

# Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	22 November 2012
TITLE:	Community Safety Plan: Avon and Somerset Police 'IMPACT'
WARD:	ALL
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	

## 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 In December 2010, Avon and Somerset Police launched IMPACT, which is a multi-agency Integrated Offender Management unit, which includes Police, Probation, Prisons and Drug services. Its key focus is to stop re-offending - working together to target those offenders of most concern in a more structured and coordinated way.
- 1.2 The IMPACT approach was nationally recognised in the Government's green paper; ['breaking the cycle: effective punishment, rehabilitation and sentencing of offenders'](#).
- 1.3 This report invites the Panel to receive and ask questions of a presentation about how this scheme has progressed since 2010 and, the outcomes it has achieved.

## 2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to agree that:

- 2.1 It receives and comments on a presentation setting out the key principles of this work and identifies questions for consideration
- 2.2 It examine and test this work and its outcomes and wider impacts
- 2.3 It identifies where any further support is needed from the Council and partners

## 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report. IMPACT is managed within existing criminal justice partner budgets and the intention is that the scheme reduces the cost of crime to the taxpayer.

## 4 THE REPORT

- 4.1 There is a duty on Community Safety Partnerships to reduce reoffending and cutting crime. Bringing criminals to justice are the significant objectives of organisations working in the criminal justice system and the police, prison and probation services have made this their key priority.

4.2 One of the most effective ways to cut crime is to focus work on the people who are committing most of the crimes in our communities. IMPACT is helping us to achieve this across Bath and North East Somerset.

4.3 The Impact Unit identifies the criminals who are committing most of the robberies, burglaries and thefts in the area. It helps break the cycle of crime by tackling the issues that are causing individuals to commit crime, such as drug and alcohol misuse. In doing this it reduces harm to local communities and the cost of crime to the public purse.

## 5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 The presentation relates to the work of Avon & Somerset Police, Probation and Prison services and is subject to their risk assessment processes.

## 6 EQUALITIES

6.1 Promoting equality and opportunity for all groups and individuals and promoting community cohesion is integral to this work. There are potential differential impacts of crime and re-offending and these are reflected in this scheme.

## 7 CONSULTATION

7.1 Divisional Director, Policy and Partnerships

## 8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1 *Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Corporate; Other Legal Considerations (Section 17 and 115 Crime and Disorder Act 1998)*

## 9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication

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