COUNCIL	Agenda Item 50
28 January 2010	Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:		**Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy 2008- 2011**
Date of Meeting:		**28 January 2010** Cabinet 14 January 2010
Report of:		**Director of Environment**
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Key Decision:	**Yes**	**Forward Plan No: CAB13689**
Wards Affected:	**All**	

FOR GENERAL RELEASE/ EXEMPTIONS

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent guidance, requires that on behalf of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, the local authority publish a three yearly Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy for its area. Each Strategy is to set out the crime reduction and safety priorities and the action plans for their delivery based on annual strategic assessments and the identified concerns of local communities and communities of interest. This report presents the Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy 2008 – 2011, for Council approval (appendix 2).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That Cabinet recommends Council to give approval to the priorities within the Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy 2008 -2011 and to the action plans for the delivery of those priorities (see Cabinet resolution at appendix 1).

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

3.1 The Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy, firstly sets out its overarching key aims which are to:

- Reduce crime, including serious violent crime
- Reduce anti-social behaviour and crimes which matter most to people
- Reduce fear of crime and improve public confidence
- Tackle underlying causes and harm from alcohol and drugs
- Take early action to prevent crime and reduce re-offending

- Deliver visible justice, including enabling offenders to participate in restorative justice and community payback

3.2 The Strategy also commits to quality of service delivery and in doing so, closely references the 'Hallmarks' of effective partnership working which are required of Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships and on which performance is measured. Also described, is how the work makes best use of resources to achieve value for money in the delivery of its crime reduction activities and how targeted approaches are incorporated together with those that address inequality. The Strategy sets out each of the crime and safety areas of activity which are to be prioritised within the three year period and the delivery plans for each priority. They are summarised as:

3.3 **Physical Environment, Infrastructure and Quality of Life**

3.3.1 Reduce criminal damage and visible crimes which matter most in neighbourhoods.

3.3.2 Improve perceptions and public confidence through effective communication and community engagement.

3.3.3 Target those with the greatest fear of crime: young people and older people.

3.3.4 Build the capacity of local people to work together to participate in the CDRP and support the network of Local Action Teams.

3.4 **Anti-Social Behaviour**

3.4.1 Consistent, city wide delivery of successful approaches of prevention, support, diversion and enforcement through delivery of integrated services.

3.4.2 Prevent and reduce anti-social behaviour by children and young people and their entry into the youth justice system through youth crime prevention ('Challenge & Support') within the Integrated Youth Support Service.

3.4.3 Sustain and extend excellent outcomes of Family Intervention Project, targeting those households most at risk and integrate with Family Pathfinder to achieve systems change.

3.4.4 Continue to support police Operations on serious crimes such as Closure of Premises.

3.5 **Children and Young People**

3.5.1 In partnership with the Local Children Safeguarding Board, reduce DV as an underlying cause of child protection registrations.

3.5.2 Sustain partnership working with the Youth Offending Service, Restorative Justice, Challenge and Support, and the Integrated Youth Service to reduce first time entrants into the youth justice system.

3.5.3 Anti-Social Behaviour Team and RUOK to reduce risks to children and young people from excessive drinking.

3.6 **Alcohol Misuse and Alcohol Related Crime and Disorder (Brighton & Hove is a 'National Alcohol Priority Area')**

3.6.1 Local Alcohol Strategy to provide a commissioning and performance management framework and delivery plan.

3.6.2 Raise awareness of harmful effects through sustained campaigns to achieve change and create 'a new generation of young people who are able to resist alcohol misuse'.

3.6.3 Continue best practice regulation, management and partnership working in the night time economy.

3.6.4 Provide interventions and support to young people who drink to excess.

3.6.5 Further develop the Community Alcohol Team and specialist staff within mainstream health care services.

3.6.6 Reduced levels of domestic and sexual violence where alcohol is a significant factor.

3.6.7 Develop and mainstream skills of all workers to identify, assess and respond

3.7 **Illicit Drugs Misuse Action plan is to deliver on the two challenges of reducing supply & demand as set out in the National Strategy (2008)**

3.7.1 Protection of communities through robust enforcement to tackle drug supply, drug related crime and anti-social behaviour.

3.7.2 Prevention of harm to children, young people and families affected by drug misuse.

3.7.3 Delivery of new approaches to drug treatment and social re-integration.

3.7.4 Public information campaigns, communication and community engagement

3.8 **Acquisitive Crime: Burglary, Theft and Business Crime**

3.8.1 Sustain effective outcomes of Operation Reduction which reduce acquisitive crime.

3.8.2 Sustain Operation Inroad which provides an enhanced response to victims of distraction burglary together with provision of security measures.

3.8.3 Raise standards of city centre car parks.

3.8.4 Sustain partnership approaches with the Business Crime Reduction Partnership in both the daytime and night time economy.

3.9 **Hate Crime and Incidents (Race, Religion and LGBT)**

3.9.1 Sustain work to build trust and confidence, increase reporting and quality casework services to victims: mainstream understanding and good practices throughout services in the City.

3.9.2 Prevent and deter offenders, reduce repeat offending through improved rates of detection and court outcomes.

3.9.3 Deliver targeted initiatives to those most vulnerable.

3.9.4 Promote community cohesion, building bridges across ethnic groups and faiths.

3.10 **Hate Crime for those with disabilities**

3.10.1 Extend all hate crime interventions to include those targeted as a result of their disability.

3.10.2 Increase public awareness and pursue equality, empowerment and social inclusion.

3.11 **Building Resilience to Violent Extremism**

3.11.1 Support the Prevent Partnership Group in delivery of interventions to achieve a shared vision to 'protect the City of Brighton & Hove; that is what binds and unites us as citizens' as well as delivery of Prevent objectives.

3.11.2 Increase engagement with faith communities and a positive understanding of the perspectives of all faiths within the city.

3.11.3 Extend partnership working to include Universities and Colleges.

3.11.4 Deliver specialist programme of support and learning within schools.

3.12 **Domestic Violence**

3.12.1 Sustain specialist services and accredited court and perpetrator programmes which support the Anti-Victimisation Unit to achieve increased protection and rates of prosecution and conviction.

3.12.2 Integrate work with CYPT and health providers, placing specialist in A& E.

3.12.3 Develop work with Brief Interventions Service for survivors and perpetrators.

3.12.4 Extend activities to address violence against women and girls.

3.13 **Serious Sexual Offences and Abuse**

3.13.1 Increased specialist support to victims, reporting and number of offenders brought to justice.

3.13.2 Targeted work to decrease risks heightened by alcohol misuse

3.13.3 Support police to deliver interventions to reduce risks to sex workers

3.13.4 Support Women's Services Strategic Network to develop services for victims and offenders and extend activities to deal with violence against women and girls.

3.14 **Prolific and Priority Offenders**

3.14.1 Sustain the reduction of offending by priority and prolific offenders, increasing their ability to successfully change their lives and rehabilitate and resettle into communities.

3.14.2 Deter young people from becoming repeat offenders.

3.14.3 Extend successful good practices to the management of all offenders in the City (Integrated Offender Management).

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 The views of Local Action Teams and Forums which include those representing communities of interest are taken into account throughout the year at regular meetings attended by police and community safety officers. The results of surveys (such as the Place Survey) are also taken into account.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 In preparing the action plans for each of the priority crime reduction areas, careful consideration is given to resource implications. The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership manages a pooled budget which allocates available resources to achieve the most cost effective and beneficial outcomes for the overall achievement of crime reduction and improved safety in the city.

Finance Officer Consulted: *Jill Spedding* *Date: 09/12/09*

Legal Implications:

5.2 The Council is required within the provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, to publish a three year Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy. The Strategy for 2008 -2011 accords with legislative requirements.

Lawyer Consulted: *Simon Court* *Date: 09/12/09*

Equalities Implications:

5.3 Addressing inequality and building community cohesion is central to the delivery of the programme of work achieved by the delivery of the priority areas within the Strategy. The findings of the Inequality Review have informed the preparation of the Strategy.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 Each crime and safety priority area, identifies how its delivery contributes to the delivery of the Sustainability Strategy for the City.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 The Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy complies with statutory requirements including the duty placed upon the local authority to work in partnership with the police to reduce crime and improve safety within its area.

Risk & Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 The Strategic Assessment on which the Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy is based assesses risk and opportunity for achieving crime reduction and improved safety by applying analysis within the National Intelligence Model.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 The Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy is a city wide, cross cutting strategic plan which acknowledges within it, the relationship with other strategic or 'parallel' plans. The Strategy also clearly sets out the targets and indicators which aim to be achieved by its delivery and those which are included within the Local Area Agreement.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

6.1 The basis for the preparation of the Strategy is a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership strategic assessment of crime and disorder within the National Intelligence Model. Evaluating alternative options is therefore fully considered within that process.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 There is a statutory requirement to prepare and publish a three yearly Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy which is also required to be approved by Council.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Extract from the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on the 14 January 2010.
2. Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy 2008 -2011.

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy 2008 -2011

Background Documents

None