CRIME AND DISORDER (OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE
24 July 2013

WORK PROGRAMME: 2013-14 MUNICIPAL YEAR and BEYOND

1. Summary

1.1 To agree the contents of a rolling Work Programme for the 2013-14 municipal year and beyond.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the draft rolling Work Programme attached at Appendix A be approved.

3. Background and Discussion

3.1 At its meeting on 12 September 2012 the Crime and Disorder (O&S) Committee, in consultation with the Strategic Director and other appropriate Officers, agreed a rolling Work Programme for the remainder of the 2012-13 municipal year and beyond.

3.2 During the 2012-13 municipal cycle the Committee reviewed the contributions made by Kent Fire and Rescue Service and Kent Probation to the aims of the Dartford and Gravesham Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and received updates on: the impact of the London Olympic events on Dartford [positive]; the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent; the formation of the Police and Crime Panel and the imposition of a Dispersal Order in the Temple Hill area of the Borough.

3.3 In addition, on a statutory basis, the Committee reviewed the Dartford and Gravesham Community Safety Partnership’s Community Safety Action Plan for 2013, received a mid-term Performance Progress Report on the CSP’s operations during the 2012-13 cycle and reviewed the Partnership’s Strategic Assessment (SA) 2012 document, used to inform the CSP’s Action Plan for 2013-14.

3.4 A revised rolling Work Programme for the 2013-14 municipal year and beyond (reflecting the work undertaken by the Committee during 2012-13) is attached at Appendix A for discussion and approval.

3.5 Any overview elements proposed for inclusion in the Work Programme are required to be notified to the Dartford and Gravesham Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in advance: ad-hoc scrutiny of performance areas (Draw-downs) are not subject to prior CSP approval.

3.6 The Committee also has a statutory obligation to include within its Work Programme, on an annual basis, consideration of the Strategic Assessment and Community Safety Plan documents produced by the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) each year.
3.7 The Committee’s remit as set out in its Terms of Reference (ToRs) confirmed at the Annual Meeting held on 8 May 2013 and attached at Appendix B; is to scrutinise the discharge of the crime and disorder functions (including anti social behaviour (ASB) and Community Safety) of the responsible local authorities. The Committee may scrutinise the functions of the CSP as a whole, or of individual partnership agencies within the CSP.

4. Relationship to the Corporate Plan

4.1 Scrutiny of the responsible local authorities [in the discharge of their crime and disorder functions] through the provision of an agreed Work Programme, should lead to an increase in public confidence, a reduction in anti-social behaviour and help meet the Safer Community Corporate Objective (SC1 and SC2).

5. Financial, legal, staffing and other administrative implications and risk assessments

| Financial Implications | None |
| Legal Implications     | None |
| Staffing Implications  | None |
| Administrative Implications | None |
| Risk Assessment        | Reduction in the incidents of crime and disorder and ASB in Dartford Town Centre and environs. |

6. Appendix

Appendix A: Draft rolling Work Programme for 2013-14 and beyond; Appendix B: Terms of Reference (ToRs).

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