

agenda
Brighton & Hove City Council

For general release

Meeting: Community Safety Forum

Date: 8th January 2007

Report of: Head of Community Safety

Subject: Tackling Alcohol Misuse and Disorder

Wards affected: All

1.0 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to introduce a presentation which will be made to members of the Community Safety Forum. The presentation will describe the range of activities that are being co-ordinated to tackle alcohol related harm and disorder, including that which happens on the streets in the centre of Brighton and in neighbourhoods. The presentation will also explain the impact on our performance monitoring, of the many positive interventions by the police that are bringing about a decrease in more serious violent crimes and increasing safety.

2.0 Recommendations

The Community Safety Forum will be invited to discuss and comment on the initiatives which are being taken to tackle alcohol related harm and disorder in the City.

3.0 Information

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) is aware that like the rest of the country, misuse of alcohol is the underlying cause of a great deal of harm, disorder and violence. However, the CDRP is in a good position to co-ordinate a broad range of initiatives to tackle the problem. An action plan which is based upon the findings of a Gaps Analysis is led and delivered by managers from a number of services in the City, led by the Primary Care Trust. Other key working groups, including those which tackle enforcement and street drinking as well as the Licensing Strategy Group co-ordinate their activities with the wider strategic group.

The presentation at the meeting will therefore include –

- Prevention: the extent of work that is being carried out in schools and the wider community to deliver the 'Safe Drinking' messages
- Working in the neighbourhood renewal areas
- Responding to youth disorder where drinking is at the root of the problem
- Dealing with street drinkers
- Tackling under age sales
- The Impact of the Licensing Act 2003 (see appendix)
- Police enforcement and the positive effect of early interventions
- Explaining our 'violent crime in a public place' figures
- Protecting young people and achieving culture change: some new ideas.

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