

**Report to:** Community Protection Panel Cabinet

**Date:** 23 July 2007 26 July 2007

**Subject:** Township Community Safety Group - Revision to Chairs/Deputies and setting priorities for 2007/08

**Report of:** Director of Environmental Services

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**Purpose/summary:** To make revisions to the Chairs and Deputies of the Township Community Safety Groups, to determine priorities for each Group for 2007/08, and to report the performance on the 2006/07 programme.

**Alternative options considered and reason for selecting the one recommended:** Options are:  
To agree, vary or reject the proposals received from the Township Community Safety Groups. The proposals received fall within the framework agreed by Cabinet. Agreement is recommended.

**Recommendation/decision:** It is recommended that Cabinet approves:

- the revisions for Chairs and Deputies for 2007/08, and
- the 2007/08 priorities for the Township Community Safety Groups as set out in the report.

**Key Decision:** This report involves a key decision within ground(s) 1.

The decision made as a result of this report will be published within **48 hours** and cannot be actioned until **five working days** have elapsed after that (**making a total of seven working days after the meeting**) i.e. before 7 August 2007

This item is included in the Forward Plan.

**Risks / Implications:**

Financial: Budget of £107,910 for 2007/08

Staffing: Within existing  
 Policy: Community Safety Strategy  
 Equal Opportunities - Has a No  
 Diversity Impact Assessment  
 been conducted?  
 Wards affected: All  
 Special Interest Members –  
 Which have been consulted

Has the Director of Legal and Property Services confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution? **Yes / No \***

Has the Director of Finance and IT confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget? **Yes / No \***

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? **Yes / No \***

\* delete which applicable

**For Cabinet reports only :**

Categorisation of the report:	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
Discussion leading to a decision		Discussion	
Monitoring		Decision	<b>X</b>
Sharing for corporate understanding		Information	

**Tracking/Process:**

	Consultation	Ward Members	Partners
	Township Community Safety Groups May/June 2007		
Panel	Overview & Scrutiny	Cabinet	Council
Community Protection 23 July 2007		26 July 2007	

List of Background Papers in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972:

Document	Date	File Reference	Place of Inspection
Minutes of each Township Community Safety Group	May/June 2007		Unity House Westwood Park Drive Unity House Westwood Park Drive WIGAN WN3 4HE

Proper Officer Martin Kimber

Date 10 July 2007

## 1. **Background:**

- 1.1 In May 2004 following consultation, the Community Safety Panel and Cabinet agreed revisions to the Township Community Safety framework. This revised framework involved a fundamental change, moving away from a piecemeal approach to a more structured approach. This approach included each of the 10 Township Community Safety Groups:
- receiving a briefing on the patterns of crime and disorder in the area; and
  - identifying priorities using the crime and disorder analysis and local knowledge.
- 1.2 Following a review and further consultation in March 2005, Cabinet approved a revised framework which included more flexibility. This included TCSG's being able to identify up to six priorities and a reserve list. TCSG's could replace any priority which is completed or not initiated, subject to the availability of resources and the agreement with either the Township Inspector or the Assistant Director (Community Safety).

## 2. **Information:**

- 2.1 The TCSGs have met in May and June 2007 to consider:
- the 2006/07 performance;
  - any revisions to Chairs and Deputies; and
  - the priorities and reserve list for 2007/08.

## 3. **Performance 2006/07**

- 3.1 The structure of the Anti Social Behaviour Unit was amended in October 2005 in order to provide a dedicated practitioner to each TCSG. This has resulted in a further period of development for TCSG's but the overall process has been successful.
- 3.2 The revised approach has seen all Townships benefit. Some notable achievements include:
- townships being able to influence the work programmes of the Police and other crime and disorder partners;
  - a more directed approach to tackling Anti Social Behaviour and ensure best use of resources;
  - greater action on issues important to local communities, notably anti-social behaviour and off-road motor bikes.
- 3.3 Notably, the TCSG framework combined with the structural changes has enabled the introduction of a more joined up approach to anti-social behaviour in the Borough including:
- targeting geographical hot spots;
  - Police Community Beat Officers and Police Community Support Officers to issue contact cards ('yellow cards') for anti-social behaviour;
  - the introduction of diversionary alternatives such as the use of community sports coaches.

- 3.4 In the year ending 31 March 2007:
- 4978 Contact Cards were received and dealt with;
  - 124 'good behaviour agreements' were signed up to;
  - 11 formal warnings issued;
  - 9 Criminal Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (CRASBOs) were obtained.
- In addition over 372 complaints have been dealt with.
- 3.5 The new approach has also led to a much tougher stance on off-road motor cycles which has included Environmental Services staff and a Township Manager supporting Police operations at '**hot spots**' and 'first warning' signs have been placed at key sites throughout the borough.
- 3.6 Recent findings from the Citizens Panel indicate the number of people who feel that Anti Social Behaviour has increased since last year has reduced. Similarly the number of people who have actually experienced anti social behaviour has decreased. The Best Value Survey conducted by MORI IPSOS in 2006 also indicated that ASB concern is decreasing.
- 3.7 **On the 2007/08 priorities**, TCSGs have identified their priorities which are set out in appendix 1 of this report. Anti-social behaviour again dominates the lists, reflecting the concerns of local communities on this issue. It is proposed that the priorities are approved by Cabinet. For each priority an action plan will be produced focusing on a specified locality. It is this focused intervention involving a range of stakeholders that has proved effective. Since the formation of the Environmental Services Department the Neighbourhood Services Division are now beginning to tackle environmental issues, such as litter as part of the approach to working in localities. At time of writing some areas priorities remain outstanding. Progress will be reported at the meeting.
- 3.8 **On revision to the Chairpersons and Deputies**, some TCSGs have asked for changes, and these changes are in accordance with agreed policy. It is proposed these changes, which are set out in appendix 2, are approved. At the time of writing two areas remain outstanding, one of which is the absence of a nomination for chair in Hindley, Abram, Platt Bridge and Bickershaw and the other Tyldesley, Astley which has been delayed due to the by election. Progress will be reported at the meeting. One objection has been received in relation to the process used to elect the chair in Aspull, Standish, Shevington from Cllr D Fairhurst. Cabinet may wish to consider this further.

#### 4. **Conclusions:**

- 4.1 In May 2004, the Community Safety Panel and Cabinet made fundamental changes to the TCSG framework. The approach has proved successful:
- by focusing on a limited number of priorities, we have been able to deliver action on issues affecting our local communities;
  - with every priority having been addressed, this represents a major achievement and all those involved should be commended;
  - it is proposed the TCSGs' priorities for 2007/08 be agreed. This is dominated by anti-social behaviour reflecting the concerns of local communities; and
  - the revisions for Chairs and Deputies are in accordance with policy and it is recommended these nominations be approved.

## Township Priorities 2007 / 2008

TOWNSHIP	PRIORITIES
HINDLEY, ABRAM, PLATT BRIDGE & BICKERSHAW	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anti-social Behaviour – Long Lane Hindley Green</li> <li>2. Anti-social Behaviour – Hindley Town Centre</li> <li>3. Anti-social Behaviour – Abram Park</li> <li>4. Off Road Motorcycles, Malicious Fires, Flytipping – Woodcock Drive Estate</li> </ol>
ORRELL, BILLINGE, WINSTANLEY	
STANDISH, ASPULL, SHEVINGTON	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anti-social Behaviour - Shevington</li> <li>2. Anti-social Behaviour - Standish</li> <li>3. Anti-social Behaviour - Aspull</li> <li>4. Anti-social Behaviour – Whelley and New Springs</li> <li>5. Off road motorcycles</li> </ol>
WIGAN NORTH	
WIGAN SOUTH	
GOLBORNE / LOWTON	
ASHTON / BRYN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SARA 29, Anti-social Behaviour linked to underage drinking</li> <li>2. Jubilee Park</li> <li>3. Ashton Town Centre</li> </ol>
ATHERTON	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anti-social Behaviour</li> <li>2. Criminal Damage</li> <li>3. Burglary</li> </ol>
LEIGH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anti-social Behaviour</li> <li>2. Criminal Damage</li> <li>3. Vehicle Crime</li> </ol>
TYLDESLEY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anti-social Behaviour</li> <li>2. Criminal Damage</li> <li>3. Theft from Motor Vehicles</li> </ol>

**Township Community Safety Groups – Nominations for Chairs / Deputies  
2007/08**

**Ashton, Bryn**

***Chair – Community Action Party***

Councillor W Carney

***Deputy – Independent***

Councillor G Wilkes

<b>Atherton</b>	
<i>Chair – Labour</i>	Councillor S Loudon
<i>Deputy – Liberal Democrats</i>	Councillor R T Splaine
<b>Hindley, Abram, Platt Bridge, Bickershaw</b>	
<i>Chair –</i>	
<i>Deputy – Community Action Party</i>	Councillor J Fagan
<b>Leigh</b>	
<i>Chair – Labour</i>	Councillor M Whiteside
<i>Deputy – Labour</i>	Councillor C Rigby
<b>Lowton / Golborne</b>	
<i>Chair – Community Action Party</i>	Councillor P Franzen
<i>Deputy – Labour</i>	Councillor G Bretherton
<b>Orrell, Billinge, Winstanley</b>	
<i>Chair – Conservative</i>	Councillor N Winstanley
<i>Deputy – Community Action Party</i>	Councillor W Wilkes
<b>Standish, Aspull, Shevington</b>	
<i>Chair – Labour</i>	Councillor J Hilton
<i>Deputy – Conservative</i>	Councillor G Fairhurst
<b>Tyldesley, Astley</b>	
<i>Chair –</i>	
<i>Deputy –</i>	
<b>Wigan North</b>	
<i>Chair – Labour</i>	Councillor J. Moodie
<i>Deputy – Conservative</i>	Councillor H. Cadman
<b>Wigan South</b>	
<i>Chair – Labour</i>	Councillor P. Prescott
<i>Deputy – Labour</i>	Councillor J. Prescott