

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW GROUP REPORT - STREETS SAFE**

**CABINET RESPONSE AND ACTION PLAN**

Review Recommendations		Cabinet Response		Implementation	
		Agreed?	Comments	Responsibility	Timescale
1.	That the Council formally support the StreetSafe initiative.	Agreed	The StreetSafe initiative contributes directly to Sedgefield Borough Council's corporate objectives relating to promoting safer neighbourhoods.	Glyn Hall	Complete
2.	That SBC's contribution and commitment to StreetSafe be endorsed.	Agreed	The Environment and Community Safety budget for 2005/06, which contributes to the StreetSafe agenda, totalled £814,000. Involvement in StreetSafe initiatives and lead role in co-ordinating work of Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership confirms strategic relevance of service.	Glyn Hall (Service Director and Chair of C&DRP)	Complete

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3.	That SBC develop its own Community Safety Strategy, taking into account its 'Section 17' responsibilities for crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour.	Agreed	<p>A Performance Review of Community Safety will be undertaken in 2006, which will contribute to the development of a Section 17 Strategy for Sedgfield Borough Council.</p> <p><i>This review is not yet complete as following discussions with the Audit Commission its scope has been extended and will involve dedicated Audit Commission input. Review will now be complete summer of 2007.</i></p> <p><i>Further work on the preparation of a Borough Council Strategy has been postponed as it has been absorbed within the LGR Workstream for Community Safety under the new county Durham Unitary Authority.</i></p>	D.Scarr	<p>Sept. 2006</p> <p>August 2007</p> <p>April,2008</p>
4.	That SBC considers ways to ensure sustainable funding is allocated to achieve the objectives of the scheme.	Agreed	Mainstreaming of all Neighbourhood Warden posts has taken place. Continue emphasis on partnership working.	D.Scarr	Complete Ongoing
5.	That the Council continues to support and actively promote a partnership approach to meeting our shared aims around crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour.	Agreed	Sedgfield Borough Council should continue to play a leading strategic role in the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.	<p>Glyn Hall (Chair of C&amp;DRP)</p> <p>See comment on 3 above</p>	Ongoing

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6.	That local targets be developed by the StreetSafe Partnership, which are consistent with national targets, in order to measure success and effectiveness.	Agreed	<p>Work is being undertaken on development of workable definitions and recording practices around anti-social behaviour.</p> <p><i>National Incident Recording Standards for recording ASB have now been set. All partners Nationally, County and at District Levels will be using the same standards. This will enable us to define what our problems truly are and how often and where they are accruing. The Intervention and Disciplinary system for Juveniles has already adopted these recording standards and is working well. The final and most important development will be the implementation of the (CRM) Customer Relations Management system within Sedgefield.</i></p> <p><i>Anti Social Behaviour recording is scheduled to go live with the CRM in mid 2008 this will assist in understanding the overall problem and will enable more effective targeting. It is however, likely that because of the more sophisticated method of recording incidents, that the reported events will significantly increase.</i></p>	H. Dent	<p>Sept, 2006</p> <p>July 2007</p> <p>April, 2008</p>

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7.	That the Area Forum Review Group be requested to consider how Area Forums could be used as a means to raise awareness of the StreetSafe initiative and help engage with local communities in order to support its aims.	Agreed	The Area Forum Review Group gave consideration to this recommendation within its final report.	D.Anderson	Complete