

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

23 JUNE 2010

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SOCIAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PERFORMANCE REPORT- COMMUNITY SAFETY

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update members on community safety performance and the activity of Melton Borough Council and its Partners in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour during 2009/10.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **Members note the successful performance during 2009**
- 2.2 **The changes within the Community Safety arena as a whole be noted.**
- 2.3 **Members confirm the importance of Safer Melton as a priority.**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 During 2009 Melton Borough Council worked closely with partners to implement a programme of activities designed to create communities that are and feel safe (Appendix A). This activity has seen all crime fall by 20.4%, reported Anti-Social Behaviour fall by 11.4% and key reductions achieved within priority neighbourhoods (Appendix B). Public Confidence levels in how the Council and Police deal with anti-social behaviour and crime are now the highest within the majority of our priority neighbourhoods.
- 3.2 The Melton Family Intervention Project (FIP) continued to work with those families identified as prolific for anti-social behaviour within their community with 12 families being provided intensive support during the course of 2009/10. An assessment carried out by the funding body, Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF), awarded the Melton FIP Green flag status for service delivery – only the second green flag awarded in the East Midlands.
- 3.3 The work of the FIP has been enhanced further by another successful bid into the DCSF Housing Challenge Fund which saw an additional £55,000 secured to help work with those families and individuals at risk of offending. This will help to support the Melton Pathways Project which achieved a runner up award, in the Delivering Chances Awards of the East Midlands Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (EMIEP), for innovative service delivery in the East Midlands.
- 3.4 Much of the partnership work has focused on the 'Confidence agenda' which has placed an emphasis on how Melton Borough Council and Leicestershire Constabulary provide services to the customer. In addition to a host of customer centred services, including a pilot project in Warwick, £50,000 was secured from the EMIEP for the Circles of Need Project which focused on understanding the experiences of victims of ASB and how they accessed the support services available within Melton. The project aims to identify a more effective and customer focused journey for victims in order to reduce repeat victimisation and enhance public confidence.

3.5 In order to enhance confidence amongst the community the Melton Area Safer Communities Partnership has undergone a rebrand in order to help facilitate the promotion of the successful partnership working which takes place. The partnership has now been rebranded as the 'Safer Melton Partnership' which has been welcomed by the local press with a launch to take place shortly.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The activity of Melton Borough Council and the Safer Melton Partnership has contributed towards the community safety corporate priority whilst also providing a focus on people and places and priority neighbourhoods.

4.2 Projects such as the Circles of Need also help contribute to other corporate priorities such as a better run council, whilst providing the opportunity to identify how services can be delivered more effectively and efficiently.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications for Melton Borough Council arising from this report, however the report acknowledges the potential risk and impact of reductions in funding.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 No direct issues have been identified.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 The activity discussed has a significant impact on crime, anti-social behaviour and public confidence within the Borough whilst improving life chances for our most vulnerable people. Continued activity will help to reduce the fear of crime, increase reassurance, and contribute to the community safety corporate priority and the crime targets of the Safer Melton Partnership.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 There are no direct equality issues. The Community Safety Plan underwent an equalities impact assessment and, equality in access to services, is now a key theme within the delivery of community safety services.

9.0 RISKS

A detailed risk register will be drawn up for this project.

Probability

Very High A				
High B				
Significant C			2	
Low D		1		
Very Low E				
Almost Impossible F				
	IV Negligible	III Marginal	II Critical	I Catastrophic

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Risk No.	Description
1	Rise in crime.
2	Long term funding not secured beyond 2011.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no issues relating to climate change arising from this report.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Consultation informs the community safety strategy and now plays a key role in designing services.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 All wards are affected.

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Appendices:
A: Safer Melton Partnership Report
B: Community Safety Performance Presentation