

# ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## Agenda Item 7

Brighton & Hove City Council

**Subject:** Community Safety Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy 2011-2014

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**Report of:** Strategic Director Resource

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**Wards Affected:** All

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Community Safety Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy describes Brighton & Hove Safe in the City Partnership's plans to reduce crime and disorder and improve safety for 2011-2014.
- 1.2 The proposed draft Strategy attached as Appendix to this report, is currently under consultation and will be presented to Cabinet for agreement.
- 1.3 The Strategy forms part of the Council's Policy Framework and therefore is subject to scrutiny before being formally adopted.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Members review the draft Community Safety Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy, and provide feedback to inform the final document.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The aims of the Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy are to
  - Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, especially around issues that matter most to people
  - Improve feelings of safety and meet the needs of victim of crime
  - Tackle underlying causes of offending and reduce harm from drugs and alcohol
  - Take early action to prevent and 'design out' crime; and
  - Reduce offending and achieve visible justice, including offenders participating in restorative justice and community payback

...and so improve the quality of life for all those who live in, work in or visit the city.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

The Strategy is currently open for wide public consultation, including via the Council's consultation portal.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

5.1 None directly in relation to this report for scrutiny.

##### Legal Implications:

5.2 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 specifies that community safety strategies must be carried out through Community Safety Partnerships.

##### Equalities Implications:

5.3 The equalities implications are addressed by the Strategy.

##### Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None directly in relation to this report for scrutiny.

##### Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 Crime and Disorder implications are directly addressed by the Strategy.

##### Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None directly in relation to this report for scrutiny.

##### Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 The Community Safety Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy is developed with input from a wide range of partners and the involvement of residents.