

# **Crime and Disorder Committee**

**Council Chamber, Town Hall  
22 May 2013 at 12.30am**

## **The Committee deals with**

The review and scrutiny of decisions made, or other actions taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions, and to make reports and recommendations to the Council or the Cabinet with respect to the discharge of those functions.

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# The role and work of the Crime and Disorder Committee

## **The role**

The Committee shall meet to review or scrutinise decisions or other actions taken in connection with the functions conferred to the Committee, these being, a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the Borough and a strategy for combating the misuse of drugs in the borough.

The Committee has to meet at least once in every twelve month period.

The Committee may co-opt persons to serve on the Committee who are members of the public, employees, officers or members of responsible authorities, for example, the Council, Essex County Council, Essex Police Authority, Essex Fire and Rescue Authority and the Essex Probation Service. Executive members of the Council may not be co-opted to the Committee. Co-opted persons shall not be entitled to vote on any matter, unless the Committee so determines.

## **The work**

The review of the Safer Colchester Partnership will be a year on year substantive report to be considered by the Committee.

Any Member of Colchester Borough Council may give written notice to the Scrutiny Officer that they wish an item to be included on the agenda of the Committee in relation to a local crime and disorder matter. If the matter is considered a local crime and disorder matter, the item will be included on the first available agenda of the Committee.

A crime and disorder matter is a matter involving anti-social behaviour or other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment, or the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances.

The Committee once it has considered a local crime and disorder matter shall consider whether or not to make a report to the Cabinet or Council, and if it decides not to, shall notify the Councillor concerned of its decision(s) and the reason(s) for it.

If the Committee decides to report to the Cabinet or Council, it will provide a copy of the report to the Councillor concerned and the responsible authorities and co-operating persons or bodies as appropriate.

**COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE  
22 May 2013 at 12:30pm**

**Members**

Chairman : Councillor Beverly Davies.  
Deputy Chairman : Councillor Marcus Harrington.  
Councillors Dave Harris, Jo Hayes, Gerard Oxford,  
Kevin Bentley, Nick Cope, Peter Higgins and Mike Hogg.

**Substitute Members** : All members of the Council who are not Cabinet Members or members of the panel.

**Agenda - Part A**  
(open to the public including the media)

Members of the public may wish to note that agenda items 1 - 5 are normally brief.

**Pages**

**1. Substitutions**

Members may arrange for a substitute councillor to attend a meeting on their behalf, subject to prior notice being given. The attendance of substitute councillors must be recorded.

**2. Appointment of Chairman**

To appoint the Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

**3. Appointment of Deputy Chairman**

To appoint the Deputy Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

**4. Exclusion of the public**

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