

## **COUNCIL – 18 FEBRUARY 2016**

### **JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

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#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree an amendment to the Constitution in relation to joint arrangements to support the Joint Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership and to appoint a Joint Scrutiny Body.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Article 9 of the Council's Constitution be amended to include provision for a Joint Community Safety Partnership.
- 2.2 A Joint Community Safety Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee be established to operate in line with the attached terms of reference.

#### 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, to be in place before the end of the 2015/16 year.
- 3.3 The implementation of formal joint arrangements requires insertion into the Council's Constitution under Article 9 'Joint Arrangements'.
- 3.4 A key requirement of the formal merger is joint scrutiny of the partnership. The Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 12 March 2015 considered and endorsed the proposed terms of reference for the 'Joint Community Safety Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee'. These now need to be formally agreed by Council along with the necessary inclusion in the Constitution.
- 3.5 Under the joint scrutiny arrangements, the full membership of both authorities' main Overview & Scrutiny bodies will make up the Joint Community Safety Partnership Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and as such will have the same membership as the Scrutiny Commission. The Joint Community Safety Partnership Overview & Scrutiny Committee will meet in autumn each year, with the option to hold additional meetings if necessary. The venue and Chair will alternate.
- 3.6 The Joint Community Safety Partnership Overview & Scrutiny Committee will scrutinise the way the Joint Community Safety Partnership works. This is a different function to the one currently undertaken by HBBC's Scrutiny Commission in its regular review of the Community Safety Partnership in relation to crime reduction and local issues.
- 3.7 Appendix 2 provides some background to the informal merger.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (FMC)

4.1 Any costs will be met from existing budgets.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (JB)

5.1 In order to amend the Constitution this report will require approval of a two-thirds majority of members in attendance.

6. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This report supports all corporate aims in creating a safer, supportive and vibrant borough and creating efficiency savings by joint working to provide value for money.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 The Scrutiny Commission endorsed the proposals in March 2015.

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
Lack of joined up working	Implement formal merger	Sharon Stacey
Lack of effective arrangements	Ensure robust scrutiny arrangements are in place and monitored	Rebecca Owen

9. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The contents of this report support all communities and groups by ensuring robust and joined up work in relation to community safety, which benefits all areas of 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

- Data Protection implications
- Voluntary Sector

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Background papers: Report to Scrutiny Commission, 15 March 2015

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