



## **Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Crime and Disorder**

### **Draft Terms of Reference**

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Council's Constitution, Article 7 for Overview and Scrutiny Committee paragraph 7.05 (c) states that the Committee has all the powers and functions, powers and duties conferred by Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 and to act as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee.
- 1.2 The responsibilities on the Council for Crime and Disorder is set out in Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 which dictates that the responsible authorities (as defined by the Act) must consider the implication on crime and disorder of all their day to day activities. In its broadest sense the Act also brought about a duty to cooperate which led to the creation of Community Safety Partnerships (CSP's) in each local authority area in Gloucestershire.
- 1.3 Section 17 of the 1998 Act, as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006, requires 'responsible authorities' (as defined by the Act) to consider the likely impact on crime and disorder, the community safety dimension, in all their day to day activities. It is also about the contribution that can be made to reducing crime, disorder and the fear of crime as well as improving the quality of life in the area.

#### **2. Community Safety Partnership (CSP)**

- 2.1 Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 established community safety partnerships in England (then known as 'crime and disorder reduction partnerships'). CSPs are statutorily responsible for reducing crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending in each local authority area. CSPs are defined as: "An alliance of organisations which generate strategies and policies, implement actions and interventions concerning crime and disorder within their partnership area".
- 2.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner is held to account by the Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel. The Panel is a joint body of all the Gloucestershire local authorities and served by Gloucestershire Police. The Panel is made up of sixteen appointed Councillors and two co-opted members.

#### **3. Crime and Disorder Committee**

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will act as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee, overseeing the activities in relation to the 'responsible authorities' and any other relevant issues which may arise for the Committee to consider.



- 3.2 In order to support the Committee's role, an annual paper will be prepared on the outcomes achieved by the Cotswolds Community Safety Partnership, in relation to discharge of its statutory functions as defined by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 3.3 The committee will report or make recommendations to the Cabinet or Council in respect of discharging the function outlined above.
- 3.4 The Committee will comprise Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and will invite other Members, Officers and relevant speakers to address the Committee when relevant.
- 3.5 The overview of the Partnerships work will include:
  - Progress against the Community Safety Partnership Action Plan
  - Spending against external funding
  - Progress in relation to agreed Council Priorities