

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Scrutiny Review of Tackling the Perception of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Executive
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	

**Purpose of Report:** To respond to the recommendations of the Safer Select Committee Review into Tackling the Perception of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

**Recommended Action:** That the Executive consider and if appropriate agree the recommendations in the Scrutiny review

**Reason for decision to be taken:** To consider the findings of a scrutiny review

**Other options considered:** None

**Key background documentation:**

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the following Council Plan Priority(ies):

- CPP1 – Support our communities through the economic downturn** – to alleviate the impact on different communities and individuals who find themselves out of work and/or disadvantaged
- CPP2 – Raise levels of educational achievement** – improving school performance levels
- CPP3 – Reduce crime and the fear of crime**

The proposals will also help achieve the following Council Plan Theme(s):

- CPT1 - Better Roads and Transport**
- CPT2 - Thriving Town Centres**
- CPT3 - Affordable Housing**
- CPT4 - High Quality Planning**
- CPT5 - Cleaner and Greener**
- CPT6 - Vibrant Villages**
- CPT7 - Safer and Stronger Communities**
- CPT8 - A Healthier Life**
- CPT9 - Successful Schools and Learning**
- CPT10 - Promoting Independence**
- CPT11 - Protecting Vulnerable People**
- CPT12 - Including Everyone**
- CPT13 - Value for Money**
- CPT14 - Effective People**

- CPT15 - Putting Customers First**  
 **CPT16 - Excellent Performance Management**

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Council Plan Priorities and Themes by:

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## Implications

**Policy:** None  
**Financial:** None  
**Personnel:** None  
**Legal/Procurement:** None  
**Property:** None  
**Risk Management:** None  
**Equalities Impact Assessment:** None

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The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	

# Executive Summary and Report

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 During 2009, the Safer Select Committee undertook a review into Tackling the Perception of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour. Recommendations formed from this review were approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010.
- 1.2 The details of the report are shown at Appendix A.

## 2. Response to the Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council's response to the recommendations made by the Safer Select Committee are set out below.

- (1) Recommendation 1: The Council's Community Safety Team to continue regular meetings with Thames Valley Police and press officers to recommend activity aimed at increasing resident confidence, including consideration of whether it would be appropriate to target particular areas subject to appropriate funding being identified.

Response: Accepted. Regular meetings are held between the Council's Safer Communities Partnership Team, Thames Valley Police and press officers to develop communications in support of increasing resident awareness and confidence. Consideration will continue to be given to targeting activity in identified areas subject to available resources.

- (2) Recommendation 2: The Public Involvement Board is a subgroup of the Local Strategic Partnership formed specifically to coordinate consultation activity. The Public Involvement Board of the West Berkshire Partnership be asked to develop a more integrated approach to consultation across the District.

Response: Accepted. The purpose of the Public Involvement Board is to coordinate consultation activity between agencies across West Berkshire. This activity will continue to be undertaken, but a review of structures recently agreed by the LSP may require different management of the activity.

- (3) Recommendation 3: Thames Valley Police review of Neighbourhood Action Groups to be considered and implemented by Thames Valley Police. This review should consider altering the governance arrangements for Neighbourhood Action Groups to require reporting of outcomes to the community.

Response: Accepted. Thames Valley Police are implementing new Neighbourhood Tasking Arrangements which incorporates providing feedback to the community of outcomes achieved.

### **3. Conclusion**

3.1 The Council accepts each of the recommendations made by the Safer Select Committee regarding Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour and sets out our responses above.

#### **Appendices**

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There are no Appendices to this report.

#### **Consultees**

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**Local Stakeholders:** -

**Officers Consulted:** -

**Trade Union:** -

