
ROCHFORD CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP – THE NEW STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND PARTNERSHIP PLAN

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report introduces the new Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan for endorsement prior to approval by the Rochford Crime and Disorder Partnership and submission to the Government Office.

2 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

Background

- 2.1 Following on from the Police and Justice Act 2006, and as outlined to the Executive Board in November (378/2008), Crime and Disorder Partnerships from 2008/2009 have to have completed Strategic Assessments of their area and produced Annual Partnership Plans, both of which are to be reviewed and rolled forward on an annual basis. This approach replaces the previous system, which required a Partnership to produce a Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy every three years.
- 2.2 The new approach is still bedding down and across Essex, each of the Crime and Disorder Partnerships are now finalising their Strategic Assessments and Partnership Plans for submission to Government.
- 2.3 A Steering Group, working on behalf of the Rochford Crime and Disorder Partnership, is now finalising both documents for consideration and approval by the Rochford Crime and Disorder Partnership in early April.

Current Position

- 2.4 As one of the key Partners on the Crime and Disorder Partnership, both the Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan are brought before this meeting of the Executive Board for consideration and endorsement. Both documents will be dispatched to Members' under separate cover in due course.
- 2.5 The Strategic Assessment is the result of a comprehensive analysis of relevant data within Rochford District. It has brought together information from a variety of sources. On the basis of that analysis, it sets out priorities for inclusion in the Annual Partnership Plan.
- 2.6 The Partnership Plan sets out areas for action in the light of those priorities. It will be underpinned by a series of detailed action planning documents with 'SMART' (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely) targets which are still being developed.
- 2.7 The Rochford District Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership has been extremely successful to date in terms of overachieving against the targets set

and it is hoped that through this new process that success will continue. However, it is acknowledged that the current very high percentage reduction being achieved cannot be sustained over the long term, given the relatively low crime base level reported.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The actions contained in the Plan are supported by specific funding given to the local Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership amounting to revenue support of £73,384 per year for the next three years.
- 3.2 There will also be a capital allocation per Partnership, although this is the subject of further discussion between the County Council and the Districts as to the actual amount and whether that funding would be better transferred into revenue spend, rather than capital, and whether it would have a greater impact pooled (through economies of scale) between the Partnerships rather than simply given to each Partnership. This funding is passported to the District's Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership via the Local Area Agreement process.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Board **RESOLVES** to endorse the emerging Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan being presented to the Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

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Background Papers:-

None

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