



CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 12TH SEPTEMBER 2013

**SUBJECT: PROTOCOL BETWEEN CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
 CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND SAFER
 CAERPHILLY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform and seek comments on the amended protocol between Caerphilly County Borough Council and the Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership (SCCSP) for the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee. The revised protocol reflects the changes to the statutory responsible partners on the SCCSP since the election of the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report outlines the changes to the protocol agreed by Council on 27 July 2010 which has been updated to reflect changes in the status of the statutory partners and the way in which the Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership delivers partnership priorities.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The operation of scrutiny is required by the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent Assembly legislation.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Police and Justice Act 2006 require local authorities to convene a Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee, to meet at least biannually, to scrutinise the work of the local Community Safety Partnership.
- 4.2 The Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee operates under an agreed protocol between partners setting out the terms of reference, the scrutiny role of elected members, the process for meetings and reports and the sharing of information between partners and the committee.
- 4.3 The advent of the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner and the dissolution of the former Gwent Police Authority has meant that the Police Authority is no longer a statutory responsible authority. The list of responsible authorities under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 was amended by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 in November 2012.

- 4.4 The Community Safety Partnership, acting through the Safer Caerphilly Delivery Group, maintains a close working link with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner with an OPPC representative attending partnership meetings and groups. The partnership has a reciprocal duty to cooperate with the Commissioner and to have regard to the priorities in the Gwent Police and Crime Plan.
- 4.5 The change in the partnership landscape means the current scrutiny committee protocol is out of date. The revised protocol attached at appendix 1 to this report takes account of those changes.
- 4.6 The main changes to the attached protocol are as follows:
- The removal of Gwent Police Authority as statutory responsible partner.
 - Consequential changes as a result of the Local Service Board's Single Integrated Plan.
 - A standing invitation for the Chief Executive of the Office of the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner to attend all meetings of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee as an 'expert witness'.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report is for information purposes, so the Council's EqIA process does not need to be applied.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no specific financial implications arising as a result of this report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no specific personnel implications arising as a result of this report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 There are no consultation responses, which have not been incorporated into the report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 That Scrutiny Committee recommend to Council that:
- 9.2 The revised protocol for Caerphilly County Borough Council Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee and the Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership is approved.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To implement the requirements of the Police and Justice Act 2006 and reflect the changes in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 The Local Government Act 2000.
- 11.2 Police and Justice Act 2006.

11.3 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Draft Protocol Caerphilly County Borough Council Crime and Disorder Scrutiny
Committee and Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership