

Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) Constitution

Communities Manager

The purpose of this report is for the scrutiny committee to consider the proposed changes to the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) Constitution and terms of reference.

Cabinet member(s):	Ward(s) affected: All
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1. Background

- 1.1. The CDRP is governed by Responsible Authority Partners (RAPs) consisting of five partners, the police, police authorities, fire and rescue authorities, local authorities (county and district in two-tier areas) and Primary Care Trusts. The National Offender Management Service will also be a Responsible Authority Partner from 2010.
- 1.2. For the last three years, the Responsible Authority Partners have operated as a combined Responsible Authority Partnership for South Norfolk Council, Broadland District Council and Norwich City Council. This arrangement has served the district councils, and the public agencies above, well. However, by mutual consent and agreement, it is no longer deemed appropriate or effective and each district has proposed to re-establish its own partnership.
- 1.3. The proposal to re-establish South Norfolk's CDRP Responsible Authority Partnership has already been agreed by the Environment, Health & Leisure OSC in May (when the community safety function existed within that service). It has also been agreed, as part of the Constitution that the Scrutiny Committee will be the effective Scrutiny body for the South Norfolk CDRP under locally agreed arrangements.
- 1.4. Cabinet approved the draft form of the constitution and terms of reference, subject to consideration by Scrutiny and consultation with the Responsible Authority Partners.

2. Current Position and Issues

- 2.1. A consultation period is currently under way with the responsible authorities, which is due to end on 18th December 2009. No feedback has yet been received.

3. Proposal and Reasons

- 3.1. The proposal is to conclude the Combined Responsible Authority Partnership with Broadland District Council and Norwich City Council and re-establish a South Norfolk's Responsible Authority Partnership (RAP) with a refreshed constitution and terms of reference. The RAP will meet as part of South Norfolk Alliance, which will align crime reduction with the local strategic partnership (LSP). All 5 Responsible Authorities Partners currently sit on the LSP and so the new format will reduce the amount of meetings but also allow strategic partners to participate in RAP meetings.

4. Other Options

- 4.1. The RAP is a statutory function and therefore the only other option is for the RAP partners to meet as a separate entity from the LSP. However, this would mean an increase in the meetings that RAP partners would have to attend and would not allow non RAP partners to contribute to discussions.

5. Relevant Corporate Objectives

- 5.1. Business-like and efficient & Get to Grips with Anti-Social Behaviour

6. Implications and Risks

- 6.1. Crime Reduction

7. Conclusion

- 7.1. Re-establishing the South Norfolk RAP will help to improve partnership working at a strategic level and focus the work of the RAP on South Norfolk issues.

8. Action Required

- 8.1. That Scrutiny Committee recommend that Cabinet approve the draft CDRP Constitution and Terms of Reference.