

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

A new Community Safety Strategy for 2005 – 2008 is now established and each of the five task groups, (which are, Community Safety, Drugs and Alcohol, Anti Social Behaviour, Violent Crime and Prolific and Priority Offenders), have invited members of the partnership to work together on developing short, medium and long term action plans.

The Community Safety task group, which is made up of groups focussing on fear of crime and race issues, vehicle crime, burglary and theft, has recently held its action planning day. Each of these syndicate groups have developed action plans to address volume crime and the biggest issues affecting our communities.

The Drugs and Alcohol task group recently spent half a day looking at issues regarding treatment, enforcement, employment, education, accommodation and young people. Each of these syndicate groups has set challenging action plans. Issues around information sharing; agreeing a protocol across West Cumbria's housing agencies on allocation of properties; mapping existing treatment provision and identifying the gaps is a priority for the task group.

The Anti Social Behaviour group has begun the action planning process and will soon have an action planning day.

The Violent Crime task group has developed action plans to support our Nightsafe Campaign. The action plans are broken down into Education, Enforcement, Treatment and Health issues and representatives from many agencies and the voluntary sector are contributing to those action plans. The group is looking to co-ordinate the pub watch schemes across the west – so that we get consistency and continuity overall.

**1.2 Trusteel**

Expressions of interest have been received from several consultants and contractors to progress the work to the Trusteel properties. It is anticipated that work to the properties will commence in late Autumn.

### 1.3 Home Energy Conservation Act

I am pleased to report that we received a letter from Government Office regarding the HECA report we submitted last year. Officers from Government Office are impressed that we continue to report excellent progress on energy efficiency even though we have few events ongoing – something we hope to improve on over the coming months.

### 1.4 Housing Renewal Areas

As you all know we have had difficulty recruiting professional housing staff to support us in declaring renewal areas. I am pleased to be able to report that we have appointed a consultant on a part time basis for a short period who will be responsible for declaring the renewal areas identified some time ago. The post of Community Renewals Manager has been advertised nationally and we hope to appoint a full time officer shortly.

### 1.5 Careline

At the time of the preparation of this report the Executive were due to consider a report on Careline on 20<sup>th</sup> July. The Executive report builds upon the in principal decision previously taken by Executive for the transfer of the Careline Service and details a number of issues including pension information. If the Executive agrees the report it is proposed that Careline be transferred to the new provider on 1<sup>st</sup> September. I will verbally update members of Council with any further information at the meeting.

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

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

**Subject:** Careline Transfer

**Date of Decision:** 14 June 2005

**Decision Reference:** EXE/05/024

**Portfolio Holder:** G Clememts

**Context:**

To agree the principles under which the Council will transfer its Careline service to a new provider.

**Decision****That**

- a) the Careline service be transferred to Attendo to take on responsibility for the service from 1 July 2005, staff transferring under TUPE arrangements;
- b) the outstanding issues in the negotiations be noted;
- c) the Council agrees to bear any liability arising from the deficit in pension funds for Careline staff arising from their time in employment of the Council up to the agreed maximum, (should the deficit be more a further report be submitted to the Executive);
- d) the Council agrees to pay, for a maximum of 12 months, Attendo, for those members of Careline staff who after transfer choose redundancy because of restructuring of the business, the difference in cost between the standard redundancy package and that which would have been available to them from the Council; and
- e) the Chief Executive and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety are given delegated authority to make decisions on the details of the transfer and to agree to the subsequent transfer on behalf of the Council;
- f) Overview and Scrutiny be asked to monitor performance and report back to the Executive;
- g) future cases of out sourcing be considered on their own merit.