

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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The City Safety Group



Joint Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive and Terry Collins, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members of the Committee with information in advance of a presentation from Terry Collins, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services on activity undertaken by the City Safety Group.

Background

2. The City Safety Group comprises of Durham County Council, Durham Constabulary, Durham University, Durham Students' Union and Durham Cathedral. Chaired by Terry Collins, the group was set up in January 2015 to enable all the agencies involved could work even more closely to improve safety in the city, including riverside safety.
3. One of the most significant actions of the City Safety Group was the commissioning of a full independent review by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) of riverside safety in the city centre. The review took into account education programmes for students and relationships with the licenced trade as well as the provision of lighting, physical barriers and the quality of footpaths.
4. The presentation to the Committee's meeting will focus on the work of the City Safety Group and its response to the independent review of riverside safety. In addition, the presentation will also provide Members with information on work that has been carried out to date and that will be carried out in the future.

Recommendation

5. Members of the Committee are asked to note information contained within the report and presentation and comment accordingly.

Background Papers

None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None

Staffing – None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder – None

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – None