

**SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 28 OCTOBER 2009**

**LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES PLAN 2009 – 12**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to present the draft Safer Communities Plan for 2009 – 12 and seek the views of the Commission prior to submission to the full County Council.

**Policy Framework and Previous decisions**

2. At its meeting on 6 October 2009 the Cabinet resolved:
  - (a) That the County Council be recommended to approve the draft Safer Communities Plan for 2009–12;
  - (b) That the Chief Executive be authorised to amend the draft Plan prior to submission to the County Council as necessary to take account of comments made by the Scrutiny Commission on 28 October 2009.

**Timetable for Decisions**

3. The Plan is part of the Policy Framework and as such will need to be approved by the County Council on 2 December 2009.
4. The draft Plan updates and replaces the 2006 – 09 Plan which was approved by the County Council on 24 May 2006.

**Recommendation**

5. The Commission is asked to consider the Plan and indicate what comments, if any, it wishes to submit to the Council.

**Background Papers**

Leicestershire Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-13  
Leicestershire Local Area Agreement 2008-11  
Leicestershire Safer Communities Agreement 2009-10  
Report of the Cabinet to the County Council on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2006

## **Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure**

None.

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### **List of Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Cabinet report – The draft Leicestershire Safer Communities Plan 2009–12 – 6 October

Appendix 2 – Draft Safer Communities Plan 2009-12

### **Equal Opportunities Implications**

6. An Equality Impact Assessment was carried out on the Plan and the Safer Communities Agreement, which can be found at [http://www.leics.gov.uk/cex\\_eia.htm](http://www.leics.gov.uk/cex_eia.htm) Some of the key findings include:

- There are still gaps in information regarding victims, offenders, and service users, particularly regarding sexual orientation, religion and disability.
- Meeting specific needs of women offenders has been identified as an area for development by the Reducing Re-offending Board. Women are also under-represented in drug treatment.
- Young people who are Black or Black British or of Mixed ethnic origin are slightly over-represented in the Youth Justice System.
- There is an over representation of BME victims for violence against the person when compared to the population overall. Individuals of White British background aged 29 years and under are more likely to be victims of assault with less serious injury when compared to other types of violence against the person.

7. Equality Improvement Actions for the Council are incorporated and highlighted in the Action Plan.

### **Crime and Disorder Implications**

8. The purpose of the Plan is to ensure the County Council contributes effectively to reducing crime and disorder in Leicestershire.