

## Scrutiny Topic Registration

<b>Name of person proposing topic:</b>	<b>Date:</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2006
Cllr Webster; Flynn and Franklin	
<b>Contact:</b>	
<b>Suggested title of topic:</b>	
Crime and Disorder	
<b>What is the issue that scrutiny needs to address?</b>	
<p>Is the Partnership working effectively?          Why is it that the Council seems to carry most of the costs?          What is the relationship between the pro-active/ preventative agendas and the reactive agendas?          What is the role of the different Partners?          Where does the funding come from?          Who is responsible for what?          Do Home Office targets help or hinder this work?          Is the Crime and Disorder Strategy convincing?</p>	
<b>What do you feel could be achieved by a scrutiny review?</b>	
<p>Clarity of purpose          Partnership buy-in          Better coordination of preventative/ reactive work          Some prioritisation of important areas – such as support for young people’s initiatives etc.          Clarity on the role of different bodies.</p>	

## Priority and urgency

Is the topic urgent?	No
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If so, please consider which of the following might apply:

Is there a strict time constraint?	No
Is there currently high media coverage?	always
Is there high public pressure to respond?	always
Does it involve a high risk to the council?	yes
<b>Any other reasons:</b>	
Best Value report draws attention to declining performance despite investment of more resources.	

## Issues

Please consider whether the following might apply:

Is the topic important to the people of Cheltenham?	Yes
Does the topic involve a poorly performing service or high public dissatisfaction with a service?	Yes
Is it related to the Council's corporate objectives?	Yes
Is it directly related to an item on the council workplan?	Yes
Has there been media interest in the topic?	Yes
Can scrutiny help in the development of council policy?	Yes
<b>Any other issues or details:</b>	
O&S needs to set the agenda of analysis here. We need to carry through a detailed analysis of what the issues are.	

*Officer Implications (for office use)*

*Please give your comments on this proposed topic, for example is there any other similar review planned or in progress, are there any potential resource constraints etc*

During 2006 the Cheltenham Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) has already undergone some structural changes to improve efficiency together with radical changes to take into account the requirements imposed on it by Government Office South West (GOSW). The CDRP is still adapting to commissioning work to be done together with the Spending Project software reporting implications, linking into the new way of receiving funding from GOSW via Gloucestershire County Council and the Safer & Stronger Communities Fund as the precursor to the introduction of a Local Area Agreement from 1 April 2007. In addition to this, with the assistance of GOSW the partnership is already taking changes on board re the Government's Respect Agenda linking into how anti-social behaviour is dealt with and imminent changes to the partnership brought about by the Crime & Disorder Act Review conducted in 2004 linked to the Police and Justice Bill which is likely to get Royal Assent in late Autumn 2006. This will mean further radical changes to how CDRP operates and reporting requirements.

In my view, the structure, funding and how the CDRP operates together with reporting requirements in place now, will be totally revamped and enhanced in 2007 so it is my recommendation that any such review at this time by Overview & Scrutiny Committee would be of little or no value and much better placed in March/April 2007 at the earliest.

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Secretary, Cheltenham CDRP

3 August 2006

**Links to Business Plan and Corporate Objectives or Risk Register**

We will reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime in our communities