

SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE
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Please find attached the presentations of the Partnership Development Manager and Head of Environmental Health outlining the role and functions that fall within the remit of the Select Committee. These were presented to the Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee on 18 June 2007. Also enclosed is a presentation prepared by The Head of Commercial Operations for your information.

Regards



Democratic Services Unit
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The Safer & Stronger Communities Select Committee

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Remit of the Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee

On 18th April 2007 Council approved a report on the review of committee structures. Select Committees may:

- Assist the council or cabinet in the development of its budget and policy framework
- Assist the Cabinet in the development of new policies
- Scrutinise and review current Council policies
- Consider mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation
- Invite to meetings such individuals as they consider may be able to make a contribution to their deliberations

Remit of the Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee (2)

- Reduction in overall crime, public reassurance and a reduction in the fear of crime
- The review and scrutiny of community safety arrangements, including crime prevention and crime reduction programmes, Street Wardens, road safety, the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership
- Building respect in communities and reducing anti-social behaviour, community engagement and consultation activities, equality and diversity.

State of Cannock Chase Report 2005-06

Published in 3 Volumes:

Vol. I - Statistical Data

Vol. II - Public Perceptions

Vol. III - Overall Summary

Uses:

Corporate Plan

Sustainable Community

Strategy

Local Development Framework

Policy Development

Bids for Funding

Business Case for investments

Volume 1 - Overall Picture

- Population of 93,200 and growing
 - (+ 1.5% in 10 yrs & + 2.7 in 25 yrs)
- Small BME population 1.4%
- Youthful - 20% of population are under 16 yrs
- 17% are of pensionable age
- Most deprived district in Staffordshire
- Cannock North Ward most deprived
- Crime and Disorder Deprivation - **Cannock and Rugeley Town Centres** rank within the 18% and 19% most deprived areas in England and **Chadsmoor High Street** ranks within the worst 24%.



Volume II

- In making somewhere a good place to live
 - top 5 priorities for local people are:
 - **Low level of crime**
 - **Health services**
 - **Affordable decent housing**
 - **Clean streets**
 - **Education provision**

Volume II

- **Top 5 issues in need of improvement:**
 - Activities for teenagers
 - Low level of crime
 - Road and pavement repairs
 - clean streets
 - Job prospects

Volume II

- Community Safety
 - 46% of people said they were fairly afraid or very afraid of becoming a victim of crime a reduction of 3.5% points compared to 2004.
 - Fear of crime appears highest at night and has increased by 23% points to 38% in 2006.

Volume I

Domestic Burglaries

- Domestic Burglaries in Cannock Chase equate to one a day
- Domestic Burglaries reduced by -42% compared to 2001/02

Volume II:

- Between 2003 and 2006, peoples level of fear about having their home broken into and something stolen has reduced by -20% points to 62% in 2006

Volume I

Vehicle Crime

- 908 vehicle crimes in 2005/06
- Vehicle crime down by -24% over the last 4 years
- Annual detection rate around 8% (11% for Staffordshire Force)

Volume II:

- 46% fear having things stolen from their car in 2006, this is a reduction of -15% points compared to 2003.

Volume I

Violent Crime

- Violent crime is increasing
- 25 crimes/1,000 population in 2005/06 (2001/02 20/1,000 pop) similar picture for Staffordshire Force but higher than West Midlands Region and England and Wales 23/1,000 pop
- Almost a quarter reported are domestic violence
- Domestic violence reporting increased by +40% since 2002, +20% increase in family domestic violence between 2004/05 and 2005/06 is significant compared to +4% in partner on partner violence

Volume II

- Peoples fear of being mugged or robbed shows a reduction of -7% points to 54% in 2006
- Peoples fear of being physically attacked by strangers has also reduced by -7% points to 43% in 2006.

Volume I

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- Average 516 reported incidents/month, compared to 459 in 2004/05.
- Home Office indicates that ASB holds back the regeneration of disadvantaged areas and creates an environment where more serious crime can take hold.

Volume II

- The public do not have a clear understanding of ASB (significant %ages think it includes assault, theft of vehicles and burglary) but few are aware that it includes noisy neighbours
- Over 61% believe that ASB is fairly low or low in their area and the majority (67%) believe that it has stayed the same as last year.
- However 27% think ASB has increased.

Volume II

- **Top 5 ASB problems identified:**
 - Litter (44%)
 - Dog Fouling (43%)
 - Off Road Motorcycling/boy racing (34%)
 - Nuisance neighbours (32%)
 - Vandalism (27%)

Services in the Safer and Stronger Communities Portfolio

Policy, Performance and Partnerships:

- Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and Community Strategy
- Local Area Agreement (LAA) – particularly Safer & Stronger Communities Block
- Management of Safer & Stronger Communities Fund
- Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership
- Own Your Streets
- Community Engagement and Consultation
- Partnership Development Unit (PDU)

Services in the Safer and Stronger Communities Portfolio

Environmental Services:

- CCTV
- Communal Alarms

Overlap with other services in the Environment Portfolio



Services in the Safer and Stronger Communities Portfolio

Housing:

- Targets residents, both tenants and others, in conjunction with our partner agencies in particular Police, Education etc. to achieve a reduction in overall crime, public reassurance and a reduction in the fear of crime
- Practical measures to reduce crime e.g. safer streets campaign and Safe as Houses
- Resident involvement
- Respect Agenda is the central theme to the improvement plan for the estate management team in tenancy services and procedures are being redrafted and revised