

Report to: Citizenship and Inclusion Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

Date: 14 November 2007

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Title: Information and Overview Report

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide information about relevant issues affecting the Committee's remit to aid Members to manage their work programmes.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Committee is requested to consider the topics highlighted in the report and either:

- Note the information
- Request a briefing note to provide further details
- Add the item to the Committee's Work Programme

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4. Suggestions for the Work Programme

None received. The latest Work Programme is attached for information.

5. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
	<p>CI/07/17</p> <p>Work of the Criminal Justice System</p>	<p>To remain concerned however that barriers remain in terms of recruiting more Manchester residents as magistrates and to request a further detailed report on the recruitment and selection processes for magistrates and what positive steps are made to encourage local people come forward.</p> <p>To note the work being done to support victims and witnesses and the representations being made urging legislative change to create an environment in which witnesses would have greater confidence to come forward, and to request further feedback on this at a future meeting, including input from the police and Criminal Prosecution Service, and other involved agencies.</p> <p>To recognise the positive messages from 'community payback' by offenders and to suggest that LAP meetings should have a regular item to identify potential projects within local communities that could be</p>	<p>Added to the Work Programme at a date to be determined</p> <p>Added to the Work Programme at a date to be determined</p>	<p>Maureen Noble</p>

		<p>recommended to the Probation Service.</p> <p>To request the officers to bring a specific paper to a future meeting in relation to restorative and community justice pilots.</p>	<p>Added to the Work Programme for a date as yet to be determined</p>	
	<p>CI/07/18 Fireworks Campaign 2007</p>	<p>To welcome the 2007 Campaign and to request the officers to report back on the outcomes in January 2008, including any issues emerging from organised displays, and identifying the impact which the campaign is having in terms of reducing firework or bonfire related injuries, and any areas where the need for further regulation may be considered desirable.</p> <p>To request that trading standards officers are extra vigilant about sales from markets.</p> <p>That officers be asked to look further at how well schools are engaged in the fireworks campaign to enable the Committee to return to look at this in January 2008 as part of the report on outcomes.</p>	<p>Committee's comments noted and a further report has been added to the Work programme for January.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Fiona Sharkey</p>

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	CI/07/13 Respect Action Weeks	<p>To congratulate all those involved in the arrangements and co-ordination of these weeks.</p> <p>To request that the overall analysis should identify all the social impact measures emanating from these weeks, specifically in relation to improvements in community engagements and community guardians.</p> <p>To recommend that other organisations, such as the DVLA, be invited to take part in future initiatives.</p> <p>To commend the RAW model to those wards in the city that have not yet experienced it.</p> <p>To welcome the use of unpaid work through Manchester Probation Services.</p> <p>To recommend the foregoing decisions for consideration by the Executive Members Respect Group and the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Board.</p>	Recommendations will be reported to the next meetings of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership on 18 December and the Executive Member Respect Group on 12 November.	Maureen Noble

6. Items for Information Only

Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Group: 1 November

The Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Group meets approximately 6 times each year and is a forum for Chairs of the six Overview and Scrutiny Committees, the Leader and Deputy Leader and Chief Officers to discuss matters relating to the Overview and Scrutiny process.

At its meeting of 1 November, the Co-ordinating Group considered the role of Overview and Scrutiny Committees in contributing to the development of the Local Area Agreement.

The Local Area Agreement (LAA) is part of the delivery framework underpinning the delivery of the Community Strategy. The LAA is an agreement setting out priorities agreed between Central Government and the local area, represented by the local authority and its partners through the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), for a three year period. The LSP for Manchester is the Manchester Partnership.

As Members will be aware, the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act will from April 2008 give Overview and Scrutiny Committees to power to request information from and make recommendations to key public sector partners about their contribution to the delivery of targets in the Local Area Agreement.

The Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Group have therefore recommended that all six Overview and Scrutiny Committees should receive a report in early 2008 to provide elected Members with the opportunity to comment on the development of the agreement in draft stage.

The Co-ordinating Group also agreed the process for all Overview and Scrutiny Committees to receive and make comment on Business Plans for 2008/9.

Both these items have been added to the Committee's Work Programme. The latest version of the Work Programme is attached to this report for Member's consideration.



Citizenship and Inclusion Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2007/08 November 2007

Date&Venue	Item	Purpose of Report	Evidence Required	Lead Officer	Comments
14 November 2007 Committee Room 11	Licensing: The impact of Licensing Act 2003 on our Communities	Two years on, to evaluate the effectiveness of the licensing function and how this has translated locally and also to consider the responses to the new		Fiona Sharkey/ Rachel Christie	
	Community Welcome	Initial review, with a view to more in-depth scrutiny at a future meeting (February) to consider how Manchester welcomes new residents into the City	Population trends Information from the State of the City Report	Geoff Little	
	Information and Scanning Report	Information Report:		Kate Brown	
12 December 2007: Venue: To be confirmed	Local Action Partnerships	Review of effectiveness: How are LAPs contributing to the delivery of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy/Community Strategy and helping to create safer neighbourhoods taking evidence from across the City.	Witnesses:	Maureen Noble Paul Cullen	Venue: Community Location

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12 December 2007	CCTV	To consider the CCTV Strategy and it's effectiveness in tackling key Crime and Disorder issues.		Kate Rennicks	
	Gating Orders	To review the impact of alley-gating on crime and disorder		To be confirmed	
	Budget 2008/9	To consider which Business Plans the Committee may wish to consider as part of its role in the scrutiny of budget and service planning for 2008/9		Forid Meah	
	Information and Scanning Report	Information Report		Kate Brown	
9 January 2008 Venue: tbc	Police response: Reporting and Feedback	Scope to be confirmed			Possible visit to GMP Call Centre
	Effectiveness of Dispersal Orders and Alcohol Exclusion Zones	Scope to be confirmed			
	Business Plans	To receive and make comment on those Business Plans selected by the Committee at it's December meeting as part of the Council's budget and service planning for 2008/9		Forid Meah	
	Information and Scanning Report	Information Report CI/07/18 Fireworks: To receive a report back covering specific areas raised by the Committee		Kate Brown	

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6 February 2008 Venue: tbc	Community Policing	Six months on, to consider the impact of PCSOs on reducing crime and disorder		Maureen Noble	
	Local Area Agreement	To receive and comment on priorities for the new Local Area Agreement		Geoff Little Sara Todd	Please note date to be confirmed
	Drugs: Social and recreational use	To explore current trends towards recreational drug use in the City with a view to establishing what more can be done in terms of education and enforcement		Maureen Noble	
	Information and Scanning Report	Information Report		Kate Brown	
3 March 2008 Venue: Tbc	Agenda 2010: Evaluation	To be confirmed	Possible invite to the newly formed CRE	Emnet Araya	
	Information and Scanning Report	Information Report		Kate Brown	

Items to be Scheduled:

**Access to the Legal System: Recruitment of JP's, Community Payback/ Restorative Justice
Witness Support
Community Provision for Mental Health: Impact on Crime**