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SUBJECT:	CRIME AND DISORDER AUDIT	REF: SB/LJW
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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 Members note the Audit and provide feedback to the Community and Leisure Development Manager for a report to come to the next Committee for a formal Council response.
- 1.2 The Councils shared cost of publishing the Audit and Strategy, approx. £1 500 is funded from salary savings from the vacant Partnership Development Officer post.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To present the South Derbyshire Crime and Disorder Audit to Members and request their consideration and comment for a future report.

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 The first Audit and Strategy were produced in 1998/9 and the South Derbyshire Crime and Disorder Partnership has now produced the 2001 Audit ready for public consultation.
- 3.3 The Audit was authorised for publication by the Partnership Strategic Group on 27 September 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 leaflets 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 Council's website.

- 3.6 Officers will also undertake presentations at Area Committees, public meetings, partnership 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.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The cost of the Audit and Strategy preparation is approximately £14,000, which is being funded mainly by Derbyshire Police with further contributions from the Derbyshire County Council Public Service Agreement. The cost of printing, approximately £4,500 of the total, will be split between the District Council, County Council and Police.
- 4.2 Currently there is no budget allocation to fund the Councils contribution of £1,500 as the costs of the Audit process were not included in the budget setting process last year. To fund the cost it is suggested that employee cost savings for the £1,500 from the previously vacant Partnership and Development Officer are transferred to the Crime and Disorder budget.

5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 The production of the Crime and Disorder Audit meets the Councils and Partnerships statutory duty and will provide a 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 views of the Council and its Members are imperative in that process

6.0 Background Papers

- 6.1 Files CD.8.1 to CD.8.10.