

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 15

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Scrutiny Panel Report on Older People and Community Safety

Date of Meeting: 14 September 2009

Report of: Acting Director of Strategy and Governance

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The scrutiny panel established by ECSOSC to investigate older people and community safety has agreed its final report which is attached as the appendix to this report.
- 1.2 The findings and recommendations of the scrutiny review are presented here for approval by ECSOSC.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That members:

- 2.1 endorse the scrutiny panel's report.
- 2.2 agree to refer the report recommendations to the council's Executive, the council's Community Safety Forum and to the appropriate partner organisations
- 2.3 In line with the scrutiny panel's recommendation 18, agree to include monitoring actions following the scrutiny review, in the Committee's work plan
- 2.4 In line with the scrutiny panel's recommendation 18, agree to add community safety work regarding minority older groups, in the Committee's work plan

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The scrutiny panel was set up to investigate the views of older people about community safety, and how to help older people feel safer.

3.2 The panel comprised Councillors Mo Marsh (Chair) Amy Kennedy, David Smart and David Watkins with John Eyles of Older Peoples Council co-optee to the Panel.

3.3 Details of the evidence received are included in the report.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 Officers of Sussex Police and Primary Care Trust have been consulted informally on the contents of the Panel's report

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 Some recommendations of this scrutiny review may have significant financial implications.

Legal Implications:

5.2 If ECSOSC endorses the panel's report, it is required to prepare a formal report and submit it to the Chief Executive for consideration by the relevant Cabinet Member or Cabinet. If ECSOSC cannot agree on one single final report, up to one minority report may be prepared and submitted for consideration in addition to the majority report.

ECSOSC may publish the report or recommendations.

The Cabinet Member or Cabinet shall consider the report within six weeks of it being submitted to the Chief Executive or at its next scheduled meeting, whichever is the later (and in any event within two months of receiving it) and shall prepare a response to the findings, including any action proposed.

If ESCOSC publish its report or recommendations, the Executive must publish their response.

Lawyer consulted: Oliver Dixon

Date: 24 August 2009

Equalities Implications:

5.3 Recommendations in this report relate to older people, including minority groups and particularly to those who are more socially isolated.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 Recommendations in this report will help contribute to the sustainability of local communities.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 The recommendations made in this report support the aims of the Brighton & Hove Community Safety Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy 2008 – 2011: to make the city safer by reducing crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour, reducing fear of crime, reducing harm from drugs and alcohol and improving community safety.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 None identified directly in relation to this report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 The recommendations made in this report support a number of council priorities as outlined in the Corporate Plan 2008 – 2011 and Local Areas Agreement 2008 – 2011.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendix:

Report of the scrutiny review of older people and community safety.

Background Documents:

As listed in the Scrutiny Panel's report.

