

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PLACES**

15 July 2015

**Review of the Impact of Funding Cuts on Community Safety in
Derbyshire**

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform Members of the scope of a review of the impact of funding cuts on community safety in Derbyshire

2 Information

This Committee, at its meeting on 20 May, agreed a number of reviews for its work programme, one of which was a review of the impact of funding cuts on community safety in Derbyshire. The Cabinet Member and Strategic Director for Health and Communities have both been consulted about this proposal and the Committee is now invited to consider the scope of the review.

This will be a strategic review during which the review working group will meet with organisations, that deliver crime prevention and victim support services in Derbyshire, to ascertain how funding cuts have impacted on their services. It is important to note that, it is not the intention to review the performance of individual agencies.

The working group will also invite written evidence from Districts and Borough Councils about noticeable impacts on services.

The main objectives of the review will be:

- To document the cumulative impact of government funding cuts on community safety services in Derbyshire and identify any resulting gaps in service provision.
- To identify opportunities for the Council to work with partners to counter the impact of funding cuts on crime prevention, community safety and victim support services.

Evidence will be gathered from numerous sources, including;

- The Cabinet Member for Health and Communities
- The Strategic Director of Health and Communities and/or relevant officers from the Department.
- Councillors and officers from District and Borough Councils
- Member organisations of the Derbyshire Community Safety Partnerships

- Derbyshire Police and the Chief Constable
- The Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire
- Third sector organisations providing support services
- Community representatives

A working group will be appointed by this Committee to undertake the review and submit progress reports and a final report to the full Committee at the conclusion of the review.

3. Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, human relations, legal and human rights, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

4. Officer's Recommendations

The Committee is requested to;

- (1) Agree the scope of the review of the impact of funding cuts on community safety in Derbyshire and;
- (2) Appoint Members of the Committee to the review working group.

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