

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN

**MEETING:**                   **Community Select Committee**  
**Monday 3 March 2014, Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**   Councillors: S Walker (Chair), M Notley (Vice-Chair), L Bell, L Harrington, C Latif, J Mead, G Snell and P Stuart

**IN ATTENDANCE:**       Councillor R Henry, Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, N Parry ( Chief Executive SBC and Chair of Responsible Authority Group (RAG), Chief Inspector Richard Harbon and Inspector Simon Tabert.

<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	<b>ACTION/LEAD</b>
There were no apologies for absence nor any declarations of interests.	O Adeoye Ext 2809
<b>2. MINUTES – 28 JANUARY 2014</b>	
It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	O Adeoye Ext 2809
<b>3. OUTCOMES OF THE 2013/14 SOSAFE COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN &amp; EMERGING PRIORITIES FOR 2014/15</b>	
The Portfolio Holder for Safer & Stronger Communities, Councillor R Henry gave a presentation on the Stevenage Community Safety Partnership, the Community Safety outcomes for 2013/14 and the emerging priorities for 2014/15.	

He highlighted the various strategies employed by the agencies in the partnership in addressing issues around Domestic Abuse, Anti Social Behaviour, violent crime and acquisitive crime.

Nick Parry updated the meeting about Responsible Authority Group (RAG) and its activities. He informed Members that RAG, as part of the partnership, considered the issue of crime and community safety on a strategic level. It had overall responsibility in developing and reviewing the priorities identified in the Action plan. He also explained the activities of the Operational Delivery Group as vital as they undertook day to day management of community safety.

Members were informed that agencies within the partnership, ie the Police, the Fire Service and SBC had a pro active approach to issues around community safety and identified ways of improving the sharing of intelligence and information amongst the agencies.

Members were advised that although the level of crime had generally fallen within Stevenage domestic abuse and physical assault was still increasing. Members appreciated the importance of crime reporting by victims but also acknowledged its challenges when it generated adverse publicity as this increased anxiety among residents.

Members were concerned that ever since the scrutiny of crime and disorder had been devolved from HCC, regular updates had not been provided. A suggestion that all Ward councillors be briefed regularly via a newsletter was noted.

Members welcomed a suggestion to include contact details of Police Community Support Officers in a directory that was being prepared for residents.

Members considered the Draft Community Safety Action Plan 2014/15 and welcomed the fact that the outcomes of a survey, which asked Members to select their top 3 community safety priorities were similar to the priorities, albeit in a different order.

In response to a question on how domestic abuse violence was being tackled, the Community Safety Officer agreed to forward the Domestic Abuse Action Plan to Members.

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The Chair thanked the Portfolio Holder for Safer & Stronger Communities, Councillor R Henry for his presentation and the contributions of the Police and the Chief Executive of Stevenage Borough Council.	
<b>4. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS</b>	
None	
<b>5. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</b>	
None	
<b><u>PART II</u></b>	
<b>6. URGENT PART II BUSINESS</b>	
None	