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Dear Ms. Walker,

Improving Public Confidence – recommendations of the Safer Select Committee

Thank you for your letter dated 30 June 2010 which included the recommendations from the Safer Select Committee that were endorsed by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission. I can now provide you with the following information in relation to the recommendations:

Recommendation 9.1 a

The West Berkshire Community Safety Team have developed an action plan to increase the confidence of the West Berkshire communities in the Police and West Berkshire Council in dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour. This plan was implemented in 2009 and is regularly reviewed and refined. The plan includes monthly meetings between partners and monthly press and media briefings. Confidence is measured by both the Police and West Berkshire Council using different methodologies however over the last 12 months confidence has improved in West Berkshire.

Recommendation 9.1 c

A full review of neighbourhood Action Groups was carried out across Thames Valley Police in 2009. One of the recommendations from that review was that Local Police Areas should ensure that appropriate governance arrangements exist that meet the needs of the local community and allow the development of processes and initiatives that positively impact on the identified crime and disorder priorities for the respective locality. This recommendation has been fully implemented in West Berkshire and has resulted in appropriate changes being made based on the needs of the local communities.

On a monthly basis each neighbourhood policing team produces an update that is distributed widely and is available on the Thames Valley Police internet site. The update provides updates on the local priorities and the outcomes of activity to reduce crime and disorder.

If you need any more information, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Shead
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