



meeting **Community Policing Select Committee**

date **9th March 2009**

agenda item number

Report of the Chair of the Community Policing Select Committee

Scope and Work Programme

Purpose of the report

1. To inform Members of the Select Committee's scope and work programme.

Background

2. On 13th October 2008, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to include in the programme of work for Scrutiny a review of issues around community policing to be conducted by a "one-off" select committee.

Scope

3. The scope for this review is attached as Appendix A.
4. The objective of the review is to improve the flow of information to local people and Members regarding policing priorities and to enhance the setting of those priorities via greater community engagement.
5. The scope makes reference to the Neighbourhood Policing initiative ("Safer Neighbourhoods") which is based on the principle of local people identifying problems relating to crime and anti-social behaviour that are the most important to them. The initiative recognises the need for joint working between, communities, the police and a wide range of other organisations to resolve problems.
6. Nottinghamshire Police's focus on diversionary activity for young people engaged in crime or anti-social behaviour also forms part of this review. For example, the extent to which Nottinghamshire Police make use of diversionary schemes along the lines of the "Ozbox" non-contact physical training developed by Chesterfield Police.

Work Programme

7. The Select Committee will meet on only one occasion – 10:00 a.m. 9th March 2009 – when the Select Committee will receive information and evidence from Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial) Ian Ackerley and representatives of the Divisional Commanders. Mr Ackerley joined Nottinghamshire Police as ACC in September 2006 having spent his entire policing career up to then with Staffordshire Police, who he joined as a police cadet in 1978. As Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial), Mr Ackerley has responsibility for Demand Management, Criminal Justice and Nottinghamshire's four territorial policing divisions, along with a key role in the area of performance management.
8. Following this meeting, a draft final report with recommendations will be circulated to the Select Committee for agreement.

Recommendation

9. It is recommended that

the Community Policing Select Committee agree the scope, and work programme, receive evidence, and initiate lines of questioning as necessary.

Councillor Chris Winterton
Chair of the Community Policing Select Committee

Background papers: nil.