

## PART A

**Report to:** Community Safety Partnership Task Group  
**Date of meeting:** 9 July 2013  
**Report of:** Committee and Scrutiny Support Officer  
**Title:** Update on Community Safety Engagement Work

### 1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report updates the Task Group on the surveys which are being undertaken as a result of a scrutiny suggestion made to the Community Safety Partnership Task Group in 2012/13.

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Task Group notes the update on the ongoing work.

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**Report approved by:** Head of Democracy and Governance

### 3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 At the meeting of the Task Group on 31 January 2013 the Task Group considered scrutiny suggestions by Members for the Community Safety Partnership Task Group. One of the suggestions, made by Councillor Meerabux, related to how community groups engaged on community safety issues.

- 3.2 The Task Group agreed that they wished to circulate three questionnaires covering the areas in Councillor Meerabux's suggestion. These were:
- One to residents' associations and community groups (and vulnerable groups in particular). Attached to the report at appendix 1.
  - One to the Police, attached to the report at appendix 2.
  - One to councillors, attached to the report at appendix 3.

#### **4.0 UPDATE**

- 4.1 Following the meeting, officers have drawn up these questionnaires in consultation with the Partnerships and Performance Section Head, the Community Safety Manager and the Safer Neighbourhoods Police Inspector. Developing the questionnaires and preparing the distribution has been quite a lengthy process and the deadline for responses has been set for 26 July 2013.
- 4.2 Once replies have been received, a summary report will be produced in time for the next meeting of the Community Safety Partnership Task Group.

#### **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

##### **5.1 Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

- 5.1.1 The Head of Democracy and Governance comments that there are no legal implications in this report

##### **5.2 Potential Risks**

No potential risks have been identified.

#### Appendices

**Appendix 1** – Questionnaire for community groups

**Appendix 2** – Questionnaire for Hertfordshire Constabulary

**Appendix 3** – Questionnaire for Councillors

#### Background Papers

No papers were used in the preparation of this report.

#### File Reference

None