

**Protocol on the Relationship between the Community Safety Forum and the Environment and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Designated as the Crime and Disorder Committee, CDC)**

As provided for under the Council's Constitution, the Environment and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee (ECSOSC) is designated the Crime and Disorder Committee (CDC) for the purposes of the Police and Justice Act 2006 ('the Act').

It is recognised that the Community Safety Forum ('the Forum') is in a position to resolve many of the crime and disorder issues that members will wish to raise. Members wishing to raise a crime and disorder issue should direct the matter in the first instance to the Forum.

The ECSOSC will, when crime and disorder matters are referred to it without first being presented to the Forum, note them and refer them to the next appropriate meeting of the Forum.

In fulfilment of its role as CDC, the ECSOSC shall meet to review or scrutinise the decisions made, or other action taken in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of the crime and disorder functions, no less than twice in every twelve month period. ECSOSC shall perform this role after considering:

- A six monthly update from the Chair of the Forum in its work
- LAA performance data on community safety issues

The ECSOSC shall also:

- Deal with any Councillor Call for Action that has already been to the Forum but remains unresolved
- Consider whether, following input from the Forum, to establish an ad hoc panel on a crime and disorder matter

Nothing in this protocol prevents a Member from raising issues directly at the ECSOSC in accordance with section 19 of the Act. It does, however, provide guidance to allow the most efficient and effective resolution of crime disorder and community safety issues.

