

## **STAR PARTNERSHIP**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report updates Members on the work undertaken by the STAR Partnership, in accordance with the decision taken by the Policy and Finance Committee at its meeting in July.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 At that meeting, Members agreed to fund the STAR Partnership for a further two year period, commencing in October 2004. The level of contribution was agreed at £18,000 per annum. As well as agreeing to help fund the Partnership until 2006, Members also requested that it report into this Committee on a regular basis; hence this report.
- 2.2 The report was originally scheduled to be considered by this Committee in December but unfortunately, the Project's Partnership Coordinator, Mr Russ McLean, was unable to attend due to illness. The report was thus deferred.
- 2.3 Members did ask at the December meeting whether the STAR Partnership would consider re-naming itself as the "Rochford District Council STAR Partnership". However, it should be noted that the District Council is not the Partnership's principal funding agency and such renaming could well impact on the Partnership's ability to attract funds from elsewhere.

### **3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 Attached as appendices to this report is the December update from the Partnership on progress to date. Mr Russ McLean, the Partnership Coordinator, will be attending the meeting to respond to any Members' queries and to elaborate on the STAR's views on the Council's suggestion in connection with the renaming of the Partnership.

### **4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Council funds the STAR Partnership from the Crime and Disorder Strategy reserve. Details of the Council's funding commitment are given in paragraph 2.1 above.

**5 RECOMMENDATION**

5.1 It is proposed that this Committee **RESOLVES**

To note the STAR Partnership's progress to date. (CE)

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**Background Papers**

None

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