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CRIME AND DISORDER STRATEGY 2002-05

Report of the Director of Environment, Regeneration, and Development

1. Purpose of Report

This report introduces the new Crime and Disorder Strategy 2002-05 to Members for information and comments. The Strategy has been agreed by the Leicester Partnership Against Crime and Disorder, and it is recommended that Cabinet asks Council to adopt the strategy as the corporate crime and disorder strategy of the City Council.

2. Summary

The City Council has a statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to produce jointly with other partners a three-year Crime and Disorder Strategy for Leicester. The strategy document and Action Plan attached to this report is the second Crime and Disorder Strategy produced by the Leicester Partnership Against Crime and Disorder, to cover the period 2002-2005.

The seven priority areas of the strategy are based on audited performance of the previous strategy, new Government initiatives, and widespread consultation with the general public and partner agencies involved with community safety and crime reduction.

1. A holistic approach to reducing the specific crimes of domestic burglary, violent crime, and vehicle crime across all parts of the city, except the city centre.
2. To reduce the levels of crime, especially violent crime, within the city centre.
3. To continue to improve support for the victims of domestic violence, whilst taking firm action against perpetrators.
4. To continue to improve support to victims of racial harassment and homophobic crime, whilst taking firm action against perpetrators.
5. To continue to provide appropriate support and guidance to both victims and witnesses of crime.
6. To identify the nature and extent of anti-social behaviour across the city and so develop initiatives designed to improve the situation.

7. To work with the Leicester Drug and Alcohol Team to examine drugs issues and how they impact on the other priorities. Develop community –based strategies to tackle both the demands for drugs, especially among young people, and their supply.

The City Council is the lead agency for the Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group, and a number of City Council services are involved in all seven priority areas. The strategy will be monitored by the Community Safety Team in Environment and Development, on behalf of the Leicester Partnership Against Crime and Disorder.

3. Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council that the Crime and Disorder Strategy 2002-05, as attached to this report, is adopted as the City Council's corporate Crime and Disorder Strategy.

4. Financial Implications

The only City Council budgets dedicated to crime and disorder issues are those of the Community Safety Team in Environment and Development, and the Youth Offenders Team in Social Services. In addition, a specific corporate budget of £100,000 has been allocated for 2002-03 to support the work of departments in addressing crime and disorder issues. Overall expenditure by departments on crime and disorder activities is unquantifiable at present.

5. Legal Implications

This report is designed to ensure that the Authority complies with its statutory responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to formulate and implement a Crime and Disorder Strategy for Leicester.

6. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph Within Supporting information	References
Equal Opportunities	YES	The C&D Strategy contains out specific action plans for women and members of minority communities, because these groups suffer disproportionately as victims of crime and the fear of crime.	
Policy	YES	The Strategy will directly inform Council policies on crime and disorder	
Sustainable and Environmental	YES	Reducing crime and the fear of crime is a major factor in developing sustainable	

		communities.
Crime and Disorder		This strategy is wholly concerned with crime and disorder issues.
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	YES	The elderly are more likely to fear crime than any other group. People living on low incomes are more likely to be the victims of burglary than any other group.

4. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

Crime and Disorder Strategy 2002-05, *Leicester Partnership Against Crime and Disorder*

5. Consultations

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