ROCHFORD CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION STRATEGY 2002/05 - DRAFT

1 SUMMARY

1.1 To apprise Members of the updated sixth draft Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2002/05 following consultation and subsequent amendments made with partnership agency's consent. (Appendix 1).

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 In November 2001 Members of the Community Safety Sub-Committee were apprised of the fourth draft strategy containing a summary of key objectives and actions.
- 2.2 Members were informed that the objectives and actions would be subject to alteration following a review by all the partnership agencies in preparation for its finalisation and agreement.
- 2.3 The objectives and actions have been amended and await final agreement through the Rochford District Crime and Disorder Partnership.

3 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Consultation with all the partnership agencies as well as through wider public consultation such as schools, residential homes, voluntary organisations etc has led to changes being made to the objectives and actions.
- 3.2 Much of the feedback from other agencies has been to acknowledge its soundness and to offer partnership support. Some agencies, such as the Education Welfare Service have expressed concern over the lack of further detail with certain points. This has been acknowledged and any areas of further clarification will be included within the larger document.
- 3.3 Following an analysis of the public audit it became clear that burglary is still the top of public concern. In response to this the Rochford Crime and Disorder Partnership decided to make 'fear of crime' an additional primary objective.
- 3.4 The most apparent changes have been made through further consultation with the Police at Rayleigh Division.

- 3.5 The Police have requested that many of the actions led by themselves be reworded to fall in line with their Divisional Plan. Some changes were simply to add, delete or change the order of lead agencies. Other changes were to add to or improve upon the performance measurements. For example, performance measurements were added to points two and three of the Primary Objective 'Road Safety'. Throughout the whole document improvements have been made to those performance measurements that were considered to be too vague.
- 3.6 The finalised version of the strategy will be reported to full Council in due course.

4 **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The Partnership will be involved in seeking funding to achieve implications.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The production of a new Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy for Rochford District by April 2002 is a statutory requirement in terms of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

6 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

6.1 As detailed within the contents of the draft strategy.

7 RECOMMENDATION

7.1 It is proposed that this Committee **RECOMMENDS**

That the Council accepts the objectives, and actions within, in the new strategy prior to finalisation through the Rochford District Crime and Disorder Partnership and then onto Full Council. (CEx)

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