

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Steve Sienkiewicz, Scrutiny Manager
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	22 January 2015

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP SCRUTINY PANEL**

### **1.0 Purpose of the report:**

1.1 The Committee to consider the report of the Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Review Panel.

### **2.0 Recommendation(s):**

2.1 That the Scrutiny Committee notes the ongoing work of the Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Panel and makes comments or recommendations as appropriate.

### **3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**

3.1 To ensure the scrutiny process continues to be fully accountable and an important part of the democratic process.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? N/A

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None

### **4.0 Council Priority:**

4.1 Creating safer communities and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour

### **5.0 Background Information**

5.1 At its meeting on 14 July 2011, the Scrutiny Committee appointed a review panel to undertake the statutory responsibility of scrutinising the Community Safety Partnership, BSafe Blackpool. The Review Panel currently meets two times per

annum and most recently met on 28 October 2014. This report covers the outcomes of that meeting.

- 5.2 The Panel received in depth performance information on the priorities of the partnership, information relating to drugs and alcohol substance misuse, a briefing on the changes to the Anti-Social Behaviour legislation, an update on burglary information and the Community Safety Landscape across Lancashire.
- 5.3 As a reminder the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership were identified as:
1. Anti-Social Behaviour
  2. Assaults
  3. Domestic Abuse
  4. Sexual Offences
  5. Substance Misuse – Alcohol and Drugs
  6. Reduce re-offending
- 5.4 The Panel asked a number of key questions regarding the performance data, with particular regard to how information was shared with neighbouring authorities in order to reduce crimes that crossed local authority borders. Members were assured that barriers had been removed that had resulted in information not be shared appropriately between different areas in the past.
- 5.5 The next meeting of the Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Review Panel will be held on Thursday, 25 June 2015 and will consider the in depth performance information based on the priorities of the partnership and the impact of recent Anti-Social Behaviour legislation.

**5.6 Witnesses/representatives**

- 5.6.1 Councillor Galley, Scrutiny Lead Member and Shadow Cabinet Member for Housing, Public Safety and Enforcement and Street Scene and the Environment

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

**List of Appendices:** None.

**6.0 Legal considerations:**

- 6.1 None

**7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

- 7.1 None

**8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 None

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 None

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 None

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Panel meeting notes.