

Title of Report:	Safer Select Committee
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
Date of Meeting:	2 nd November 2010

Purpose of Report: To provide an update on the work of the Safer Select Committee.

Recommended Action:

- To note for information;
- To approve the proposals for three new review subjects to be added to the Committee's work programme.

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the work undertaken by the Safer Select Committee since the report made at the last OSMC meeting.
- 1.2 The Committee last met on September 20th 2010. The minutes of this meeting are shown at Appendix A.

2. Improving Public Confidence

- 2.1 The Safer Select Committee completed their review into Improving Public Confidence in April 2010, producing recommendations that were subsequently submitted to, and approved by, the OSMC and were further submitted to, and approved by, Corporate Board, Management Board and the Executive.
- 2.2 At the request of Management Board, the title of this review was amended to 'Tackling the Perception of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour'
- 2.3 The Council's response to the recommendations is shown at Appendix B.
- 2.4 The response provided by Thames Valley Police to the recommendations is shown at Appendix C.

3. Installation of Automatic Fire Suppression Systems

- 3.1 The Committee concluded its review into whether the Council should develop and adopt a policy in relation to the installation of automatic fire suppression systems in Council buildings.
- 3.2 The recommendations developed by the Committee are attached at Agenda item 11.
- 3.3 The Committee have requested that a third visit to view an installed automatic fire suppression system be progressed in order that members can view an installation in a school.

4. Crime Statistics

- 4.1 The Committee received information from Thames Valley Police and the Safer Communities Partnership Team regarding crime statistics and the strategic assessment process. The Committee were content with the information received.

5. Work Programme

- 5.1 The Committee will receive information regarding the implementation of gating orders at their next meeting in December 2010 in response to the work programme item 'Gating Orders'.
- 5.2 In response to the information received relating to 'Crime Statistics' the Committee identified three new items to be added to its work programme and ask the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission to approve these items:

- (1) To investigate schemes aimed to empower communities that face perceived hostile situations:
 - (a) To consider whether it would be appropriate to introduce schemes aiming to empower individuals within their own communities.
 - (b) To recommend a suitable scheme for introduction if applicable.
- (2) To support the integrated offender management scheme;
 - (a) To receive further information in relation to the Integrated Offender Management scheme;
 - (b) To consider what actions the Council is able to take in support of the scheme.
- (3) To support the process of designing out crime from new developments:
 - (a) To consider what influence the Council is able to exert in supporting planning applications that demonstrate crime reduction strategies;
 - (b) To consider what actions the Council is able to take in order to increase consideration of crime reduction in planning applications.

5.3 The latest work programme for the Select Committee is contained within Appendix A of item 19 of this agenda.

Appendices

Appendix A – Minutes of the Safer Select Committee meeting held on 20th September 2010

Appendix B – The Council's response to the recommendations made by the Safer Select Committee into Improving Public Confidence.

Appendix C – Thames Valley Police response to the recommendations made by the Safer Select Committee into Improving Public Confidence.