

**CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY
(Report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Panel of the introduction of legislative changes that place a requirement on the Council to scrutinise crime and disorder matters.

2. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

- 2.1 The provisions contained within sections 19, 20 and 21 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 came into force on 30th April 2009. They require every local authority to put in place a crime and disorder committee. The committee will have the power to review or scrutinise the decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions. Scrutiny of crime and disorder falls within the remit of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel for Social Well-Being and the Centre for Public Scrutiny has confirmed that an existing committee may take on this role.
- 2.2 Guidance has been produced, which makes reference to various models through which this new duty might be carried out. The guidance has only recently been produced and it differs substantially from the draft Regulations. In the circumstances it has not been possible to produce a scheme that adequately captures the detail of this new duty in the time available. This will require consultation with the Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership. As a result a fully worked up scheme will be submitted to a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel containing recommendations on various matters concerning the way crime and disorder should operate.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Panel is

RECOMMENDED

to note the contents of the report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.

National Support Framework - Delivering Safer and Confident Communities -
Guidance for the Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder Matters – England –
Implementing Sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

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