

Community Safety Plan

The Liberal Democrats welcome this plan but would ask the cabinet to consider 2 extra recommendations

2.2 The Avon and Somerset Police be urged to continue and expand the practice of stationing Beat teams in the Community
and

2.3 The Avon and Somerset Police in partnership with the LSP look at ways to spread best practice of PACT meetings so that they can develop across the authority as effective community forums.

We welcome this plan and the pledge from the police that is contained within it. The reason we are asking you to consider two extra recommendations is firstly that the stationing of beat police teams with the community has proved highly effective and productive. It ensures that were this is happening the team is close by the community and therefore is more easily identified and recognized. It also means that more of the police time is spent within the community as opposed to traveling to and from the community.

The plan itself highlights the PACT process and we believe that PACTS are currently a forum that is working with varying degrees of success and/or failure. In some wards it is not working at all and in some it is developing into an effective forum. O&S are regularly scrutinising the PACT process. If the PACT is to work then we need to develop what works well in the first place and not have rigid targets to meet. In Southdown the PACT is working because the Councillors, Council, Somer and the Police Beat Team are working together to make it work well. This means consultation and preparation and co-operation between all. With reference back to my suggested amendments, to earlier papers and comments about ReGenerate could this be a task that they are commissioned to take over and develop for us.

In conclusion this is a good plan with good priorities although again we would welcome more clarity in terms of targets and outcomes.