

COMMITTEE:	CABINET
DATE:	6th FEBRUARY 2002
SUBJECT:	CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION STRATEGY 2002 TO 2005
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF HOUSING HEALTH AND COMMUNITY FINANCE
Ward(s):	ALL
Purpose:	To seek Members approval for the proposed Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2002 to 2005.
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Recommendations:	Cabinet is recommended to endorse the draft Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2002 to 2005.

1.0	<u>Introduction</u>
1.1	The Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership was formed in 1998 in response to the Crime and Disorder Act, which gave the Council, the Police and other key partners, new responsibilities for the prevention of crime and disorder. The aim of the partnership is to “reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime in Eastbourne”.

1.2	The first Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy was produced after a period of audit and consultation, which identified priorities for crime and disorder reduction in Eastbourne. The strategy covered the period 1999 to 2002.
1.3	Home Office Guidance states the Partnership must conduct an audit of crime and disorder every three years in order to produce a revised strategy in line with Government crime reduction targets and community concerns. The strategy, which will cover the period 2002 to 2005, builds upon the work already undertaken by the partnership over the last three years.
1.4	The process for devising a crime and disorder reduction strategy involves wide consultation with the community and analysis of information from many organisations in order to determine both crime reduction priorities and geographic areas, which need to be targeted.
2.0	<u>Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2002 to 2005</u>
2.1	Two version of the strategy have been prepared, a complete document for statutory and voluntary agencies and a shortened version designed for distribution to members of the public which contains advice and information. The two documents have already been circulated to all Members of the Council and the local press. Further copies are available from Justine Armstrong (contact details given above).
2.2	The draft strategy will be reviewed and amended following consultation. The final strategy will be published on the 1st April 2002.

2.2	<p><u>Crime and Disorder Reduction Priorities</u></p>
2.3	<p>The activities of the Partnership during the lifetime the strategy will address six priority areas which reflect a balance between the demands of the community, that have been evidenced through consultation and data collection exercises, and the crime reduction priorities from the Home Office. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fear of crime • Substance misuse • Violent crime • Vehicle crime • Domestic burglary • Anti-social behaviour
2.4	<p><u>Crime and Disorder Targets and Performance Management</u></p>
	<p>Each section of the strategy contains targets and actions. The actions will be monitored in order to assess their effectiveness in achieving crime and disorder reduction targets. Targets for violent crime, domestic burglary and vehicle crime will be taken each year from the Sussex Policing Plan. An annual report on performance of the partnership will be published.</p>
3.0	<p><u>Consultation</u></p>
3.1	<p><u>Consultation undertaken in preparation of the strategy</u></p>
3.1.1	<p>A number of mechanisms were used to identify the concerns of different groups in Eastbourne</p> <p>i) Community Safety Survey 2000. We sent out 4005 questionnaires, to achieve a sample of 1,400. Assuming a variance of 50/50, this represents a confidence interval of +-3%.</p> <p>ii) Residents Survey 2000. We sent out 3000 questionnaires, to achieve a sample of 1,065. Assuming a variance of 50/50, this represents a confidence interval of +-2.6%.</p> <p>iii) Tenants Survey 2000. A survey was sent out to every EBC tenant, to achieve a sample of 1,763. Assuming a variance of 50/50, this represents a confidence interval of +-2.3%.</p>

3.2	<u>Consultation on the draft strategy</u>
3.2.1	<p>The following mechanisms were used to consult on the draft strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The draft strategy and response questionnaire was sent to all Eastbourne Borough Council Tenants and Residents representatives and the North Langney Forum ii) Presentations were made to the Hampden Park Tenants and Residents Associations and the North Langney Forum iii) A report was submitted to the Tenants Advisory Committee iv) The draft strategy and response form was sent to all 80 members of the Police Consultative Forum. A presentation on the draft strategy was made to the forum. v) The draft strategy and response form was sent to 99 statutory organisations and voluntary agencies vi) The strategy and questionnaire have been placed on Eastbourne Borough Council Website
4.0	<u>Financial Implications</u>
4.1	<p>East Downs Division, East Sussex County Council and Eastbourne Borough Council have each contributed £2,000 to the preparation and production of the strategy.</p>
5.0	<u>Summary</u>

<p>5.1</p>	<p>The Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy will cover the period 2002 to 2005. It has been prepared following consultation on community concerns and analysis of information on crime trends from a number of organisations and agencies. Six priority areas have been established. Targets for shared best value performance indicators will be taken each year from the Sussex Policing Plan. The strategy will be published on 1st April following consultation on the draft strategy.</p>
<p>Justine Armstrong Strategic Development Officer</p>	
<p>Background Papers:</p> <p>The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Draft Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2002 to 2005. <p>To inspect or obtain copies of background papers please refer to the contact officer listed above.</p>	
<p>Justine Armstrong/ Community Safety Plan/Committee</p>	<p>Reports/Cabinet Draft C&D Strategy 2002 to 2005</p>