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**REPORT TO:** HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

**AGENDA ITEM:**

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Crime and Disorder  
Audit 2004

**SUBJECT:** CRIME AND DISORDER  
PARTNERSHIP - AUDIT FINDINGS

**REF:**

**WARD(S) AFFECTED:** ALL

**TERMS OF REFERENCE:** HCS07

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### **1.0 Recommendations**

1.1 Members note the Audit and provide feedback to the South Derbyshire Crime and Disorder Partnership.

### **2.0 Purpose of Report**

2.1 To present the South Derbyshire Crime and Disorder Audit to Members and request their comments which will be used in the development of the 2005-2008 Crime and Disorder Strategy.

### **3.0 Detail**

3.1 The Crime and Disorder Act (1998) placed a statutory responsibility on Crime and Disorder Partnerships to produce every three years an audit of local crime and disorder. This Audit would facilitate a public consultation to be followed by the publication of a three-year Strategy aimed at reducing crime in the area.

3.2 Since the introduction of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act, the Partnership has produced two Audits in 1998/9 and 2001 respectively. Working with colleagues from the Safer Derbyshire Partnership (Performance and Information Team), the Partnership has now produced its third Audit ready for public consultation.

3.3 The Audit has been authorised for publication and Members are now provided with copies for their consideration.

3.4 The consultation will last for two months and will be a comprehensive and wide ranging process that will include statutory agencies, voluntary sector and 'hard to reach' groups such as young people, ethnic minorities and the wider community.

- 3.5 The Audit will be mainly promoted through the 'Teamwork' newsletter giving a summary of the Audit. These will include a return slip to encourage as much comment as possible from the community. Copies of the actual audit document will be circulated to the main public and private sector organisations and will also be available on the 'Safer Derbyshire' website which hosts all information and documentation about the Partnership.
- 3.6 Officers will also undertake presentations at Area Committees, public meetings, local crime reduction groups meetings etc and liaison with the local media will be undertaken.
- 3.7 In terms of the voluntary sector and 'hard to reach' groups, the South Derbyshire Council for Voluntary Service have been commissioned to undertake the consultation which will include focus group work. In addition, Derbyshire County Council Consultation Forum will undertake a countywide consultation with older people, young people, people with a disability, travellers and housebound people.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The cost of the Audit and Strategy preparation is approximately £15,000, which is being funded equally by the District Council, the Police and Derbyshire County Council. The format of the Audit is being designed by the Safer Derbyshire Partnership and printed by Derbyshire County Council, whereby, reducing the overall cost of design and publication.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 The work of the Crime and Disorder Partnership is significantly contributing to the Council Comprehensive Performance Assessment as well as encouraging more joint working across Council departments which leads to a more efficient and effective delivery of services.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

- 6.1 The work of the Partnership is having a positive impact on the lives of local people with less burglaries and car crime already resulting from focussed work.
- 6.2 In some communities local people are being engaged in the Partnership's work and this will continue to be a focus for future work of the Partnership at the same time providing qualitative information for the Audit process.

#### **7.0 Conclusions**

- 7.1 The production of the Crime and Disorder Audit meets the Councils and Partnerships statutory duty and will provide qualitative and quantitative based evaluation of what are the community safety problems in South Derbyshire. This will form the basis for the development of a three-year crime reduction strategy but requires a thorough public consultation to ensure that the Strategy addresses the concerns of local people and encourages their involvement. The view of the Council and its Members are imperative in that process.

#### **8.0 Background Papers**

- 8.1 Crime and Disorder Files CD1 – 16.