

## **BRECKLAND PARTNERSHIP**

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### **NORFOLK COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP AND OPERATIONAL PARTNERSHIP TEAMS**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

To inform and update the Breckland Partnership Board on the development of a countywide Community Safety Partnership and the roll out of Operational Partnership Teams.

#### **2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Breckland Partnership Board:

- 2.1 Note for information purposes the contents of this report.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1 In April 2010 the County Strategic Group (Crime Reduction) agreed that in the interests of efficiency and economy the seven district based community safety partnerships (CSPs) would be merged into a single CSP for Norfolk.
- 3.2 This approach will fulfil the statutory requirements placed on the Responsible Authority Partners under the provisions of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act (1998).
- 3.3 The countywide CSP will agree strategic priorities for community safety encompassing crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, behaviour adversely affecting the environment, substance misuse and actions required will be based on a sound evidence base.
- 3.4 Please see Appendix 2 for the draft Terms of Reference for the countywide CSP.
- 3.5 Negotiations have also been taking place between Norfolk Constabulary and the district authorities working towards collaborative or co-located partnership teams. In each district, Norfolk Constabulary has dedicated an Inspector lead from the Community Safety Team and specialist officers including; crime reduction, architectural liaison and ASB reduction to work alongside partner agency colleagues.
- 3.6 Please see Appendix 1 for a CSG (Crime Reduction) report on Operational Partnership Teams.
- 3.7 The Operational Partnership Team in Breckland is already established and is co-located at Elizabeth House, Dereham.

#### **4. Issues**

- 4.1 Under the proposals listed above and in the appendices, Breckland will not have a dedicated Community Safety Partnership and this function will be picked up at the county level.
- 4.2 For local issues there will be a district wide Partnership Operation Group - involving a

nominated District Councillor - that will not have a strategic function but will have responsibility for partnership-led tasking and prioritising of work and initiatives.

4.3 As detailed above, the Operational Partnership Team in Breckland is already established and co-located. 4 specialist officers from Norfolk Constabulary and 3 officers from Breckland Council's community safety unit make up the Team and operate from Elizabeth House.

4.4 It is important that the Breckland Partnership Board is made aware of these significant changes to community safety provision within Breckland. Although there is a risk that strategic influence and direction is reduced in Breckland by the shift to a single countywide CSP; this risk is mitigated by reduction in administration and bureaucracy and an enhanced focus locally on operational delivery and evidence led solutions.

## **5. Options**

5.1 To note for information purposes the contents of this report.

## **6. Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

6.1 N/A

*Appendix 1: Draft proposals for Operational Delivery of CSP priorities at District level*

*Appendix 2: Countywide Community Safety Partnership (CCSP) Terms of Reference*