REPORT FOR: CABINET

Date of Meeting:	22 June 2011
Subject:	Community Safety Plan
Key Decision:	Yes
Responsible Officer:	Tom Whiting, Assistant Chief Executive
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Phillip O'Dell, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety
Exempt:	No
Decision subject to Call-in:	No
Enclosures:	Community Safety Plan Reference from Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 14 June – 'To Follow'

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the joint response of the Council, the Police and other partners to the crime and anti-social behaviour issues identified in the Strategic Assessment.

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to recommend the Community Safety Plan to Council for adoption.

Reason: (For recommendation)

It is a statutory requirement for the Council to adopt a Community Safety Plan which forms part of the policy framework.

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Section 2 – Report

Introduction

Each year, the Council, the Police and other partners prepare a Strategic Assessment of the pattern and trend of crime and anti-social behaviour in Harrow. Every three years, these partners are required to prepare a Community Safety Plan that brings together their strategic response to the crime and anti-social behaviour issues identified in the Strategic Assessment. This report introduces the Community Safety Plan for 2011-2014.

Options considered

Preparation and adoption of a Community Safety Plan is a statutory requirement so no other options were considered. The content of the plan, however, is for local determination and options regarding the priorities for the coming years were considered. The mix of actions recommended were chosen as they respond to the most recent analysis of crime issues and seek, where possible, to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour.

Financial Implications

The strategic priorities and actions set out in the Community Safety Plan for 2011/12 are within the approved budgets for the Council, the Police and other partners. The ambitions for 2012/13 and 2013/14 will be met to the extent that budgets for those years permit.

Performance Issues

The Community Safety Plan contains strategic actions that support the Council's priority of keeping neighbourhoods clean, green and safe. The Plan includes high–level strategic directions rather than detailed work programmes and, as such, does not provide sufficient detail to enable the impact on specific crime indicators to be assessed. However, the plan is designed to help achieve the following targets adopted by the Metropolitan Police:

Indicator	Target 2011/12	Target 2011/14
The number of violent crimes The number of property crimes	-2% -1%	-5% -3%
Percentage of people who think the Polic are doing a good job	ce +1%	+2%
Percentage of victims satisfied with the overall service provided by the Police	+1%	+3%

The targets for violent and property crimes are also in the Council's corporate scorecard.

Environmental Impact

None

Risk Management Implications

Safer Harrow, the Partnership body overseeing crime and anti-social behaviour concerns maintains a risk register which includes the key crime and anti-social behaviour issues.

Equalities implications

An EqIA was undertaken.

The high-level strategic nature of the Community Safety Plan makes identifying adverse outcomes problematic. The Assessment concluded that the plan seeks to address victimisation, which is disproportionately experienced by young people, and the fear of crime which is disproportionately experienced by older people.

Corporate Priorities

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The Plan supports keeping neighbourhoods clean, green and safe by putting in place actions to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

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Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Steve Tingle	x	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 7 June 2011		
Name: Jessica Farmer	x	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 9 June 2011		

Section 4 – Performance Officer Clearance

Name: Alex Dewsnap	X	Divisional Director
		Partnership,
Date: 7 June 2011		Development and
		Performance

Section 5 – Environmental Impact Officer Clearance

Name: John Edwards	x Divisional Director (Environmental
Date: 31 May 2011	Services)

Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Mike Howes, Service Manager, Policy and Partnerships 0208 420 9637

Background Papers: Strategic Assessment 2011

Call-In Waived by the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

NOT APPLICABLE

[Call-in does not apply to Recommendations to Council]