

## **Communities, Transport and Environment Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel**

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### **Terms of Reference**

#### ***Community Safety Scrutiny Inquiry Day (SID)***

##### **(Private Meeting)**

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> October

**Time:** (TBC)

**Venue:** Brunswick Room Bath Guildhall

#### **Background**

A number of wide ranging changes from the election of PCC, funding, and the increased recognition of the role of Councils and Partners can play in tackling a wide range of community Safety & Public Protection issues have prompted many local Authorities to consider their roles and responsibilities and explore how best to deliver their community safety functions.

In the context of significant changes to the landscape for local community safety services, this scrutiny Inquiry day has been prompted to examine our current picture and challenges and how best to shape our services for the future.

#### **Purpose of a scrutiny inquiry**

The purpose of this CTE Panel inquiry day is to examine what is needed from Council services in the community safety context and how best might this be delivered.

This will include:

- An understanding of the national context of changing Community Safety priorities
- An understanding of the key Community Safety issues and challenges that Bath & North East Somerset currently face?
- Listening to any identified best practices approaches
- It will also be an opportunity for Members of the CTE Panel and key partners to examine our roles and responsibilities
- Collectively develop a range of options and which can be presented to the Cabinet member for Community Services to consider.

#### **Methodology**

##### **(Information gathering)**

- Undertake a short local survey with key partners to explore our current picture and identify any shared issues.

- Refer to the findings recently produced within the LGA Review of the future of Community Safety Services ( March 2017)
- Identify best practice approaches to a wide range of Community safety issues.  
*The above will inform any briefing materials in advance of the Scrutiny Inquiry Day*

### Approach to SID

An all-day event

This is led by the CTE Panel, but does impact on other PDS Panel remits such as Children & Young people, and the Health & Wellbeing Select Committee

Due to the nature and sensitivity of many community safety issues this meeting will be based on **invitation only**, which will allow for an open discussion amongst key stakeholders on some of the sensitive and complex key community safety issues that we currently face.

Outcomes will be presented to the next timely public meeting of the Communities Transport & Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel (potentially November) with all the relevant PDS Panels invited to attend this meeting.

### Exclusions

The day will not be looking at:-

- the implications of Devolution
- Developments in policy/ legislation
- Performance

### Attendees (Draft list)

#### Council & Partners:

Policy Development and Scrutiny Panels: Invitations sent to all members of the CTE, PH&ED, and also the Health & Wellbeing Select Committee

Cabinet member for Community Services

Open invite to the Chief Executive (AA)

Strategic Director for Resources

Strategic Manager, Community's Policy & Partnership

Inclusive Communities Manager,

Community Safety Officer

Public protection

Environmental Health

Avon Fire & Rescue

Health

Safeguarding

Avon and Somerset Police, including (The Lighthouse –Victim support)

Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner

Probation Services

Julian House  
CURO  
Steven Bell (CCTV)  
Local MP Ben Howlett

### **Draft Outline of Timescales**

The planning and preparation for the Scrutiny Inquiry Day normally takes a minimum of 3 months.

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Stage / Activity</i></b>	<b><i>Meeting Type</i></b>
27/03/2017	PDS Private briefing to discuss Terms of reference	Private
22/05/2017	Formally agree TOR at CTE Panel meeting	Public
12/10/2017	Scrutiny Inquiry Day	Private
Nov 2017	Panel meeting considers Final Report and Recommendations	Public
Jan 2018	Cabinet Response	Public

**Draft Agenda**  
*Community Safety Scrutiny Inquiry Day*

Time	Activity
	<i>Registration and refreshments</i>
	<p>Cllr John Bull <b>Welcome / introductions and run through aims and objectives of the Day,</b></p> <p><i>10 minutes max</i></p>
	<b>Part One</b>
	<p><b>An understanding of the National Context of changing community Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LGA review of the future of community safety services ( TBC)</li> </ul> <p><i>40 minute presentation (5-10 minutes for Q&amp;A)</i></p>
	<p><b>An understanding of the regional perspective</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avon &amp; Somerset Police Crime Commission (TBC)</li> </ul> <p><i>10 -15 minute presentation (10-15 minutes for Q&amp;A)</i></p>
	<p><b>Community Safety in Bath &amp; North East Somerset ( Local Perspective)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding our current issues ( TBC)</li> </ul> <p><i>10 -15 minute presentation (10-15 minutes for Q&amp;A)</i></p>
	<i>Refreshment &amp; Comfort Break (20 minutes)</i>
	<p><b>Best practice examples from across the country</b></p> <p><i>10 -15 minute presentation (10-15 minutes for Q&amp;A)</i></p>
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	<b>Part two</b>
	<b>Workshop session 1. - Domestic Abuse</b>
	<b>Workshop session 2. – Prevent</b>
	<b>Workshop session 3. – Modern slavery and People Trafficking</b>
	<b>Workshop Session 4.- Street Communities</b>
	<b>Feedback</b>
	Cllr John Bull

	Summary of day (next steps/ actions) Our <b>overall comments/ findings to the proposals.</b> (Recommendations formulated on the day) <i>15 minutes</i>
	<i><b>Thank you &amp; Finish</b></i>

### Enquiries

For further information, contact:

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