

**JOINT SCRUTINY OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE
DIRECTION)**



WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present proposed terms of reference for joint scrutiny of the Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnerships in advance of the formal merger.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The terms of reference be endorsed.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

- 3.1 In April 2011, an informal merger of the Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnerships was implemented with the intention of realising efficiency savings, increasing operational capacity and better outcomes for communities.

- 3.2 Following the success of the informal merger, work began towards a formal merger of the Community Safety Partnerships in the two districts. It is anticipated that this will be progressed during 2015/16.

- 3.3 A key requirement of the formal merger is joint scrutiny of the partnership, which needs to be in place prior to approval of the merger. The proposed terms of reference have been drafted in consultation with the Chairs of the main Overview & Scrutiny body of both authorities and are attached.

- 3.4 Under the joint scrutiny arrangements, the full membership of both authorities' main Overview & Scrutiny bodies will make up the Joint Community Safety Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee and it will meet in autumn each year, with the option to hold additional meetings if necessary. The venue and Chair will alternate.

- 3.5 The Joint Community Safety Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee will scrutinise the way the Joint Community Safety Partnership works. Members will appreciate that this is a different function to the one currently undertaken by HBBC's Scrutiny Commission in its twice-yearly review of the CSP in relation to crime reduction and local issues.

- 3.6 A report will be presented to Council in due course regarding the full details of the merger and related formal agreements, including inclusion of the joint committee in the relevant section of the Constitution.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (KP)

- 4.1 The only financial implication arising from this change in arrangement is the cost of training for members. This is estimated to be £375 and will be met from existing member training budgets.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (EH)

- 5.1 The Council may establish joint arrangements with one or more local authorities using the joint committee in section 102(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The

council may only agree thin in relation to functions which are not executive functions in any of the participating authorities. Scrutiny is not an executive function for these purposes of either authority.

6. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The matters considered within this report support all of the Council's aims, in particular providing value for money and proactive services by creating the formal merger and scrutinising the functions of the merged partnership to ensure continuing value and effectiveness.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 No formal consultation on this particular report, however the wider subject of the formal merger will be subject to the relevant consultation.

8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

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

- 8.2 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.

- 8.3 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
Failure to monitor effectiveness of arrangements	Ensure robust scrutiny arrangements are in place	Relevant Chief Officers for Scrutiny and Community Safety

9. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 This report and implications therein has no implications on any single or group of communities or groups more than another as it supports an arrangement which will provide value for money and an effective and efficient service across the Borough.

10. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

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

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

Background papers: None

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