

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the **Community Safety Sub-Committee** held on **19 November 2001** when there were present:

Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn – Chairman

Cllr Mrs R Brown  
Cllr D R Helson

Cllr Mrs M Vince  
Cllr R E Vingoe

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Amner, Mrs J E Ford, R A Pearson and Mrs M J Webster.

**SUBSTITUTES**

Councillor T Livings

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Mrs H Drye – Corporate Policy Manager  
S Garland – Community Safety Officer  
A Wyatt – Committee Administrator  
Representing Essex Police – Inspector Ian Kennedy

**207 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 November 2001 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to it being noted that Inspector Ian Kennedy – representing Essex Police – had attended the Meeting and also with an amendment to the Recommendation for Minute 199 – ‘Rochford District Crime Statistics’ to read:-

**RECOMMENDED**

That advice on crime statistics be deferred for detailed information and explanation to be provided for the next available Meeting of the Community Safety Sub Committee, with a standard item ‘Police Report’ being added to all future Agenda for Community Safety Sub-Committee.

**208. ROCHFORD CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION STRATEGY  
2002/005 – DRAFT**

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive which apprised Members of the new draft Rochford Crime and Disorder

Reduction Strategy 2002/5 and sought Members' comments on the draft proposals.

During line by line analysis of the draft Strategy, the following points were made:-

**Primary Objective 1 – Crime Reduction**

No 3.- Add Parish Council to lead agency list.

No 5. - Amend Action to read 'Set year 1(2002 – 2003) targets for percentage increase in detection'.

No. 6 - Add Parish to lead agency list. It was further considered that the Parishes involvement in crime reduction measures should be brought out in the body of the report relating to the Crime & Disorder Reduction Strategy, stating that the District Council and Parish Council undertook a number of initiatives with respect to reducing opportunities for criminals.

No. 8 – It was considered that all victims of a violent crime should be referred to Victim Support scheme and it was therefore agreed that the action should be amended to read – “Ensure all victims of violent crime are referred to victim support scheme”, with a performance measure being the percentage of victims of violent crime referred to Victim Support scheme.

No. 10 – Amend action to read 'set year 1(2002/2003) targets to increase detection for violent crimes'.

No. 14 – It was noted that the District and Parish Council initiatives to improve street lighting in car parks was seen as a security measure.

No. 17 – It was noted that this action crossed the boundaries with the terms of reference for the Planning Policy Sub-Committee, with both sub committee's working to design out crime on planning applications.

Item 18 – It was noted that Home Office funding in relation to neighbourhood/street wardens was due to be subject to amendment and that allocation of funds would no longer be directly related to the most deprived areas. It was hoped that resource could be forthcoming to the District as a result.

No. 19 – It was noted that the diversionary projects used by the Rayleigh Police Division were actually undertaken in Castle Point Borough at Appleton School.

No. 21 – Amend action to read – 'Target areas which show an above average incidence of vandalism'.

No. 23 – Amend time scale to read – ‘Review in December 2002’.

No. 24 – Amend time scale to read – ‘Review by December 2002’.

No. 25 – It was noted that the church and voluntary sector could provide valuable help in identifying vulnerable members of the community.

No. 28 – Amend action to read – ‘Continue to improve security measures in private dwellings’.

No. 30 – It was considered that the National Farmers Union should be consulted on any matters relating to crime within rural communities.

No. 32 – Amend time scale to read – ‘Review by December 2002’.

No. 35 – It was noted that “Thames Corridor Focus Panel” dealt with issues relating to homophobia.

**Primary Objective 2 – Road Safety**

No. 2 – Add to Actions “...e.g. Kill your Speed campaign”.

No. 3 – Add to lead agency ‘Essex County Council’.

**Primary Objective 3 – Substance Misuse**

No. 2 – Amend times scale to read – ‘Review annually’.

No. 6 – Add to action point “...(this also applies to a number of primary objectives including the sale of knives, etc.”.

**Primary Objective 4 – Domestic Violence**

No. 8 – Add to actions “...and initiatives, and monitor and review.”.

No. 13 – Delete.

**Primary Objective 5 – Quality of Life**

No. 6 – It was noted that the 57 South Street project was not open as often as Members had originally envisaged and it should form part of the evaluation process for the project.

No. 7 – It was agreed that the heading – Youth Offending Team would be investigated as it was the belief of some that it was in fact the Youth Offender Team.

Amend performance measure to read – ‘Continue to develop, promote, and support appropriate partnerships’.

Further to consideration of the schedule, Members agreed that a key to the abbreviations used in the Strategy should be added to the document for ease of reference, and it was

**RECOMMENDED**

That, subject to the comments outlined above, the objectives and actions within the new strategy for Crime and Disorder Reduction be accepted prior to wider consultation to include the Crime and Disorder Partnership. (CPM)

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman

Date