fenced" budgets have now been opened up.
- 10.2 The partnership is currently assessing the impact of this, and how it may affect delivery of both this initiative and other existing commitments. It is rumoured that the area based grant will cease from 2011, currently this is 322K

## **11.0 Background and Options**

- 11.1 The Safer Cheshire East Partnership has inherited funding from the former borough councils of Crewe, Macclesfield and Congleton in relation to community safety.
- 11.2 These legacy authorities had, over the previous 3 years committed funding towards the PCSOs, under a service level agreement, and these agreements come to an end, in March 2010.
- 11.3 The funding for these posts comes from 2 main funding streams, The area based grant, and second homes taxation, to which the council collect on behalf of the Police and Fire service and then re allocate this to services and areas identified by them, in this case the PCSO scheme.
- 11.4 The funding is broken down as follows:

Second Homes Taxation 11 PCSOs at 11,800 each = 129,800

Area Based Grant                      5 PCSOs at 11,800 each = 59,800

Total = 188,800

Cheshire East council is the responsible body for receiving these grants, and makes payments as requested by the Safer Cheshire East Partnership.

The Safer Cheshire East Partnership has agreed to fund the PCSO scheme, for a further 3 year period.

## **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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