

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 28 MAY 2012

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE DIRECTION) **RE: WEST HINCKLEY AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the committee with an update on the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the West Hinckley Area during 2011/12.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the attached report by the Neighbourhood Watch Development Officer be noted.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

3.1 The Neighbourhood Watch Development Officer Jackie Saunt has prepared a report (Appendix 1) for the committee to highlight the work that has been carried out by the Neighbourhood Watch scheme during the last financial year of 2011/12. This has been another successful year which has also been acknowledged externally with the West Hinckley Area winning the Best NHW Scheme in Leicestershire for the year.

3.2 In part this has been supported by £4,000 grant funding paid from the Special Expenses budget during 2011/12. To maintain this support it was agreed to continue the funding and in line with this £4,000 has again been included in the budget for 2012/13 which was approved by Council in February 2012.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [CB]

Continued support of the West Hinckley Area Neighbourhood Watch scheme can be met from existing budgets. Any desire to extend this arrangement to include other areas of Hinckley would require the committee to seek approval from Executive, or Council, in line with financial procedure rules.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [AB]

None

6. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The support of a neighbourhood watch scheme supports the following aims of the Corporate Plan:

- Safer and healthier borough
- Strong and distinctive communities

7. **CONSULTATION**

None

8. **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

It is the Council’s policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer’s opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
None	None	None

9. **KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

All expenditure relates to the urban area of Hinckley.

10. **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset Management implications
- Human Resources implications
- Planning implications
- Voluntary Sector implications

Background papers: None

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