

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 5TH NOVEMBER 2003

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY SAFETY BEST VALUE REVIEW

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Commission of the outcome of the Best Value Review of Community Safety.

BACKGROUND

2. The Best Value Review of Community Safety was the first themed review, undertaken jointly in Leicestershire by the Borough, County and District Councils. Approaching the review in this way was seen as an opportunity for fundamental change in the way that community safety was pursued, as well as improving the functions and activities, which contribute to community safety on a continuous basis.
3. The review was timely since by April 2002 all the authorities were required to have in place their new Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy for the period 2002-2005. The review was intended to assist in this process and equally to benefit from the audit and consultation work being undertaken to prepare for this legislative requirement.
4. Each Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership selected two local priorities for the review, whilst Domestic Violence and Youth Crime Prevention were selected as Countywide priorities.
5. The Best Value Review has concluded. The District CPA inspections are scheduled to take place in Spring 2004 and it is planned that the review will be included in these inspections. The County Council will be inspected on its contribution to Community Safety in July 2004.

REVIEW FINDINGS AND RESPONSE

6. A detailed report on the main findings of the review and responses thereto is being prepared for consideration by the Cabinet on 11th November. A copy of the report will be circulated to members of the Commission in the next few days.

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