

**Community Safety Committee**

**Date:** Tuesday, 29 May 2012  
**Time:** 14:00  
**Venue:** County Hall  
**Address:** County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP

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**29 May 2012****Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE****TERMS OF REFERENCE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To note the Community Safety Committee's terms of reference.

**Information and Advice**

2. County Council on 29 March 2012 agreed the following terms of reference for the Community Safety Committee:-

The exercise of the powers and functions set out below are delegated by the Full Council in relation to community safety:

- a. All decisions within the control of the Council including but not limited to those listed in the Table below
- b. Policy development in relation to community safety, subject to approval by the Policy Committee or the Full Council
- c. Review of performance in relation to the services provided on at least a quarterly basis
- d. Review of day to day operational decisions taken by officers
- e. Approval of consultation responses
- f. Approval of departmental staffing structures as required

If any report comes within the remit of more than one committee, to avoid the report being discussed at several committees, the report will be presented and determined at the most appropriate committee. If this is not clear, then the report will be discussed and determined by the Policy Committee.

As part of the detailed work programme the Committee will receive reports on the exercise of powers delegated to Officers.

The Committee will be responsible for its own projects but, where it considers it appropriate, projects will be considered by a cross-committee project steering group that will report back to the most appropriate Committee.

Table
<p>Responsibility for the following statutory duties:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• community safety</li> <li>• as a Food Authority</li> <li>• as a Weights and Measures Authority</li> <li>• as a Trading Standards Authority and in relation to consumer protection and advice</li> <li>• the Coroner's Service</li> </ul>
Responsibility for civil defence and emergency planning
Responsibility for the registration services for births, deaths and marriages
Responsibility for the safety of sports grounds

### Other Options Considered

3. None.

### Reason/s for Recommendation/s

4. To inform the committee of its terms of reference.

### Statutory and Policy Implications

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the report be noted.

**Mick Burrows**  
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### Constitutional Comments

6. As the report is for noting only, no constitutional comments are required.

### **Financial Comments (PS 2/5/12)**

7. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

### **Background Papers**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All



**29<sup>th</sup> May 2012****Agenda Item: 6**

## **REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, TRADING STANDARDS**

### **UPDATE ON TRADING STANDARDS**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To keep the Committee updated on key Trading Standards matters.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. **Consumer Law Landscape Review** - The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) has finally announced the Government's decision on the future Consumer Law landscape. The key decisions made that have the most impact on the authority are:
  - A National Trading Standards Board (NTSB) to be established for prioritising national and cross-boundary enforcement in England and Wales;
  - A Strategic Intelligence, Prevention and Enforcement Partnership (SIPEP) to be established between the NTSB, Scotland and Northern Ireland Trading Standards, a new Consumers and Markets Agency, a new Regulated Industries Unit, and the Citizens Advice service; and
  - Publicly-funded information and advice being delivered by the Citizens Advice service from April 2012.
3. The full response can be read at:  
  
<http://www.bis.gov.uk/assets/biscore/consumer-issues/docs/e/12-510-empowering-protecting-consumers-government-response.pdf>
4. **Panic Fuel Buying** - During the recent 'panic buying' of petrol, Trading Standards contacted all petrol stations to advise of their legal responsibilities regarding dispensing petrol. In a joint media release with the Fire & Rescue Service, Trading Standards also warned of the health and safety risks of storing petrol domestically, and the legal amount that can be stored. The service received extensive coverage, as the release coincided with the unfortunate incident where a woman received serious burns while pouring petrol in her kitchen.

5. **Product Safety** - Trading Standards officers have been supporting a company to recall unsafe baby Moses baskets following a suspension notice issued by another Trading Standards Service. The baskets pose a potential choking hazard to babies.
6. **Underage Sales, Alcohol** - A new structure for Police alcohol licensing teams led to the Service agreeing new arrangements for liaison and transfer of intelligence. The Police will be intelligence-led, focussing on the “top 10” problem premises in Nottinghamshire. Trading Standards will work closely with the Police to reduce the supply of alcohol to underage people whether by direct sale, or by ‘proxy’ sales, where an adult makes a purchase on behalf of an underage person.
7. The Government’s latest Alcohol Strategy urges Police and local authorities to “take quick and firm action to tackle and punish those...acting irresponsibly”. It identifies that high levels of binge drinking amongst 15-16 year olds, together with smoking and obesity, are the three biggest lifestyle risk factors for disease and death in the UK. Further, access to cheap alcohol, combined with drinking before going out at night, leads to a higher risk of involvement in violence.
8. Additional responsibilities for Trading Standards Officers that may fall out of the strategy’s consultation period include a minimum unit pricing for alcohol proposal, and a ban on multi-buy promotions.
9. **Test Purchase Exercise** - 9 attempted purchases of alcohol and cigarettes were made in April using a young volunteer. The premises visited were in Mansfield, Ashfield and Broxtowe, with one sale of alcohol made from a Hucknall shop. Investigations continue.
10. **Primary Authority Partnerships** - The authority signed up to 11 Primary Authority Partnerships in 2011/12. These partnerships are designed to enable Trading Standards (and other regulators) to deliver tailored, consistent support to businesses. The statutory backing of the partnerships means that the advice given and followed can not be readily challenged in Court by another enforcement agency. This gives businesses trading across boundaries certainty, and eliminates inconsistencies of approach some had previously experienced.
11. All 11 businesses have committed to continue with their partnerships this year, at the same or a higher level than last year. The authority recovers the costs of delivering this support from the businesses themselves.
12. A seminar was held on 4<sup>th</sup> May in conjunction with Rushcliffe Borough Council Environmental Health and the Better Regulation Delivery Office to promote Primary Authority to local businesses. This was the first such joint seminar held in the country between two regulators.
13. **Car Boot Operation** - the Service recently apprehended four men selling counterfeit items at a Nottinghamshire market. The men, all known to the authorities, were arrested, some released on bail, whilst a further one was remanded in custody overnight and bailed the following day. Investigations continue.



14. **‘Real Deal’** - this national charter ensures markets are free from counterfeit and other illegal goods, and is supported by trade and enforcement bodies. The Service is pleased that the new owners of Thoresby Market are keen to sign-up to the Charter thereby agreeing to work hard with the authority to prohibit the sale of illegal goods there. In return, Trading Standards will support the organisers in identifying such goods, and policing the market. Following this pilot, staff will look to roll the Charter out to other responsible Market Operators.
15. **Environmental Weight Restrictions** - Residents in the five Community Lorry Watch areas submitted 105 intelligence reports in 2011/12 regarding vehicles breaching restrictions. In response, Trading Standards undertook 42 enforcement days in 23 different locations, catching 98 overweight vehicles unable to provide a valid reason for being there. Since the schemes started, the service has issued 101 warning letters, 36 simple cautions, and taken 2 prosecutions. No driver in 2011/12 was observed for a second time breaching a weight limit after receiving a warning.
16. **Mobility Aids** - The mis-selling of mobility aids to vulnerable residents continues to be a problem. Following the successes of enforcement action against the criminals involved, the Service has shifted its focus towards prevention work, joining up with Social Care colleagues to develop stronger prevention tactics. The aim is to identify vulnerable residents likely to be targeted, and to work with them to prevent them falling victim.
17. **Pay Day Lending** - The service is supporting the Office of Fair Trading in a national review into this market, involving inspections of 50 major payday lenders; one of which is in the County. Practices that will be investigated in the review include inadequate checks on whether a borrower can afford a loan, inappropriate targeting of particular groups with unsuitable or unaffordable credit, rolling over loans to escalate charges, and unfair treatment of borrowers that get into financial difficulty.
18. **Regional Operations Unit (‘Scambusters’ Team)** - The team is currently leading a complex investigation into a business selling allegedly unsuitable and overpriced mobility aids to vulnerable people across the East Midlands and Yorkshire. The work involves coordinating the efforts of a number of Police Forces, illustrating the vital coordination role the team has in the fight against rogue traders.
19. The team has recently completed an investigation into a long-standing scam targeting small businesses and other organisations. Although the amounts taken from each business are relatively small, tight margins have amplified the impact on individual businesses, whilst the cumulative amounts involved are significant. The case is now in the court process.
20. **Media** - recent coverage of the authority’s work includes:
- A Nottingham Evening Post special feature regarding counterfeiting;

- A Mail on Sunday article on the potential safety risks associated with teething bracelets for babies;
- A BBC News piece regarding criminals sharing details of potential victims;
- Radio Nottingham, Radio Mansfield & Nottingham Evening Post coverage regarding Air Ambulance charity bag collections;
- Radio Mansfield coverage of a test purchase exercise;
- Radio Mansfield, GEM and Nottingham interviews regarding new Tobacco Display Legislation; and
- Capital Radio and Radio Nottingham interviews regarding a counterfeiter's sentence.

21. **Legal Action Update** - A Nottinghamshire man found guilty of 5 counts of fraud, and 1 count of cancellation rights offences has been given a 242 hour community service order and ordered to pay £3,030 compensation.

22. A Derbyshire man was sentenced to 200 hours community service and to pay a contribution to prosecution costs for selling counterfeit dvd's. The court issued a warrant for the arrest of another man who was also selling counterfeit but who failed to attend court. The Service subsequently apprehended him, and put him before Court, where he was also sentenced to 200 hours community service regarding 13 counts.

23. Three cases regarding the supply of counterfeit alcohol have now been concluded. A Worksop retailer was been fined £500 for selling counterfeit Jacobs Creek, while a Mansfield company was fined £1,500 and it's director £500 for selling 15 bottles of counterfeit vodka. A further company in Rainworth was fined £1,350 and its director £450 for selling 4 bottles of counterfeit vodka. All businesses were ordered to pay full prosecution costs.

24. The Mansfield man convicted for selling counterfeit goods from a retail premises in Mansfield has now been ordered to pay £14,000 following a proceeds of crime investigation.

25. The sentencing of the man who had pleaded guilty to committing fraud offences for reducing the mileages on vans he sold was adjourned from 4<sup>th</sup> May until 22<sup>nd</sup> June pending medical reports.

26. A man is due in court on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May for offences under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations.

27. A Man is due to appear in court on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May for selling counterfeit cigarettes and tobacco.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

28. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below.

Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That the Committee notes the contents of this report.

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### **Background Papers**

None.

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

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**29<sup>th</sup> May 2012****Agenda Item: 7****REPORT OF GROUP MANAGER, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT &  
REGISTRATION****SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an overview of the County Council's responsibilities in respect of safety at sports grounds, plus an update on activities over the last 12 months and forthcoming inspections.

**Information and Advice****Background**

2. Previously, under the Cabinet and committee structure of the County Council, the topic of safety at sports grounds came under the Planning and Licensing Committee, and was not part of the responsibilities of the portfolio holder for Community Safety. However, with the return to committees, this matter has been assigned to the Community Safety Committee.
3. This report provides a broad introduction to safety at sports grounds work, and details current key topics. It is proposed that future activities will be included in routine update reports to the committee, and that major issues will be the subject of separate reports. By way of background to this topic, it is important to note that whenever large crowds gather in confined spaces there is always the possibility of tragic consequences. On occasions, in this country and abroad, a catastrophic breakdown of safety management has led to large numbers of fatalities. Some of the most notable of these were at football grounds such as:
  - Ibrox Park, 2 January 1971, 66 supporters were crushed to death on a crowded stairway.
  - Bradford City, 11<sup>th</sup> May 1985, 56 fans were killed and 270 injured in a fire in the main stand at the Valley Parade Stadium.
  - Hillsborough, April 1989, 96 Liverpool fans died in the Leppings Lane end of the ground at an FA Cup semi-final match against Nottingham Forest.

4. Lessons arising from these disasters led directly to the legislative framework in place today. This is designed to safeguard spectator safety, and the County Council has a key role.

### **Current legislation and guidance**

5. Key legislation and guidance governing safety at sports grounds, and the County Council's main responsibilities arising from these, can be summarised as follows:
  - **Safety at Sports Grounds Act 1975 (as amended).** This gives local authorities responsibility for issuing safety certificates for 'designated grounds'. These are stadia with a capacity of 10,000 or more and which are designated by the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport. Section 10 of the Act gives local authority the power to issue a prohibition notice at any sports ground if it is deemed that there is an unacceptable risk to spectator safety.
  - **Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987.** This gives local authorities a duty to issue a safety certificate for covered stands with a capacity of 500 or more.
  - **Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.** This places a duty on local authorities to monitor and enforce fire safety at sports grounds.
  - **Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds ('the Green Guide').** This is the key guidance document which is given the force of law by its inclusion in safety certificates for the sports grounds in Nottinghamshire.

### **Relevant Sports Grounds in Nottinghamshire**

6. Under the legislation listed above, there are three 'Designated Grounds' in the County; Trent Bridge Cricket Ground, plus the football grounds of Nottingham Forest and Mansfield Town. In addition there are 'Regulated Stands' at Southwell Racecourse, Eastwood Town Football Club and Hucknall Town Football Club. The County Council's Emergency Planning Team uses the following measures to fulfil the County Council's responsibilities.
  - **General Safety Certificates:** A General Safety Certificate is issued to each ground and is reviewed annually. Special Safety Certificates may be issued as necessary, for example in the case of a music concert.
  - **Safety Advisory Groups (SAG):** A multi-agency SAG, chaired by an Emergency Planning Manager, will normally meet 2-3 times a year in respect of each designated ground, and once a year for each regulated stand. These meetings are arranged more frequently when required.

- **Annual inspection and audit:** These are carried out by the Safety Advisory Group at each ground once a year, for the purpose of reviewing the safety certificate.
  - **Match / Race day inspections:** These are carried out by the emergency planning team 2-3 times a year for designated grounds and or 1-2 times a year at regulated stands. Their purpose is to ensure that the club is complying fully with their safety certificate. In addition, there is normally one inspection per year carried out by a structural engineer at each designated ground, and one every two years at each regulated stand. Further inspections are required during times of change at a stadium, or when other safety issues arise, or when staffing changes occur in the Emergency Planning Team.
7. In view of this regulatory role, including the issuing of General Safety Certificates, details of this work will be reported in routine updates to the Community Safety Committee. These reports will include details of any regulatory actions that may be required, such as reductions to the safe capacity of any ground.

### **Recent inspections and Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meetings**

8. The 2011-2012 Business Plan for the Emergency Planning Teams envisaged a minimum of seven inspections at the three Designated Grounds, and one each at the three Regulated Stands. In practice, a total of 17 were required, as follows:
- **Trent Bridge Cricket Ground:** 6th July 2011.
  - **Eastwood Town FC:** 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012, and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.
  - **Mansfield Town FC:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2011, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012, and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012.
  - **Nottingham Forest FC:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2011, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011, and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
  - **Hucknall Town FC:** 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012
  - **Southwell Racecourse:** 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
9. To date, in the current financial year, the following inspections have been completed:
- Hucknall Town FC 7<sup>th</sup> April 2012
  - Nottingham Forest FC 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012
  - Mansfield Town FC 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012.
10. The Safety Advisory Groups have met as follows:
- **Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club:** 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011

- **Mansfield Town FC:** 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012, and 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012
- **Nottingham Forest FC** 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012, and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

11. The pre-season Annual Audit and Safety Inspection for Trent Bridge Cricket ground took place on 27<sup>th</sup> March and those for other sports grounds have been arranged as follows:

- Southwell Racecourse – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012
- Eastwood Town FC and Hucknall Town FC – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012
- Mansfield Town FC – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012
- Nottingham Forest FC – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

## **Regulatory measures**

12. The permitted capacity of Mansfield Town Football Club is currently reduced slightly to reflect concerns stemming from the relative inexperience in football safety amongst the most senior executives at the club. The club was issued with a 'Warning' notice following the fixture against Kidderminster Harriers on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011. This was due to a technical breach of their General Safety Certificate. The Safety Advisory Group was satisfied that the club had understood the issues raised and made sufficient undertakings to enable the matter to be resolved without formal enforcement action being necessary. There was minimal impact to spectator safety on this particular occasion; however, there was the potential that on a different occasion this could have led to more serious problems.

13. A Special Safety Certificate was issued to Mansfield Town Football Club for their Fireworks Display on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011, following consultation with the Safety Advisory Group.

14. The permitted capacity of Eastwood Town Football Club's two regulated stands is currently reduced by 50%, due to safety concerns relating to stewarding, ground maintenance and safety management, which mean that the club would be poorly prepared to host a large crowd. In addition, safety concerns have been raised in relation to the floodlight masts at the ground, and the club has been required to undertake pre-match checks and risk assessments before each home game to ensure that the condition of the masts has not deteriorated. This issue will be considered in detail by the Safety Advisory Group in July and appropriate action taken to resolve the situation for the 2012-13 football season.

15. After consultation with the Safety Advisory Group, a Special Safety Certificate has been issued to Southwell Racecourse for a Scout activity camp called the 'Big Weekend' from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

## **Other considerations**



16. Guidance on a revised process for safety certification has been issued by the Sports Grounds Safety Authority, and the Emergency Planning Team is in discussion with clubs about moving towards a new style of safety certificate described in the guidance.
17. Also, members for the Emergency Planning Team are currently applying their knowledge of Safety at Sports Grounds to assist in the planning for major events this summer. These include arrangements to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and events along the route of the Olympic Torch Relay in Nottinghamshire.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

18. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described in the report.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) It is recommended that the contents of the report be noted.

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## **Background Papers**

The following items of legislation and published guidance are relevant to the content of this report:

- [Safety at Sports Grounds Act 1975 \(as amended\)](#)
- [Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987](#)
- [Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005](#)
- [Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds \('the Green Guide'\)](#).

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

The content of this report will be of interest to all Members as their constituents may attend sporting events as spectators. It will be of particular interest to Members who have relevant sports ground in their areas. These relate to the following Electoral Divisions:

- West Bridgford Central & South - Nottingham Forest and Trent Bridge Councillors Barrie Cooper and Michael Cox.

- South Mansfield - Mansfield Town Football Club  
Councillors Chris Winterton and Stephen Garner.
- Eastwood - Eastwood Town Football Club  
Councillor Keith Longdon.
- Hucknall - Hucknall Town Football Club  
Councillors Tom Irving, Mick Murphy and Kevin Rostance.
- Southwell and Caunton - Southwell Racecourse.  
Councillor Bruce Laughton.

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**29<sup>th</sup> May 2012****Agenda Item: 8****REPORT OF GROUP MANAGER, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT &  
REGISTRATION****UPDATE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICES****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update on recent key activities and events of the County Council's Emergency Planning Team and of Registration and Celebratory Services.

**Information and Advice****Emergency Management**Emergency Planning Team Business Plan 2012 - 2013

2. With the start of the new financial year, a fresh business plan has been commenced for the Emergency Planning Team. The plan confirms the overarching aim of the team to ensure that Nottinghamshire County Council, and communities within Nottinghamshire, are resilient to the impact of emergencies of all kinds.
3. The team facilitates the preparations of County Council departments for their part in the response to an emergency. The types of emergencies that are considered include all those that call for a response that goes beyond the ability of the 'blue-light' Emergency Services to deal with unaided. Such incidents may include industrial incidents, transport accidents or events of natural causes, such as severe weather. Key activities of the team include:
  - Preparation of specific emergency plans required by legislation
  - Development and maintenance of multi-agency generic plans for aspects of response that are common in most emergencies
  - Provision of effective emergency response training
  - Development and staging of relevant validation exercises
  - Liaison with all stakeholders
  - Emergency Response.
4. The team also undertakes the County Council's statutory function of 'Safety of Sports Grounds' and facilitates the development and maintenance of 'Business Continuity' planning within the County Council. This involves assisting all

departments to prepare arrangements that will enable them to continue their critical services at times when they would otherwise cease, perhaps due to flood or fire affected key buildings.

5. A large proportion of the teams' work relates to the County Council's status as a 'Category 1' organisation under the Civil Contingencies Act, 2004. Much of this work is carried out in collaboration with partners in the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Local Resilience Forum.
6. Other Specific Legislation for which emergency plans are required include:
  - Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations, 1999.
  - Pipeline Safety Regulations, 1996
  - Radiation Emergencies Preparedness and Public Information Regulations, 2001.
7. In addition to the continual maintenance of existing plans and the ongoing training and exercises that accompany these key events and activities for the year ahead include:
  - Crowd safety aspects of the Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons and Olympic Torch Relay in Nottinghamshire.
  - Arrangements for dealing with, harnessing and maximising the benefit of 'offers of help' during an emergency.
  - County Council arrangements for responding to a school emergency.
  - Updating and re-issue the Major Incident Plan for Mansfield Town Football Club.
  - Contributing to the creation of a 'Survivor Reception Centre' plan.
  - Developing improved arrangements for identifying vulnerable people during an incident.
  - New emergency mortuary awareness training.
  - A major part in the organisation and delivery of a floods response exercise.

#### Olympic Torch Relay Planning

8. The emergency planning team is participating in the overall planning for the Olympic Torch relay through the County (which takes place on 28<sup>th</sup> June) and, in particular, is chairing the 'Safety Advisory Group' for the event. As part of these preparations the team participated in a table top Exercise (Exercise 'Salerno') for the relay, which was hosted by Nottinghamshire Police and took place on 30<sup>th</sup> April. The event involved strategic and tactical groups, plus a specialists group and groups of representatives covering the five District Council areas directly affected by the Relay Route. Valuable learning was gained in topics such as traffic management, stewarding, school closures, and waste collection policy. An information plan in each local authority will be used to ensure all key audiences are briefed and aware of requirements for them. Also, learning has been gained from a recent relay rehearsal in Leicestershire. Contingency plans are in development, including consideration of alternative routes and site specific plans for all static celebration sites.

## Community Flood Signage Scheme

9. During previous periods of significant rainfall, several communities across the county have experienced flooding of residential properties caused by vehicles driving at speed through flooded roads. The vehicles create bow waves which cause flood water to inundate properties along the roadside. During the floods in 2007 it was acknowledged that by the time County Council Highways are able to attend and set up road signage to encourage drivers to slow down or avoid using certain roads, properties may already be flooded by bow waves. Therefore, the emergency planning team have pioneered the introduction of a community volunteer-based flood signage scheme. This enables participating communities to set-up their own road signage during significant heavy rainfall when flooding is expected before Highways are able to attend and set up diversion routes.
10. Communities now participating in the scheme are Bleasby and Woodborough. 'Flood Wardens' within each community have received the necessary training to enable them to set up road signage to warn drivers of flooding, advise them to slow down and close minor roads to traffic where necessary. Road signs were purchased with funding received from the Environment Agency. Signs are stored in 'Community Resilience Stores' within each of the participating villages. This scheme is believed to be the first of its kind in the country.

## Incidents

11. Paradoxically, the month that a drought was declared formally across much of Britain (including Nottinghamshire) was also the UK's wettest April since reliable records began in 1910. Drought conditions exist as ground water levels are low, and aquifers are not replenished from rainfall onto hard ground running off into rivers.
12. The peak flood risk in Nottinghamshire was on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April when the County experienced between 20mm and 30mm of rainfall in addition to that experienced during the previous week. The emergency planning team monitored the situation closely, and passed on flood warnings in accordance with our emergency plans. Environment Agency colleagues were mindful of potential flooding from the Retford Beck in Retford, from which adjacent properties flooded in 2007. To reduce the risk of this, and to protect properties and people, they pumped water from the watercourse into the Chesterfield Canal.
13. The heavy rainfall led to another incident as a train derailed when it struck a Land Slide at Clarborough, near Retford. The driver and one passenger were taken by ambulance to Bassetlaw Hospital, while the journeys of all other passengers were completed by road transport arranged by Network Rail. An emergency planning officer from Network Rail kept the County Council emergency planning team informed of developments, and local plans for emergency transportation, accommodation and humanitarian assistance were available to be activated if necessary. Happily, on this occasion there was no need of these measures. Information about the incident was passed to the local County Councillor for the area.

14. The emergency planning team were also involved by provision of advice when a fire affected flats in Attenborough on 29<sup>th</sup> April. The ambulance service took two adults and three children to the Queens Medical Centre for treatment and the local Borough Council provided alternative accommodation for the families affected. Again, our emergency plans were available for use had they been required, however the incident was dealt without recourse to these. Local Elected Members were informed of the incident.

#### Update on Safety at Sports Grounds

15. In addition to the separate report on this topic, an emergency meeting of the Safety Advisory Group for Mansfield Town Football Club took place on 4<sup>th</sup> May. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the implications for safety management at the club following the arrest and caution of the Chief Executive of the club, who is also the 'holder' of the General Safety Certificate. The seriousness of the issue was impressed on the Certificate Holder; however no sanctions were taken against her.

#### **Registration and Celebratory Services**

##### Key achievements in 2011 - 2012

16. The major achievement during the last financial year was the completion of a major re-structure of the service. This involved the formal amalgamation of the previous five Registration Districts in the County to a single District for the County, and was accomplished while maintaining statutory services, expanding non-statutory services and introduced new services, most particularly the 'Tell us once' service.
17. The service has been given the challenge of becoming financially self-sufficient by 2014-2015. This will be achieved by off-setting the costs of statutory duties (e.g. weddings) via additional income from non-statutory services (e.g. baby naming). From a net annual budget for the service of £495K in 2009-2010, the budget was £183K in 2011-2012, and an underspend was achieved. At the same time, national standards for birth and death appointments were met as follows:
- 100% births registered within 42 days (national standard 98%)
  - 100% still births registered with 42 days (national standard = 98%)
  - 96% deaths registered within 5 days (national standard = 95%)
  - 97% deaths after post mortem registered within 7 days (national standard = 95%).

##### Registration Service Delivery Plan 2012 - 2013

18. With the start of the new financial year, a revised Service Delivery Plan for the service has been produced. This confirms a vision that Nottinghamshire Registration and Celebratory Services will be a successful, innovative business, focussing on the core business principles of high levels of customer satisfaction, income generation, efficiency of operation and staff commitment.

19. The Service has the statutory function of providing a responsive service to the public for the registration of all births, stillbirths, and deaths, notices of marriage and civil partnerships, and the consequent ceremonies, production of legal documentation, and the approval of premises for marriages and partnerships. The service is also responsible for Citizenship Ceremonies in the County. In addition, the service offers an increasing number of non-statutory ceremonies such as naming, renewal of vows and civil funerals.
20. The move, a few years ago, to a 'New Governance' scheme of working provided for a more flexible, less prescriptive scheme than previously, allowing the County Council greater discretion to deliver services which meet both national standards and local community needs. These arrangements involve include a 'light touch' inspection regime by the General Register Office, local self monitoring and regular consultation with customers. The scheme requires the County Council to:
- Adhere to a national Code of Practice.
  - Meet national standards set out in a set of 'Good Practice Guides'.
  - Consult with staff, customers and stakeholders.
  - Publish a 'Service Delivery Plan' to set specifications, including a suggestions and complaints procedure, description of the service structure, access times, and a statement of commitment to service levels.
21. The 'Service Delivery Plan' referred to above is designed to implement the arrangements and set out our improvement programme for the year ahead. In addition to the continual maintenance of existing standards and the ongoing response to public expectations, key events and activities for the year ahead include:
- Consolidation of the changes introduced by restructuring the service.
  - Creation and development of a central records repository and copy certificate service
  - Introduction of a nationality checking service
  - Re-decoration and improvement of accommodation for customers
  - Improved provision of staff training
22. At the same time, the service is planning and preparing for the possible relocation of registration offices in Newark, Rushcliffe and Retford, arising from the County Council's 'Ways of Working' programme.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

23. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are included in the report.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) It is recommended that the contents of the report be noted.

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**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

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**REPORT OF GROUP MANAGER, SAFER AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES,  
POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES****COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

- 1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Committee performance in relation to crime in 2011/12 and targets for 2012/13, outline the impact of the new Police and Crime Commissioner following their election in November 2011 and to highlight some of successful community safety initiatives undertaken during the past year.

**Information and Advice****2 Crime Reduction Performance 2011/12**

- 2.1 Overall crime levels in the county are at their lowest level for thirty years. The following crime figures relate to 2011/12 compared to the previous twelve months:
  - All Crime is down by 9%
  - Serious Acquisitive Crime is down 17%
  - Domestic Burglary is down 11%
  - Theft from Vehicle is down 11%
  - Theft of vehicle is down 17%
  - Robbery is down 21%
  - Criminal Damage is down 13%
  - Violence Against the Person is down 1%
- 2.2 The number of All Crime incidents recorded has reduced from 48,078 to 43,843. Continued reductions in burglary offences are bucking the national trend which has seen other parts of the country experience an increase.
- 2.3 Activities undertaken in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour range from initiatives in specific areas (15 Partnership Plus Areas) to countywide interventions, such as Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences to tackle domestic violence.

### 3 Targets for 2012/13

3.1 At the SNB on 17 February 2012, it was proposed that a single set of targets be adopted between the Police and the Community Safety Partnerships. These have now been agreed with all the Community Safety Partnerships and are as follows:

- **Target 1: Reduce all crime by 8.3% by 31 March 2013**
- **Target 2: Reduce household burglary by 9.8% by 31 March 2013**
- **Target 3: Reduce robbery by 9.5% by 31 March 2013**
- **Target 4: Reduce violent crime 8.2% by 31 March 2013**
- **Target 5: Reduce vehicle crime by 8.7% by 31 March 2013**
- **Target 6: Reduce Anti-social Behaviour by 8% by 31 March 2013**

It has also been agreed that the stretch target for the Partnership Plus Areas will be as follows:

<b>Target</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Ashfield</b>	<b>Mansfield</b>	<b>BNS</b>	<b>South Notts</b>
All crime	8.3%	8.4%	8.4%	8%	7.9%
All crime in Partnership Plus Areas	18.3%	18.4%	18.4%	18%	17.9%

In 2012/13 each of the 15 PPAs will receive £27,600 from the SNB to support crime and reduction initiatives targeted to tackle local problems.

### 4 Police and Crime Commissioner

4.1 The event which will have the greatest impact on partnership working in relation to community safety in 2012/13 will be the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012. This may bring some fundamental changes to way that partnerships operate and are funded. Much work is currently underway to ensure that the transition to the PCC is as smooth as possible and the successful candidate will be suitably briefed on how community safety is currently being delivered both in the County and the City and to ensure that all key organisations can work effectively with the PCC to continue to reduce crime and to social behaviour. It is suggested that the PCC is invited to attend a Community Safety Committee at the earliest opportunity, to enable Members to ascertain the priorities that the PCC will be addressing during his/her term of office.

### 5 Highlighted Community Safety Initiatives

#### **I Pledge Project**

5.1 Nottinghamshire County Council commissioned the “I Pledge Project”, to work with 1000 pupils across 20 schools during 2011. The I Pledge Project focuses on the contemporary criminal justice system and consists of two visits to the National Centre for Citizenship and the Law (NCCL) at the Galleries of Justice Museum, together with project work to be undertaken back in class. Pupils are asked to identify a “pledge” to their

community not to commit crime. The winning entries were St Patrick's Primary (a project to tackle anti social behaviour involving motorcycles), Robin Hood Primary (a project to tackle general anti social behaviour) and Priory Junior (a project to tackle criminal damage/graffiti). It is intended to continue to focus the 'I-Pledge' project in the Partnership Plus Areas across the county. A DVD outlining the project in more detail is available to Members on request.

### **Car Cruising**

5.2 A car cruise is defined as "an event at which any of the following activities occur:

- motor vehicles are driven at excessive speed
- motor vehicles are raced against one another
- stunts are performed in motor vehicles
- music is played on stereo equipment in a motor vehicle which is audible outside the vehicle

so as to cause:

- excessive noise
- danger to other road users
- a risk to of injury to any person
- a risk of damage to property"

5.3 A number of specific areas in Nottinghamshire have been subject to car cruising, especially Junction 27 of the M1 and more recently on the Colwick loop road at Netherfield. A combination of CCTV cameras, ANPR cameras and targeted Police activity has greatly reduced the problem in Ashfield and more recently a significant partnership approach has been required in Gedling to tackle the issue there.

5.4 The County Council was successful in its application for a court injunction to prevent vehicle nuisance and anti-social behaviour in the Netherfield and Colwick area. Persons found gathering for this activity will be deemed to be acting unlawfully and risk prosecution, ranging from a penalty fine up to the confiscation and crushing of their vehicle. The injunction remains in force until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014. The injunction is backed up with environmental works to reduce the likelihood of car cruising and CCTV coverage.

### **Dragons' Den**

5.5 Based on the entrepreneurial programme 'Dragons' Den', Ashfield Community Safety Partnership has developed it's own Dragons' Den approach, with schools presenting their ideas on how they would tackle a crime or anti social behaviour issue to a panel of experts. Five schools made high quality presentations to the panel (including the Chair of the Community Safety Committee) illustrating the dangers of alcohol in impairing judgement and leading to violence. The successful school won funding (£1,000) to implement a local project relating to this issue. The overall winner was Selston Arts and Community College. It is intended all information presented to the panel will be circulated countywide.

### **Financial details**

- 6 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

- 7 This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **Recommendation**

- 8 Members are asked to note the report.

### **9 Background Papers Available for Inspection**

- “I Pledge” Evaluation
- Car Cruising Injunction
- Safer Nottinghamshire Board’s County Strategic Assessment 2012

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**29 May 2012****Agenda Item:10****REPORT OF GROUP MANAGER, SAFER AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES,  
POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES****“I BELONG YOU BELONG” HOLOCAUST CENTRE PROJECT****Purpose of the Report**

1. To request approval for allocating £15,000 from the Community Safety budget in 2012/13 to extend a successful hate crime pilot project to Worksop North (Bassetlaw).

**Information and Advice****‘I Belong You Belong – Bringing Diversity Home to Mansfield’ Project background**

2. The Project is an innovative and ground breaking initiative which aims to tackle areas with high levels of hate crime and low levels of community engagement by working with schools and the wider community to change attitudes and behaviours. The Project supports the Safer Nottinghamshire Board Hate Crime Delivery Plan and fits well with the Government’s new Hate Crime Plan, which highlights the importance of:

*“Challenging the behaviours and attitudes that foster hatred and encouraging early intervention to reduce the risk of incidents escalating”*  
(Challenge It, Report It, Stop It: The Government’s Plan to Tackle Hate Crime 2012)

3. This is a joint initiative of the County Council’s Achievement and Equality Service and Community Safety Team, Mansfield District Council, Mansfield Area Strategic Partnership, Nottinghamshire Police, the Holocaust Centre, the Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR) and the Pears Foundation.
4. The Committee is asked to note that the proposals were brought before the Grant Aid Member Reference Group on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in order to ensure that Members have an overall picture of the funding that is allocated to the voluntary sector for community safety initiatives funded by Nottinghamshire County Council. Members endorsed the proposed way forward.

## **Project Details**

5. The first area selected for a Project pilot was the Ravensdale estate in Mansfield based on its ranking as a Partnership Plus area by the Safer Nottinghamshire Board and in particular the relatively high levels of hate crime and racially motivated crime recorded by Nottinghamshire Police.
6. Specific examples of issues reported in the neighbourhood included:
  - Primary school children's homework being returned to school annotated with swastikas
  - Parents refusing consent for their children to visit a mosque
  - Parents petitioning against a schools initiative to run a Polish day in the school, particularly their attempt to let the children try some Polish food.
7. The Project worked with 6 primary schools and one secondary school (The Brunts). All 6 primary schools visited The Holocaust Centre with year 5/6 (10-11 year olds). These trips involved about 50 children visiting 'The Journey'. On the same visit about 25 parents were also brought to the Holocaust Centre and provided with a parallel learning experience. The Centre also delivered a post-visit workshop in the schools following the visit.
8. The innovative nature of the Project has been the interaction with parents in each of the 6 primary schools by encouraging them to visit The Holocaust Centre so they could be involved in their children's learning. The Centre delivered 'In Our Hands' workshops to parents whilst their children were undertaking 'The Journey' education programme. The programme for parents is designed to raise awareness of the role individual people played in the Holocaust and for them to consider what their individual role might be in today's communities.
9. At the end of the learning experience for both children and parents there is an opportunity to share what they have learned during the day and to discuss together what they will do once they get back home to their community.

## **Project Results**

10. The Project aims to shift people's (children, young people and adults from across the community) attitude to people who they perceive as different to themselves. An initial assessment of the concept of engaging the parents in parallel learning to their children's indicates that this has been very successful. In addition, the project aims to galvanise parents and community members to:
  - Increase parental involvement and engagement in their children's learning and within the school
  - Consider their role as individuals within their community.
  - Take action themselves to address issues of hatred and fear of difference within their community.

11. Below are a few quotes from parents involved in term one of the project:

*'The visit has certainly been food for thought. Seeing the same exhibitions as my grand-daughter will enable us to have lots of discussions. Thank you for a very thought provoking experience'*

Parent Sutton Road Primary 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011

*'Very helpful and informative. Your project must carry on for future generations'*

parent High Oakham Primary. 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011

*'As well as being able to discuss the issues raised with my son, the day has also been valuable in further informing my understanding of the Holocaust'*

parent Abbey Primary school 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011

*'Very impressive day – much much more than I expected'*

parent Abbey Primary school, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011

*'Extremely helpful and enlightening. Giving the next generation the tools with which to make decisions in life – empathising with others is of the utmost importance'*

Grandmother, Sutton Road Primary, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011

*'Very moving and thought provoking with important issues for us in the UK today'*

parent Sutton Road Primary, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011

*'...would definitely recommend this sad but equally important experience. Learnt a lot'*

parent 2nd November 2011 Sutton Road Primary

12. Detailed discussions are underway with Nottingham Trent University to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the pilot Project and to make recommendations as to the proposed rollout to Worksop North. As with the original Mansfield pilot, this is a Partnership Plus Area and experiences high levels of hate crime as identified by the Safer Nottinghamshire Board's Strategic Assessment.

### **National and International Interest**

13. There is considerable interest at a national and international level in this Project. Nationally the Director for Decentralism and Big Society at the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) has visited the Holocaust Centre to discuss the Project with a view to it becoming a national pilot.
14. Internationally a Memorandum of Understanding has been developed between The Brunts School, The Holocaust Centre, The Shoah Foundation and the Institute of Education (University of London) in relation to The Brunts

School being the UK pilot for The Shoah Foundation's new website 'I Witness'.

### **Partnership Funding**

15. Bassetlaw District Council is planning to contribute to the project from its 2011/12 Partnership Plus funding with the possibility of more funds being drawn from its 2012/13 allocation. Major contributions to the work are also being developed from the Pears Foundation and the Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR). The County Council's contribution and involvement is seen as critical to the success of these applications.

### **Other Options Considered**

16. There is no alternative provider for this specific project. In terms of the focus of the project, other Partnership Plus Areas were considered but did not all have the potential level of partnership support that will be required to make the initiative a success.

### **Reason/s for Recommendations**

17. The initial pilot is seen as being highly successful, having a significant impact on the young people from the participating schools as well as on the parents and relatives who were also involved. The extension of the work to a different area, with a focus on measuring the community benefits of the approach, is exciting and offers a unique opportunity for the County Council to be fully engaged with a ground breaking approach.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

18. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

19. It is recommended that the Committee approves the allocation of £15,000 from the 2012/13 Community Safety budget to extend the successful project approach in Ravensdale to Worksop North in Bassetlaw.

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**Constitutional Comments ((Linda McCarthy 1.5.2012)**



The Community Safety Committee has delegated responsibility in relation to community safety. Therefore, the recommendations in the report fall within the remit of the Committee.

**Financial Comments ([DD 8/05/12])**

Adequate budget provision exists within the Safer Communities budget for 2012 -13 to fund the contribution.

**Background Papers**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

DVD of the “I Belong You Belong” Pilot Project

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

Worksop North



**29 May 2012****Agenda Item:11****REPORT OF GROUP MANAGER, SAFER AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES,  
POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES****DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUNDING 2012-15****Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To seek approval to:
  - Allocate £120,000 from the Community Safety budget for 2012-13 and each of the following two years to the Nottinghamshire Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) that support those victims of domestic violence who are at the highest risk of serious harm
  - Allocate £20,000 from the Community Safety budget for 2012-13 and each of the following two years for domestic violence awareness training.

**Information and Advice**

- 2 Domestic violence has been identified as a priority area by the County Council. This is evidenced in:
  - The County Council's Strategic Plan, highlighting the importance of services for vulnerable victims
  - The Safer Nottinghamshire Board Domestic Violence Framework
  - The plans of the Safeguarding Children Board and the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board
  - The report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Domestic Violence
- 3 As reported to Cabinet in July and September 2011, the key domestic violence services that are funded by the County Council have recently been subject to a comprehensive joint commissioning process. Existing separate funding arrangements with six providers from four different funding streams will soon be replaced by two new contracts with services divided geographically into North and South Nottinghamshire. The new contracts include the following domestic violence services:
  - Women's Refuges and Women's Outreach funded through the Supporting People Budget in Adult Social Care Health and Public Protection
  - Children's Outreach and Domestic Abuse Link Workers funded by Children, Families and Cultural Services

- Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) funded by the County Council Community Safety budget, Police, Probation, NHS Nottinghamshire and the Home Office.

Contracts are due to commence on August 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 for two years initially, with an option to extend contracts for a further year in both August 2014 and August 2015 if the outcome targets have been achieved and funds remain available.

- 4 The Supporting People funds for domestic violence have already been approved until March 2015. This recommendation brings the Community Safety funding arrangements in line with those for women's refuges and domestic violence women's outreach funded by Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection.

## **MARACs**

- 5 MARACs have been introduced across the country to reduce levels of serious domestic abuse and violence. MARACs are multi-agency meetings. Cases are selected using a multi-agency risk identification tool designed by the Police. Agencies come to the MARAC meetings to share information about victims, perpetrators and children including recent contacts, possible risk factors, criminal justice proceedings and future action plans. MARAC discussions focus on risk reduction and safety planning including child safety. Prior to the MARAC, victims are informed of the meeting and encouraged to send information about their safeguarding and support needs and any plans they have regarding separation, relocation, child contact etc. Governance rests with the Safer Nottinghamshire Board through its Domestic Violence Performance and Strategy Group. All MARAC partners are invited to attend this partnership group.
- 6 Evidence of the impact in Nottinghamshire includes:
  - Nottinghamshire Police recorded a 3% reduction in repeat victimisation over the 12 months of 2011
  - Detection and successful prosecution of domestic violence offenders increased when MARACs were introduced because of the improved intelligence the MARAC provides
  - Improved partnership working and specifically the engagement of victims with specialist support workers has made a measurable difference. For example: women presenting at Kings Mill Accident and Emergency when referred to the MARAC show a significant fall in re-presentations to hospital indicating that the multi-agency approach has prevented further injury.
- 7 Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children's Board has identified domestic violence as the single most frequent element present in families where a safeguarding intervention is required and the MARACs have an essential role in safeguarding children. In Nottinghamshire, from January to December 2011, 800 serious domestic violence cases were discussed at MARAC. These cases involved 1055 children and represent the highest 10%, in relation to risk of harm, of all domestic violence cases in the county.

- 8 The £120,000 funding from Nottinghamshire County Council Community Safety budget for MARACs forms part of a joint funding package with contributions from Community Safety Partnerships, Police, Probation, Health, and the Home Office, totalling £275,500 per year.
- 9 The funding for MARACs is commissioned to provide:
- Independent Domestic Violence Advocates, (IDVAs), who are support workers for high risk victims and their families. They also work with the Police and other statutory partners to reduce the risk of further harm and help convict perpetrators
  - MARAC administrators who co-ordinate MARAC information, circulate the MARAC case logs, and keep vital records of decisions and outcomes that result.
- 10 The table below indicates partner contributions to the MARACs.

<b>ANNUAL MARAC BUDGET FROM 2012</b>	
Nottinghamshire County Council	£120,000
NHS Nottinghamshire County	£28,500
Safer Nottinghamshire Board	£42,000
Nottinghamshire Police	£45,000
Nottinghamshire Probation	£5,000
Home Office – Interpersonal Violence	£35,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>£275,500</b>

### **Domestic Violence Awareness Training**

- 11 The Community Safety Budget has been used in recent years to pay Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum to deliver domestic violence awareness training at venues around the county. These courses are provided to a range of front-line practitioners from local partner agencies, and supported by the 7 District Councils with “in kind funding” including free venues and refreshments. The Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum has developed expertise in this area of training over 20 years and is recognised as the local expert in this field. Domestic violence training is identified as a key priority in the Safer Nottinghamshire Board Domestic Violence Framework. Each year a Service Level Agreement is written outlining the courses required and numbers to be trained. At the year end, Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum produces a report outlining the outcomes, achievements and participant evaluations for all the courses they deliver.
- 12 However, it is now considered that this service should be formally commissioned to create the opportunity for other providers to bid for this funding. In order to ensure that vital training continues to support front-line services it is recommended that:

- A payment of £10,000 is made to Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum for the first six months of 2012-13 under a new Service Level Agreement
- In the period June to August 2012 a commissioning process is designed and implemented to give other providers an opportunity to bid for this funding for up to 2.5 years, should they wish to do so. The process would ensure the best training provider is commissioned in the future and would give the programme stability going forward
- The budget allocation for this work is £20,000 per year which covers 25 full day courses.

13 The Committee is asked to note that these proposals were brought before the Grant Aid Member Reference Group on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in order to ensure that Members have an overall picture of the funding that is allocated to the voluntary sector for domestic violence training and funded by Nottinghamshire County Council. Members endorsed the proposed way forward.

### **Other Options Considered**

14 Domestic violence services, including MARACs, have been subject to review in the last two years by Nottinghamshire County Council and recently by the Nottinghamshire Police Authority. In each case MARACs are sighted as the key method by which the highest risk victims of domestic violence are protected. This level of priority is also reflected in Government thinking, as demonstrated in the Home Office "Violence Against Women and Girls Action Plan" 2011.

15 In order to achieve greater efficiencies for partner agencies, the MARACs were restructured in 2011 to reduce the number of meetings by 33% from 6 to 4 per month with a smaller reduction of 25% in MARAC case loads. From October 2011 there have been 2 MARACs in the County:

- Nottinghamshire North covering Bassetlaw, Mansfield, Newark & Sherwood
- Nottinghamshire South covering Ashfield, Broxtowe, Gedling, and Rushcliffe.

16 These services have previously been subject to a range of different funding arrangements, usually for only one or two years at a time. In considering how to improve commissioning arrangements for both funders and service providers, the provision of long term funding arrangements was strongly recommended by all parties as good practice to achieve quality services and promote sustainability. By ring-fencing these funds for domestic violence services for three years this can be achieved.

17 The option to continue the current historical arrangements for Domestic Violence Awareness Training is not considered to be desirable.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

- 18 Nottinghamshire County Council is the key local partner for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. It is for this reason that the County Council has led the work on MARACs in Nottinghamshire since they began in 2008. A broad spread of funding has been achieved from partners to match the County Council MARAC contribution, as all partners now recognise the importance of this type of focussed multi-agency intervention. The recommendations in this report provide an essential partnership contribution to this vital service. The agreement of three year funding promotes sustainable and quality service provision for the highest risk victims and their children.
- 19 The recommendations for commissioning the awareness training provide greater transparency and accountability and are designed to maintain good quality multi-agency Domestic Violence Awareness Training in Nottinghamshire in the current year and into the future.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

- 20 This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described above. Appropriate consultation with service users and partner agencies was undertaken prior to the commissioning process and reported to Cabinet in October 2011. Services have been commissioned using the feedback gained.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 21 It is recommended that the Committee:
- Approves the allocation of £120,000 from the Community Safety budget for 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 to the Nottinghamshire Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) that support highest risk victims of domestic violence
  - Approves the allocation of £20,000 from the Community Safety budget for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 to a commissioned provider for Domestic Violence Training, subject to the provider successfully meeting the targets set and community safety funding continuing to be available.

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### **Constitutional Comments (Linda McCarthy 1.5.2012)**

The Community Safety Committee has delegated responsibility in relation to community safety. Therefore, the recommendations in the report fall within the remit of the Committee.

**Financial Comments ([DD 8/05/12])**

Adequate budget provision exists within the Safer Communities budget for 2012 -13 to fund the MARACs contribution. However, in later years this commitment must be taken into consideration before making further commitments.

**Background Papers**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report on Domestic Violence completed March 2011

27<sup>th</sup> July 2011 Cabinet Report on Domestic Violence Commissioning

9<sup>th</sup> November 2011 Cabinet Report on Domestic Violence Commissioning

Report on Domestic Violence Awareness Training to Grant Aid Members Reference Group 30 April 2011

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All Wards



**29 May 2012****Agenda Item: 12****REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING AND  
CORPORATE SERVICES****WORK PROGRAMME****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2012/13.

**Information and Advice**

2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
3. The attached work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.
4. As part of the transparency introduced by the new committee arrangements, committees are expected to review day to day operational decisions made by officers using their delegated powers. It is anticipated that the committee will wish to commission periodic reports on such decisions. The committee is therefore requested to identify activities on which it would like to receive reports for inclusion in the work programme.
5. A further element of transparency is reports from officers on the activity of working groups which relate to this committee's terms of reference. The committee is requested to consider whether it wishes to receive reports from the Safer Notts Board or the Domestic Violence multi-agency panels, further to the planned general performance reporting.
6. It is also expected that the committee will wish to receive regular reports on outside bodies. Administration Committee, which has overall responsibility for outside bodies, will decide which outside bodies should report to which committees. There will be a report to a future meeting about this.

7. The Council has also asked committees to consider whether there are any items identified through the previous scrutiny committees which it would like to include in the work programme. Potential items which are relevant to this committee are:-

- Anti social behaviour
- After dark – the cost of the night time economy/reclaiming the streets for everyone

### **Other Options Considered**

6. None.

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

7. To assist the committee in preparing its work programme.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That the committee's work programme be noted, and consideration be given to any changes which the committee wishes to make;
- 2) That the committee indicate which operational activities it wishes to receive regular reports on;
- 3) That the committee determine which, if any, officer working groups it wishes to receive reports on.
- 4) That the committee decide which, if any, of the items identified by scrutiny it wishes to include in the work programme.

**Jayne Francis-Ward**

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**Constitutional Comments (SLB 30/04/2012)**

9. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

#### **Financial Comments (PS 2/5/12)**

10. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

#### **Background Papers**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

#### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All



## **COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME**

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<b>May 2012</b>			
Update on key Trading Standards Matters	Update on important developments in the Service	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Safety at sports ground	Update report on regular inspections of safety at County sports grounds.	Rob Fisher	Rob Fisher
Update on Emergency Planning and Registration services	Update report on key activities and events in Emergency Planning and Registration.	Rob Fisher	Rob Fisher
Update on Community Safety	Report outlining key issues for community safety in Nottinghamshire.	Jayne Francis-Ward	C. Walker
Holocaust Centre Project	Report requesting approval for funding a successful hate crime pilot project to Worksop North	Jayne Francis-Ward	C. Walker
Domestic Violence Funding	Report on distribution of funds for domestic violence	Jayne Francis-Ward	C. Walker
<b>July 2012</b>			
Update on key Trading Standards Matters	Update on important developments in the Service	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Update on Emergency Planning and Registration services	Update report on key activities and events in Emergency Planning and Registration.	Rob Fisher	Rob Fisher
Community Safety- Police	Update from County Divisional Commander	Chief Supt Ak Khan	
Domestic Violence Report	Confirmation of commissioning arrangements, latest performance and DHR reviews	Jayne Francis-Ward	R. Adams
Police and Crime Commissioner Update	Latest news on PCC and local preparations for election.	Jayne Francis-Ward	C. Walker

<b><u>Report Title</u></b>	<b><u>Brief summary of agenda item</u></b>	<b><u>Lead Officer</u></b>	<b><u>Report Author</u></b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	Explanation of performance monitoring of ASB and current position.	Jayne Francis-Ward	C. Walker
Youth Crime	Report from Head of Targeted Support and Youth Justice Services	Laurence Jones	Laurence Jones
Staffing Matters	To include an overview of staffing decision/issues.	All	
<b>October 2012</b>			
Update on key Trading Standards Matters	Update on important developments in the Service	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Update on Emergency Planning and Registration services	Update report on key activities and events in Emergency Planning and Registration.	Rob Fisher	Rob Fisher
Community Safety – Reducing Re-offending	Presentation from Notts Probation on current work to reduce re-offending	Jane Geraghty	
I Pledge Report	Evaluation report from this year's programme.	Jayne Francis-Ward	C. Walker
Hate Crime	Update on action plan and partnership initiatives	Jayne Francis-Ward	C. Walker
Staffing Matters	To include an overview of staffing decision/issues.	All	
<b>November 2012</b>			
Update on key Trading Standards Matters	Update on important developments in the Service	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Registration fees	Report on potential changes to registration fees	Rob Fisher	Rob Fisher
Update on Emergency Planning and Registration services	Update report on key activities and events in Emergency Planning and Registration.	Rob Fisher	Rob Fisher

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Community Safety - Victim Support	Presentation from VS following Annual Review in October.	Olwen Edwards	
Prevent Strategy	Update on new national framework and local response Info	Jayne Francis-Ward	C. Walker
End of Q2 Performance Report	Brings performance up to end of September.	Jayne Francis-Ward	C. Walker
Staffing Matters	To include an overview of staffing decision/issues.	All	
<b>January 2013</b>			
Update on key Trading Standards Matters	Update on important developments in the Service	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Update on Emergency Planning and Registration services	Update report on key activities and events in Emergency Planning and Registration.	Rob Fisher	Rob Fisher
Community Safety – Public Health	Presentation from Public Health on drugs and alcohol commissioning etc	Barbara Brady	BB
Staffing Matters	To include an overview of staffing decision/issues.	All	
<b>February 2013</b>			
Update on key Trading Standards Matters	Update on important developments in the Service	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Approval of Trading Standards Fees and Charges for 13/14	To formally approve the fees and charges made for services delivered by the Trading Standards Service during 13/14	Mark Walker	Andy Penn
Update on Emergency	Update report on key activities and events in Emergency Planning	Rob Fisher	Rob Fisher

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Planning and Registration services	and Registration.		
End of Q3 Performance Report	Up to end of Dec 12	Jayne Francis-Ward	C.Walker
Community Safety Commissioning Proposals 2013/14	Report outlining proposed commissioning priorities for Community Safety Budget for 2013/14	Jayne Francis-Ward	C. Walker
Police and Crime Commissioner Update	Report updating committee on the newly elected PCC.	Jayne Francis-Ward	C. Walker
Strategic Assessment 2013/14	Report outlining key findings and recommendations of the Strategic Assessment 2013/14	Jayne Francis-Ward	C. Walker
Staffing Matters	To include an overview of staffing decision/issues.	All	All
<b>April 2013</b>			
Update on key Trading Standards Matters	Update on important developments in the Service	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Food and Feeding Stuffs Service Plan	To approve the proposed work plan regarding Food Standards work and Animal Feeding Stuffs	Mark Walker	Andy Penn
Update on Emergency Planning and Registration services	Update report on key activities and events in Emergency Planning and Registration.	Rob Fisher	Rob Fisher
Community Safety - Police Update	Presentation from Divisional Commander		
Review of Community Safety	End of financial year review of initiatives funded by the Community	Jayne Francis-Ward	C. Walker



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Budget 2012/13	Safety Budget.		
Community Safety Agreement	Report outlining the new Community Safety Agreement	Jayne Francis-Ward	C. Walker
Staffing Matters	To include an overview of staffing decision/issues.	All	All

### **Dates and Deadlines for Community Safety Committee - TBC**

<b><u>Report deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Date of pre-agenda</u></b>	<b><u>Agenda publication</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Committee</u></b>
8 May 2012	10 May 2012	21 May 2012	29 May 2012
		2 July 2012	10 July 2012
		24 September 2012	2 October 2012
		12 November 2012	20 November 2012
		28 December 2012	8 January 2013
		18 February 2013	26 February 2013
		15 April 2013	23 April 2013

\*Early due to Bank Holidays