



**REPORT of
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to
**Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting as the
CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE
29 SEPTEMBER 2010**

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP 2010 / 11

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the position concerning the financial spending plans of the Maldon Community Safety Partnership (CSP) for the financial year 2010 / 11 and to update Members on priorities for 2011 / 12.

2. AREA FOR DECISION / ACTION

- 2.1 This report is for Members information and consists of the following:-
- 2.2 A copy of financial statement of the Community Safety Partnership as approved by the Responsible Authorities Group Strategy (RAGs) at its meeting on 3 September 2010 is attached at **APPENDIX 1**.
- 2.3 A copy of the Basic Command Unit Fund (BCU) spend to date and a copy of the BCU proposals for expenditure for the remainder of the financial year, as approved by RAGs at the meeting on 3 September 2010, will follow as **APPENDIX 2**.

3. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 This report fits with the Council's Corporate Objective 'Supporting an Active Local Economy' and 'Promoting Civic Pride' by helping to support initiatives which make our District a safer place to live and work.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – 1.64 % of the Maldon District Council budget is currently allocated to Community Safety.
- (ii) **Impact on Risk** – There is no risk attached to this report for Maldon District Council in the current financial year.
- (iii) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – Resources are available to meet commitments within the current financial year.

- (iv) **Impact on the Environment** – The objectives as included within the Strategic Assessment are delivered by the Community Safety Partnership and help to keep the Maldon District a low crime area.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 Whilst the Maldon Community Safety Partnership has enough finance to cover the commitments within the Delivery Plan for the current financial year to 31 March 2011, an 8% cut in the Area Based Grant (ABG) in the current year has removed the flexibility for the Partnership to respond to new challenges with new projects. Currently 1.64% of the Maldon District Council budget is contributed to the Community Safety Partnership. This represents very good value for money in terms of service delivery.
- 5.2 At this stage it is anticipated that the ABG for the year commencing 1 April 2011 will be reduced between 10% and 40% (or even higher), or may be removed completely. The CSP has therefore assumed a range of different financial scenarios (10%, 20% or 50% reduction in grant) and profiled the provision budget for 2011 / 12 on that basis. Both the Community Safety Solutions Group (formerly the Partnership Steering Group) and RAGs have recently discussed the likely implications upon the Partnership next year and, although it is too soon to produce a definitive spending plan, they have identified priorities to the Crime and Disorder Network Executive (CDNE) at Essex County Council as requested. These ‘priorities’ are outlined in **APPENDIX 3** to this report.
- 5.3 Work on the updating of the Strategic Assessment and Annual Delivery Plan for 2011 / 12 is due to commence shortly. There has been some indication that the format of Strategic Assessments will change in the future although no details are available on the new format.
- 5.4 The outcome of the joint Peer Review between Maldon and Chelmsford Community Safety Partnerships will be fed back following conclusions of the interviews to take place between 5-8 October 2010. In the meantime, the interim Management arrangements are continuing to cover the vacant Community Safety Partnership Manager post, funded by this authority. A decision on replacement will be made following the outcome of the Peer Review and the ongoing budget discussion taking place with members are part of the 2011 / 12 budget review.

6. RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

Background Papers: Community Safety Partnership Executive Summary and Delivery Plan 2010 / 11.

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