

**Executive Report****HOUSING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PORTFOLIO****COUNCILLOR GEORGE CLEMENTS – PORTFOLIO HOLDER****TERRY CHILCOTT – LEAD OFFICER****1. KEY ISSUES – PROGRESS REPORT****1.1 Community Safety**

Violent Crime: Copeland Taxi Association has joined the task group to look at the potential for introducing a number of CCTV cameras in taxi's in Copeland. A pub watch co-ordinator is to be in post by the end of September – the co-ordinator will work with all schemes across West Cumbria to ensure a consistent approach. We are working with Trading Standards to identify problems off and on licensed premises (including supermarkets). Violent crime is still on the increase, the majority of violent crimes are as a result of alcohol abuse.

Prolific Offender Scheme (PPO) – Prevent and Deter Strand: There are currently 20 names on the Prevent and Deter lists, each case is being carefully monitored and appropriate interventions are being put in place to deter them from committing further crimes. When appropriate, enforcement action is being taken should they breach any orders or court conditions. There is a strong commitment to improving the prospects for young people who have had a difficult upbringing, from agencies such as Connexions and Nacro as well as the Police, Youth Offending Service, Social Services, District Councils and Education Welfare who have a responsibility to these young people.

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

A local Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership has been set up in Millom to address issues such as criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. The group are looking at a whole package of measures including improving street lighting in the town centre.

The 'Taking a Stand' awards ceremony is being held at the end of September, the awards are in recognition of local people who make a stand against anti-social behaviour in their community.

**Drugs and Alcohol**

The action plan focuses on five main headings, which are, Treatment, Enforcement, Accommodation & Communities, Education & Employment and Young People & Alcohol. The group will be identifying and mapping current treatment provision for drugs and alcohol. We are looking to

develop a Housing Federation in Copeland for the Local Authority and Registered Social Landlords to link into. We are looking at developing an awareness campaign on the public's perception of drugs and alcohol use in their communities.

### 1.2 Supporting People Strategy

This has now been widely distributed and outlines the plans for Supporting People over the next ten years. Projects outlined for Copeland are included. There is also an annual plan attached detailing reviews and work to be undertaken by the team over the coming months. Copies can be made available if required.

### 1.3 Housing Market Renewal Area

The development for the prospectus for the £18 million bid is underway. Several interventions have been included for the primary areas in Copeland, should the bid be successful it is anticipated schemes could be underway within two years. The prospectus will be submitted to ODPM by the end of October.

### 1.4 Housing Corporation Corporate Plan

The Housing Corporation have produced a three year plan which sets out how they will work with partners and help to deliver:

- More quality homes
- Improved landlord performance

The plan sets out how the Housing Corporation will work with partners to meet community needs and aspirations while continuing to be innovative so more can be achieved in the future.

### 1.5 Website

Officers have been working hard to make sure as much information as possible is on the website. The section on homelessness has been rewritten and is very informative and gives people advice on priority need, intentionally and temporary accommodation. Leaflets are currently being produced for young people to use – 'A Leaving Home Guide'. This will hopefully reduce the amount of applications we get from young people claiming to be homeless and give them 'food for thought' before they decide to leave.

## 2. **EXECUTIVE DECISIONS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

None

## 3. **EXECUTIVE DECISIONS REPORTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**Subject:** Careline Transfer

**Date of Decision:** 20 July 2005

**Decision Reference:** EXE/05/0039

**Context:** To agree meeting the pension deficit for staff of the Careline Community Alarm Service.

During consideration of this item Members were issued with revised figures assuming a 1 September 2005 transfer date.

Note: Councillor G Clements as Portfolio Holder Chaired the meeting

**Decision**

- 1 that the pension deficit referred to paragraph 2.1 be met by the Council;
- 2 that options 2.4 is approved as a means of meeting the deficit;
- 3 that the other costs detailed in the report are noted;
- 4 that the new proposed transfer date of 1 September 2005 be noted ; and
5. a letter of thanks be sent to all users of careline upon transfer.

**Subject:** CCTV

**Date of Decision:** 26 July 2005

**Decision Reference:** EXE/05/0042

**Context:**

Endorsement is being sought from the Executives of both Copeland and Allerdale Borough Councils to a joint approach to CCTV provision.

**Decision**

**That a joint working group with Allerdale Borough Council be set up to explore areas of joint working of mutual benefit, leading possibly to the development of a joint CCTV strategy for West Cumbria.**

**Subject:** Urgent Actions

**Date of Decision:** 26 July 2005

**Decision Reference:** EXE/05/0048

**Context:** To note actions taken on grounds of urgency under Executive Procedure Rules.

**Decision**

**That a) action taken by the Corporate Director (Economic Prosperity & Sustainability) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Housing & Community Safety in appointing interim management support to reduce urgent workload in housing pending the recruitment of the full team identified in the Council's restructure;**

**b) action taken by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Housing & Community Safety in approving £650 from contingencies to fund external solicitors to deal with any anti-social behaviour orders (ASBOS) on behalf of the Council.**