

Community Safety Action Plan August 2004 Update

Best Value Review – Community Safety Action Plan

Action	Timescale	August 2004 Update
Addressing fear of crime		
Challenge media sensationalism of crime by promoting the relatively low levels experienced in the District <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through provision of information to residents in Neighbourhood Watch (NW) newsletters Provide advice and information sessions to community groups, particularly those vulnerable to crime, including young people By promoting positive images of young people in the community 	<p>Quarterly Newsletter</p> <p>As required. 15-20 Sessions per year</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p><i>The Summer edition has been published and distributed.</i></p> <p><i>The unit has presented to the Rochford Rotary and the WI. The Council's mobile unit has been used and there has been a week of 'Crucial Crew' involving 100 sessions for 1000 children.</i></p> <p><i>Working with the Youth Service to develop an agreed approach to this. This also ties in with the Action Plan already agreed by Council in relation to the Youth Service and Facilities</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being proactive with local media in promoting good news stories relating to community safety, including use of Rochford District Matters (RDM) 	Ongoing	<i>Ongoing - RDM continues to carry a Community Safety Page</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage zero tolerance to 'Hate Crime' and encourage people to report it to the Police by delivery of the Hate Crime Initiatives. 	Ongoing	<i>A Hate Crime manual is in the process of being updated by the Association of Chief Police Officers. Since January 2004, there have been a total of 11 racial incidents reported to the police in the RDC area. 4 from Rayleigh, 1 Wallasea, 4 Rochford and 2 Hockley. During this time there were no homophobic incidents reported in the RDC area.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information and advice such as leaflets and website updates on how people can reduce their vulnerability to crime such as graffiti, vandalism, litter, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, decriminalisation of car parking 	Ongoing	<i>Campaigns since the Spring on domestic violence and road safety</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record incidents of Crime and Disorder nuisance problems as reported to Rochford District Council to help identify trends and to be used to support Partnership initiatives when required. 	Completed and ongoing	<i>Since the last update there have been 20 new cases that required ongoing attention. These have largely been in connection with youth nuisance and anti-social behaviour.</i>

Support for victims of crime by supporting intermediaries		
Provide financial support to intermediaries from the crime and disorder reserve where there are opportunities to extend the support given to victims of crime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide funding to Victim Support to provide additional support 	2003/04	<i>Funding available for Victim Support through the Basic Command Unit funding within Essex Police.</i>
Rochford District Council working together to improve community safety		
Continue to mainstream community safety in all aspects of the Councils work, to ensure activity is 'joined up' and consistent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate induction to Community Safety 	2003/04	<i>Community Safety has now been integrated into the Council staff induction procedure.</i>