

# Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

3 April 2014

## Multi-Agency Problem Solving Groups Review



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### Report of Rachael Shimmin, Corporate Director Children and Adult Services

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#### Purpose of the Report

1. To provide the Safer Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with background information in advance of a presentation on the review of Multi-Agency Problem Solving Groups in County Durham.

#### Background

2. At its meeting on 25 February 2014, Members of the Committee considered the Safe Durham Partnership update which included information on the review of Multi-Agency Problem Solving Groups and that consultation was to take place with partner agencies. Members subsequently requested that this be included within the Committee's work programme.
3. The update report informed Members that there was to be focused on adults through a case management process and to enable representatives from the council, police and other agencies to work together in one place using a single and effective approach.
4. The aim of the presentation will be to provide Members with an overview of this approach to deliver Multi-agency problem solving groups and consultation that is currently being undertaken with partner agencies.

#### Recommendation

Members are requested to note information contained within the presentation and comment accordingly.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance – None**

**Staffing – None**

**Risk - None**

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None**

**Accommodation - None**

**Crime and Disorder –** Activity of multi-agency problem solving groups includes reducing crime and disorder within County Durham

**Human Rights – None**

**Consultation –** Information within presentation is linked to consultation on a review of Multi-Agency Problem Solving Groups.

**Procurement – None**

**Disability Issues – None**

**Legal Implications – None**