

**LSP BOARD AGENDA, WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2005,  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ST ALBANS CITY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL, 7PM**

*Note: approximate timings are given to facilitate the administration of the meeting*

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| i.    | Introduction and Welcome  | 7.00              |
| ii.   | Apologies for absence   | 7.05              |
| iii.  | Minutes of meeting 17 May 2005                      Pages 1-9     |                   |
| iv.   | Matters Arising   | 7.15              |
| v.    | Updates   | 7.20              |
|       | Event to Celebrate Volunteering (Laura Cronshaw)                  |                   |
|       | Herts Together  |                   |
|       | Fairtrade   |                   |
|       | Local Compact   |                   |
| vi.   | Cleaner, Greener, Safer St Albans (Steve Welch, SADC)             | 7.35              |
|       | <i>Presentation</i>   |                   |
| vii.  | Community Safety Action Plan for 2005/06 (Chris Roach             | 7.55              |
|       | /Carolyn Ashby, SADC)   | REPORT TO FOLLOW  |
|       |   | 8.10 – 8.30 Break |
| viii. | Investing in Communities (Herts Prosperity) – <i>Presentation</i> | 8.30              |
|       | Debbie Akehurst and Emily Butterworth                             |                   |
| ix.   | Community Strategy Priorities – Verbal Update                     | 8.40              |
|       | • Ward Profiles for Sopwell and Batchwood (Angela Parry)          |                   |
|       | • Green Travel Plans (Philip Waters)                              |                   |
|       | • Healthy Living in the District (John Bennett)                   |                   |
| x.    | Community Event - to report on Community Strategy                 | 9.00              |
|       | Verbal Update   |                   |

xi.	Celebrating Success	9.10
xii.	Any Other Business	9.20
xiii.	Dates of Future Meetings	
	28 September 2005	
	FINISH	9.30

**MINUTES OF MEETING NO.18 OF THE ST ALBANS AND DISTRICT LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

held in the Committee Room 1, District Council Offices, Civic Centre, St Peter's Street, St Albans on Tuesday 17 May 2005 at 7.00pm.

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Present:

John Bennett – St Albans and Harpenden Primary Care Trust (PCT);  
Niel Clements – Wheathampstead Parish Councillor, St Albans Association of Local Councils;  
Lesley Culley – Hightown Praetorian and Churches Housing Association;  
Rocco Di Lieto – Community Forum;  
Robert Donald – Environment Forum;  
Joanna Field – Churches Together in St Albans;  
Paul Fielding – Oaklands College;  
Philip Gillmor – St Albans District Chamber of Commerce (former President);  
Stephen James – Rothamstead Research;  
Martin Leach – Councillor, St Albans City and District Council;  
Brian Lee – Councillor, Hertfordshire County Council;  
Brian Peyton – (Chairman), Councillor, St Albans City and District Council;  
Jean Peyton – St Albans and District Access Group;  
Alison Roome-Gifford – Hertfordshire Police;  
Philip Waters – University of Hertfordshire.

Officers in Attendance:

Patricia Adley – Head of Paid Service;  
Claire Andrews – Temporary Corporate Policy Assistant, St Albans City and District Council;  
Gill Clutterbuck – Community Strategy Officer, Hertfordshire County Council;  
Mike Collier – Assistant Director (Resources), Hertfordshire County Council;  
Jo Grimes – Corporate Administrator, St Albans City and District Council;  
Heather Moulder – PCT – Children's Lead – Hertfordshire County Council;  
Angela Parry – Corporate Policy Manager, St Albans City and District Council;  
Mike Ridley – Head of Environment and Health;  
Christine Roach – Community Support Manager, St Albans City and District Council;  
Mike Smith – CSF – Community Team Manager – Hertfordshire County Council;  
Steve Welch – Strategic Director of Community Services, St Albans City and District Council;  
Des Welton – Head of Enterprise and Development, St Albans City and District Council.

Apologies:

These were received from:-

Martin Cooke - CSF – Youth Services Manager - Hertfordshire County Council;  
Laura Cronshaw – St Albans Council for Voluntary Services (CVS);  
Robin Trevillion – Health Improvement Manager, St Albans and Harpenden Primary Care Trust;  
Stuart Walmsley – Highways Manager, Hertfordshire Highways.

## Replacement Membership:

County Councillor Brian Lee attended the meeting in place of County Councillor Derek Hills; Jean Peyton replaced Gill Freeman of the St Albans and District Access Group.

### 1. **INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME**

The Chairman, Councillor Brian Peyton, welcomed everyone to the meeting, referred to the resignation of David Keiley, the former Corporate Policy Officer and to the loss of County Councillor Jill Gipps' seat on the County Council at the recent elections. He also welcomed Heather Moulder, Mike Smith, County Councillor Brian Lee, Jean Peyton and Paul Fielding to the meeting.

### 2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Board, held on 7 March 2005, were agreed.

### 3. **COMPACT UPDATE**

Claire Andrews reported that the launch date had been scheduled for 21 June and that a draft Compact document was circulating inviting comments on the contents.

### 4. **EVENTS TO CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERING**

Claire Andrews reported that a working party had been formed to organise this event although no date had been set as yet. It was likely that the event would take place during August and a report would be made to the next meeting of the Board.

### 5. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY – 2005-2007**

Des Welton presented a report asking the Board to consider whether to adopt the new Economic Development Strategy. The consultation period had ended in March and the draft had been amended as a result of the comments made, which included those of the LSP.

### **DECISION**

That the LSP adopt the Economic Development Strategy 2005-2007.

### 6. **PCT/SADC JOINT PROJECT TO IMPROVE HEALTH**

Mike Ridley addressed the Board setting out the work undertaken jointly by the PCT and the District Council in promoting health issues. This had been achieved under the Health, Housing and Social Care Theme Group and had resulted in initiatives such as a leaflet on prevention of falls, a proposal for a PCT staff discount using District Council leisure facilities and a healthy walks programme. A number of tobacco initiatives had also been undertaken, including the creation of the Smoke Free St Albans Group, clinics for Council staff, a Smoke Free Herts Group, additional training and alterations to the District Council's licensing policy. This policy was ground breaking in not permitting children to be in an area which was not smoke

free. Health promotion undertaken included the creation of a joint health promotion post, The London Colney youth project, joint market stalls and ward-based health needs assessments. Nutritional advice had been included in leaflets concerning children's packed lunches, school meals. Advice on balanced diet had been introduced at specific school projects at Beech Hyde, Camp, Mandeville and Francis Bacon Schools. Additionally, targets had been set with regard to older people which would be the subject of a report to the District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Community Services next month. Work had also been undertaken to achieve an alcohol free city centre and public involvement in all these schemes had been promoted via joint press releases, mailings, conferences and newspaper wrap around advertisements.

Members welcomed the joint initiatives that had been undertaken and John Bennett referred to the involvement of GPs in smoking cessation. Lesley Culley stated that there had been moves to register homeless people and travellers with general practitioners. Members and Officers also referred to the urgent need for health and nutrition education in schools, particularly as recent evidence had revealed that a balanced diet had a beneficial effect on children's behaviour. The nutritional needs of elderly people were also raised by Board Members in connection with residential accommodation. The leaflet on the prevention of falls was welcomed although Rocco Di Lieto pointed out that it did not appear to be available in other languages. However, John Bennett stated that it could be made available in other languages.

Angela Parry encouraged LSP Members to consider how their organisations might work with the District Council and PCT on these projects.

The Chairman thanked Mike Ridley for the presentation and requested that the issues raised be taken on board.

### **ACTION**

That the officers continue to develop partnership working to improve the health of local people and that the comments made by LSP Board Members be noted.

## **7. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

Heather Moulder of the PCT gave a presentation on the initial conference to set up a Children and Young Persons Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) in St Albans City and District. The Conference had been organised jointly and had successfully brought together some sixty representatives from the statutory, voluntary, community and faith sectors. This had taken place on 8 February 2005. The Conference reviewed the existing partnership and the new requirements under the Change for Children agenda and Children Act 2004. The Conference proposed the establishment of a multi-agency District Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership to take forward the Every Child Matters: Change for Children Agenda. This would build on and bring together existing groups reporting to the LSP. It was also proposed that the Chair of the CYPSP be invited to sit on the LSP Board. It was anticipated that the new partnership would be launched in the summer of 2005, following consultation with existing partnerships.

This initiative was welcomed by Board Officers and Members, who were keen to involve young people in partnership schemes.

## **DECISION**

- (i) That the LSP supported the establishment of a Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership and that a multi-agency Implementation Steering Group be established to take this forward.
- (ii) That the CYPSP Chairman be appointed to the LSP Board.

### **8. JOINT WORKING INITIATIVES - ACTION PLANS**

During the refreshment and networking break, Members and officers were invited to view displays concerning joint initiatives with regard to a number of issues including information about the CVS, leaflets pertaining to safety, Computer Friendly and ANPR cameras.

### **9. REVIEW OF THEME GROUP ACTION PLANS**

Gill Clutterbuck presented a report drawing the Board's attention to the progress made to date on each of the Theme Group Action Plans. The Board proceeded to review the Action Plans which were presented in a "traffic lights" system to show how the actions were progressing. It was brought to the officers' attention that this system was not necessarily helpful for people who had colour blindness but it was established that the letters within the coloured blocks were legible. The officers were thanked for the work undertaken to produce the Action Plans and Members made the following observations and responses were given as set out as appropriate:-

- Environment and Heritage Theme Group – Robert Donald referred to under representation in respect of planning and heritage matters but informed the Board that this was receiving attention.
- "How Green is Your Valley" leaflet – this was to be circulated to businesses with a view to promoting green working practices – it was requested that it be printed in easily legible type in 12 point font.
- Disability Discrimination Act accessibility – it was noted that SADC had already achieved 82% accessibility and it was agreed that the County Council and other statutory bodies be included in the Action Plan, and other organisations be encouraged adopt the same standards to improve access.
- Implementation of Ethnic Minority Housing Plan to be developed out of the London Commuter Belt BME strategy – it was noted that action needed to be positive and dynamic in establishing targets.
- County Disability Sports Post – funding for the post had been frozen by Sport England and therefore the project had been cancelled.
- Community Access to Schools - the target had been achieved but the Chairman was in favour of retaining this objective and Gill Clutterbuck undertook to look at different ways of measuring community involvement.
- Development of the Local Learning Forum to increase educational opportunities – there was a delay in funding for a permanent co-ordinator and Gill Clutterbuck undertook to investigate.

The officers were thanked for the compilation of this complex report and the Chairman commented that the overall achievement was gratifying.

**ACTION:**

Officers to pursue Action Plans with particular reference to the points raised above.

10. **REVIEW OF COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

Angela Parry presented a report on proposals put forward to the Board for the future delivery of the Community Strategy based on decisions made at previous Board Meetings. The Chairman reminded the Board that the way forward had already been agreed and it was suggested that focus be concentrated on two specific projects and on tackling deprivation on a geographic basis. The two projects put forward for an action orientated approach were for healthy living and green travel. Members referred to the Police Green Travel Plan, which it was agreed could be circulated with the minutes. Members also emphasised the importance of young people's issues and agreed that this priority be considered at the next review. The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership would be taking these issues forward in the meantime. John Bennett informed the Board that the PCT was undertaking a deprivation survey in Sopwell and Members discussed whether Sopwell, or perhaps Batchwood, might receive initial attention. Board Members were reminded that the index of multiple deprivation showed that Sopwell contained small areas with higher than average levels of deprivation for income, education, crime and health.

The Chairman stated that it would be appropriate to reconsider whether the Theme Groups should be retained or altered in the next review in 2006. Additionally, the need for a co-ordinating group was discussed and it was agreed that there was no current need for the establishment of this body.

**DECISION**

- (i) That the Board concentrate on two specific focuses as part of its Community Strategy as follows:-
  - Healthy Living – champion: John Bennett
  - Green Travel – champion: Philip Waters
- (ii) That the Board focus on tackling the causes of deprivation in either Sopwell or Batchwood ward, developing ward profiles for each one as a first step before making a decision as to which area to focus on first. This would form the basis of consultation with local people to develop an area based action plan.
- (iii) That a champion for action in Sopwell or Batchwood ward be decided at the next meeting of the LSP on 13 July 2005.
- (iv) That Community Strategy Action Plans be reported on an annual basis together with exception reporting where the Theme Group leaders identified areas of particular concern.

- (v) That the following changes to Theme Group membership be noted:-
- Business, Transport and Infrastructure – Interim Lead Member: Philip Gillmor; Lead Officer: Des Welton,
  - Leisure, Learning and Culture - further consideration would be given to the appointment of an appropriate Lead Member.

11. **PRESENTATION ON A CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER ST ALBANS**

Due to lateness of the hour, it was decided that this presentation should be made at the next meeting scheduled for 13 July.

12. **HERTS TOGETHER CAPITAL PROJECT BID FOR 2005/06**

The Board was informed that Herts Together was seeking bids for capital funding for projects which developed and supported the Partnership. A total of £200,000 was available in the current year and partnerships, including LSPs, which constituted the Herts Together Board, were invited to make bids. Angela Parry presented a draft bid in respect of Tackling Deprivation in the Sopwell ward by the production of ward profiles. Lesley Culley queried whether this was a capital bid and Alison Roome-Gifford stated that such funding might be more appropriately used for the promotion of additional ANPR/CCTV coverage.

Lesley Culley also put forward a scheme for the development of derelict buildings on the Napsbury Park development for community use. Some queries were raised concerning costings and feasibility, however, there was general support for this ambitious scheme.

**DECISION**

- (i) That the Chairman and District Council Officers be authorised to decide whether the bid for tackling deprivation on an area basis for the production of ward profiles be submitted to Herts Together.
- (ii) That Lesley Culley be requested to proceed with the bid for community provision on the Napsbury Park estate.

Note: After the meeting, a bid was put forward for ANPR development. The draft bid for ward profiling was not put to Herts Together as alternative methods of collecting the data were identified. This action was taken following consultation with the Chairman and other Board Members.

13. **CELEBRATING SUCCESSES**

- (i) Napsbury Fun Day

Lesley Culley referred to this event which had been well attended and a great success.

- (ii) SADC Staff Health Fair – CVS Stall

Patricia Adley referred to the recent staff Health Fair where a CVS stall was available about volunteering. There had been a positive response from Council Officers.

(iii) ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition system)/CCTV

Steve Welch stated that the ANPR Scheme had obtained funding from the Home Office and this was a welcome development. Additionally, the District Council's CCTV Control Room had recently won a contract for surveillance in the Welwyn Hatfield area.

(iv) How Green is Your Valley - Leaflet

Robert Donald referred to the production of this leaflet and Philip Gilmore referred to likely sponsorship for its production.

(v) New Reception Area In District Council Offices

Patricia Adley made reference to the refurbishment of the Council office reception area and the bringing together of all contact points for customers which was now facilitated by Customer Care Advisers.

(vi) The Future For The LSP

Angela Parry informed the Board that she was pleased that a clear way ahead had been decided upon at the meeting.

14. **FORWARD PLAN**

An updated copy of the Forward Plan was circulated at the meeting and a copy is appended to these Minutes. In connection with the Forward Plan, Robert Donald requested a more frequent attendance of Hertfordshire Highways.

**ACTION:**

Updated Forward Plan to be circulated with Minutes.

15. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

These were noted, as set out:

- |                               |   |                             |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| - Wednesday 13 July 2005      | ) | 7pm at SADC Council Chamber |
| - Wednesday 28 September 2005 | ) |                             |

The meeting ended at 10.05 pm.

**(Signed)**

**CHAIRMAN**

**FORWARD PLAN**

JULY 2005 - SEPTEMBER 2005

DATE	ISSUE	Description	LEAD CONTACT
13 JULY 2005	<p>Consider plans for Community Event</p> <p>Investing in Communities Herts Together Update Review of Membership</p> <p>Progress on Fairtrade</p> <p>Community Safety Action Plan 2005/06</p> <p>Cleaner, Greener Safer St Albans <i>NB Request received to put this item at the beginning of agenda.</i> Ward Profiles for Sopwell and Batchwood</p>	<p>To report on progress with the Community Strategy and future plans</p> <p>Presentation by Herts Prosperity</p> <p>Update on latest news on HT</p> <p>Report to consider whether any changes need to be made to Board membership</p> <p>Report on progress on St Albans as a Fairtrade city</p> <p>To present action plans to support the 2005-08 Community Safety Strategy</p> <p>Presentation on strategy</p> <p>Presentation of ward profiles to make decision on which area to concentrate on</p>	<p>Corporate Policy Officer, SADC</p> <p>Corporate Policy Officer, SADC Corporate Policy Officer, SADC Corporate Policy Officer, SADC</p> <p>Trevor Brennan, SADC</p> <p>Chris Roach, SADC</p> <p>Steve Welch, SADC</p> <p>Angela Parry, SADC</p>
tbc	Hold Community Event	To report on progress with the Community Strategy and future plans	To be decided
28 SEPT 2005	Trees Against Pollution	Presentation	Robert Donald, Environment Forum

The Forward Plan is not an exhaustive list of all key issues/decisions that the LSP will undertake but gives an indication of those issues which it is known that the LSP have chosen to consider in the coming period.

Please contact the Corporate Policy Officer at St Albans City and District Council on 01727 819501 or the relevant officers/members for further information. Contact details are listed below.

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## **ST ALBANS AND DISTRICT LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

**REPORT TO :** LSP BOARD

**DATE :** 13 July 2005

**REPORT TITLE :** Performance Management of the Community Safety Strategy 2005-8

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Carolyn Ashby, Community Safety Officer,  
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### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To seek LSP Board Members' approval of arrangements for managing performance against the Community Safety Strategy 2005-8; and agree to arrangements for informing residents of the new Strategy.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members are asked to agree the arrangement for managing progress against the Community Safety Strategy.
- 2.2 Members are asked to note that the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) proposes to produce a leaflet for residents on the new Strategy, and therefore to consider whether it is also necessary to replace Chapter 2 of the Community Strategy.

### **3. Executive Summary**

- 3.1 The LSP was consulted on the final draft of the Community Safety Strategy for 2005/08 at the last LSP meeting on 7 March 2005. The final version of the CSP Strategy was submitted to the Home Office on 14 April following sign off at a Full Council meeting of St Albans City & District Council on 13 April.
- 3.2 An action plan for progressing work against the Community Safety Strategy has been produced for 2005/06. (The action plan is a detailed document which stretches to 34 pages so we have not included it here, but if Members wish to see it we would be happy to make it available either in hard copy or electronically).
- 3.3 The action plan is made up of sections that correspond to the priorities identified in the Strategy (see para 5.2 below). For each work stream it

includes baseline data for 2003/04 or 2004/05 (as applicable) against which to measure progress, SMART targets, and the lead person within the relevant partner agency who will be responsible for delivering the stream of work. There is also a 'Status' column to record whether the work stream is on target or not, or completed.

- 3.4 Progress against the action plan is monitored by representatives of the CSP at the Performance Management Group (PMG) every 6 weeks. PMG identifies where work streams are off target and suggests corrective action. PMG then reports these recommendations to senior members of the CSP at the Responsible Authorities Group (RAG) that meets 4 times a year. (Brian Peyton, Chair of the LSP, sits on the RAG which is chaired by Steve Welch, Strategic Director, St Albans City & District Council).
- 3.5 We plan to produce a user-friendly CSP community safety leaflet for residents over the summer that informs residents of the strategic priorities; key actions; contact details; and photos of the partners at work in the community.
- 3.6 The CSP Strategy for 2005/08 effectively replaces Chapter 2 of the Community Strategy 2003-07. LSP Board Members will wish to take a view on whether to update Chapter 2, and if so, how. However, we feel that the CSP Strategy (now available on the community safety website [www.stalbanscsp.org.uk](http://www.stalbanscsp.org.uk)) and the leaflet described above, should serve this purpose.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The funding to support the strategic priorities of the Strategy is provided by the Home Office Safer & Stronger Communities Fund, supplemented by Responsible Authority Group agency mainstream resources.

#### **5. Background Information**

- 5.1 Section 5 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998, as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002, sets out the names of those authorities which have a statutory duty to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in an area. In St Albans, the Responsible Authorities which make up the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) are:

- St Albans City & District Council
- Hertfordshire Constabulary
- Hertfordshire Police Authority
- Hertfordshire County Council
- Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service
- Hertfordshire Probation Service
- St Albans & Harpenden Primary Care Trust

In addition, the District Council Portfolio Holder for Community Leadership/ LSP Chair; the Youth Offending Team Manager and the

Programmes Manager for Probation also sit on the Responsible Authorities Group.

For the first time in 2004, Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships had a requirement to undertake a local drugs audit and produce a strategy for combating the misuse of drugs in the District. The purpose of this is to integrate partnership working on crime and drugs at a local level and within a single strategy. The Partnership's performance in this area will be measured against National Drugs Strategy targets.

There is also a requirement to include a strategy for tackling anti-social behaviour as part of the overall strategy.

5.2 The CSP Strategy identifies the following four priorities to focus on for the next 3 years:

**1. Reduce crime –**

- Vehicle crime
- Burglary
- Domestic violence and hate crime
- Tackle crimes of local concern

**2. Reduce anti-social behaviour and alcohol related disorder**

**3. Reduce the harm caused to communities by drugs misuse**

**4. Build community confidence.**

5.3 Government Office East of England have set a target for the St Albans CSP of reducing crime by a minimum of 18.5% by 2007/08. This target of 18.5% relates to category 1 above only and is measured against a basket of indicators set by Home Office, known as the British Crime Survey (BCS) comparator crimes. In consultation with GO-East, the CSP has agreed the following targets against each crime type:-

Theft of vehicle	25%
Theft from vehicle	40%
Vehicle interference	25%
Domestic burglary	12%
Theft of cycle	10%
Theft from person	10%
Criminal damage	8%
Common assault	30%
Woundings	-25%
Robbery of personal property	15%

5.4 The percentage figure for Woundings shows an increased figure. This is attributable to the increase in recorded crime in this category as Hertfordshire Constabulary was moving towards National Crime Recording Standards (NCRS) compliance (from 2002 onwards. This

change in recording standards does not mean that violent crime figures have soared – rather that the Police are recording crimes in line with NCRS. In reality, the 50 or so categories included in the violent crime category have shown only a small increase, in real terms, over the last three years. However, GO-East will be monitoring our progress against a 2003/04 baseline and figures continued to rise under NCRS in 2004/05, accounting for the plus percentage figure.

- 5.7 St Albans is in the second highest crime quartile and in March was ranked 172 out of 376 Partnerships in England and Wales. The main contributing factors to us having an above average target are the high level of vehicle crime and burglary. Additionally we are currently being compared with CDRPs which are in police force areas which are not yet fully compliant with the new recording methods. Once other forces move towards full compliance their crime figures should increase substantially and our ranking is likely to improve.
- 5.8 In 2003/4 the figure for total recorded crime in Hertfordshire was 95,117 which amounted to 92 offences per 1,000 population (St Albans 12,160 which amounted to 92.4 offences per 1,000 population). This compared to an average of 113 offences per 1,000 population in England and Wales. Therefore in 2003/4 crime in Hertfordshire was approximately 19% (St Albans 18.2%) below the national average. Hertfordshire still remains one of the safest places to live and work.

## **6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 Members are asked to note the Home Office Target to reduce overall BSC crime by 18.5%, and agree to the arrangements for managing performance against the Community Safety Strategy and informing residents about the Strategy.