### CRIME & DISORDER COMMITTEE

#### AGENDA

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Members 6: Quorum 3

### COUNCILLORS:

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<th>Lesley Kelly (Chairman)</th>
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<td>Linda van den Hende (Vice-Chairman)</td>
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The Chairman of the meeting has discretion, however, to invite members of the public to ask questions or to respond to points raised by Members. Those who wish to do that may find it helpful to advise the Committee Officer before the meeting so that the Chairman is aware that someone wishes to ask a question.

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building’s evacuation.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (if any) - receive.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members are invited to declare any interests in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting. Members may still declare an interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8 MAY 2007

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 8 May 2007 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

That the Appointment of the Chairman and Vice Chairman and the Committee membership be noted.

6. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS – oral presentation

A presentation will be given regarding the Safer Neighbourhood Teams from Inspector John Fish.

7. CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – oral presentation

There will be an oral introduction to the work of the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

8. WORK PROGRAMME

To determine the business of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/08.
9. **URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any other item in respect of which the Chairman is of the opinion, by reason of special circumstances which shall be specified in the minutes, that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Cheryl Coppell  
Chief Executive
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
CRIME & DISORDER COMMITTEE
Havering Town Hall, Romford

Tuesday 8 May 2007 (7.30 pm - 8.25 pm)

Present:    Councillors John Clark (Chairman), *David Grantham, Linda van den Hende, Georgina Galpin and Frederick Thompson

Apologies were received from Councillor John Mylod.

No Member declared an interest in the business considered.

The Chairman advised those present of action to be taken in the event of emergency evacuation of the Town Hall becoming necessary.

*Part of the meeting.

16 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 MARCH 2007

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

17 PRESENTATION FROM THE POLICE

The Committee received a presentation from Superintendent Wisbey which gave an overview of the issues currently affecting the Borough.

Ardleigh Green

Since the incident at Ardleigh Green in April, where several people were injured, Police had made significant progress with their enquiries and a number of leads were being followed.

Although the incident had occurred near Havering College, Superintendent Wisbey advised that it had become evident from enquiries that the incident was not connected to the college or any of its students.

The incident had obviously caused concern amongst some residents and a public meeting had been organised at the college to address this. In addition to this, the college were intending to employ two dedicated Police Community Support Officers (PCSO’s) and spend £300K on upgrading their CCTV system.

As a result of the public meeting, it had become apparent that there was a perception that there was not enough communication with the local community. In order to address this, a community engagement group was being set up. The PCSO’s that were funded by Transport for London (TfL)
would be used to improve the sense of security on buses operating in the area.

General Issues

Superintendent Wisbey advised that overall, crime in the Borough had fallen over the last year. However, burglaries and robberies had increased marginally.

As the Borough had a relatively low crime rate, in comparison with other London Boroughs, it did not attract the funding that was made available to Boroughs with higher crime rates. Despite having low levels of crime there was a perception amongst members of the public that crime in the Borough was high. In order to address this, public satisfaction surveys were being altered to try and draw out why people were afraid of crime and what could be done to alter this.

The Committee discussed the fear of crime and Members agreed that drawing out the specific issues that caused the perception that crime was worse than it was in reality, was important. It was noted that surveys were often completed by victims of crime and therefore their responses were likely to be more negative than a general member of the public.

In response to questions, Superintendent Wisbey told the Committee that the Police had developed a good relationship with local businesses in Romford town centre. Issues around Anti Social Behaviour were being addressed through the use of Doormen in many of the town’s pubs and clubs. In addition to this the Police worked closely with the Council’s Licensing and Environmental Health Officers and Community Safety Team.

Concerns were raised that the Police often withdrew objections raised to Licensing applications after arrangements had been made for a Hearing to be held and that this meant that the Hearings were cancelled. Members expressed concern that this gave the impression that the Council and the Police may have discussed the matter with the applicant in private rather, than the public forum of a Hearing. Superintendent Wisbey agreed to discuss this matter with officers.

The Committee recognised the success of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT’s) in working with communities. However, many residents had experienced difficulty in contacting their SNT’s. Superintendent Wisbey advised that a marketing campaign was being devised and within this the role of SNT’s and their working patterns would be explained.

Members discussed the way in which crime was reported in the local press and it was agreed that it would be useful if a representative from one of the local papers was invited to a future meeting of the Committee to discuss this issue.
It was RESOLVED:
To note that presentation.

18 COMMITTEE’S ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee considered a report, which summarised the work it had undertaken during the last Municipal Year. The report was intended to stand as a public record of achievement for the year and enable performance to be monitored year on year.

It was RESOLVED:

i) To note the Annual Report for 2006/07.

ii) To authorise the Committee Chairman to agree the final wording of the report, in order to reflect the work undertaken by the Committee during the remainder of the Municipal Year.