

Subject: The Future of the Safer Communities Partnership

Report to: Safer Communities Partnership

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### **SUBJECT MATTER**

The purpose of this report is to consider recommendations for the future of the Safer Communities Partnership (SCP) in Great Yarmouth.

1.1 At the SCP meeting on 15 July 2013, it was agreed that a sub-group would meet to come up with recommendations over the future of the SCP. This decision was taken because of concerns raised at the meeting around:

- Does the partnership duplicate work and discussions being held elsewhere?
- Are there benefits in coming together as a partnership?
- Are the right organisations represented at the right level?

1.2 The sub-group, made up of the Police, Probation, GYBC and YOT have met on three occasions since July. The sub-group considered three questions:

- Is there a need for organisations with a responsibility for community safety to come together to discuss how to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
- If yes, what should it do? And
- Who do we need to be part of the group?

1.3 The sub-group answered yes – we do need a core group of agencies to meet separately to other meetings to discuss crime reduction and ASB in Great Yarmouth.

They felt the new group should:

- focus on using available knowledge, intelligence and data and the experiences of members of the community
- evaluate the effectiveness of current approaches
- plan for the future towards shared outcomes

Membership should be a core, focused group of key agencies with responsibility for reducing crime and ASB – namely the Police, GYBC, YOT and Probation. It would work to recognise what it could influence on its own and what it would refer to other existing partnerships. It was also felt that these agencies were already linked into key crime and community safety projects at district, sub-regional and county level.

The core group would invite other agencies and organisations to attend for specific meetings or to take part in projects when appropriate.

Partners and agencies would also be invited to feed in issues and ideas to the new core group via the Police Supt's Personal Assistant.

1.4 It was felt that this approach fitted in with discussions happening at the County Community Safety Partnership which was also reshaping its priorities around:

- Strengthening communities
- Integration and collaboration
- Protection of vulnerable people

The new group would also link into the new Nelson Integrated Care System project. The project, led by senior representatives from health, social care and district and county councils were coming together to map the Nelson area of Great Yarmouth and work together to integrate services for the benefit of all of our residents and customers. Meetings would also be an opportunity to discuss broader strategic issues and opportunities for Great Yarmouth and to look at how services need to change in order to meet the needs of residents and the community.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Safer Communities Partnership be dissolved.

That a new core group, made up of the Police, Probation, YOT and GYBC form a new Great Yarmouth Safer Communities Partnership.