

AGENDA ITEM

**REPORT TO EXECUTIVE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

27 MARCH 2012

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF
LAW AND DEMOCRACY**

REFERRAL FROM CABINET – COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES

SUMMARY

To present a request from Cabinet to consider including a further piece of work on Community Safety and Security Services in the Scrutiny work programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Executive Scrutiny Committee be asked to consider including a further piece of work on Community Safety and Security Services in the Scrutiny work programme, to focus on residents' satisfaction and service improvement and transformation opportunities.

DETAIL

1. Throughout 2011 the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee was engaged on an EIT Review of Community Safety and Security Services with the intention of finding a minimum of 15 per cent savings.
2. The Head of Community Safety, acting as the lead officer for the review, identified that savings could be achieved from the following recommendations:
 - Based upon successful consultation with staff members, it is recommended that the identified vacant posts across the service are deleted with duties being absorbed by other posts across the authority.
 - Based upon the agreed criteria with trade unions and after successful consultation with staff members, it is recommended that two of the four posts of Senior Neighbourhood Officer are deleted.
 - The Committee recommend a reduction in the contribution to the Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit.
 - The Committee recommend a reduction in the Services and Supplies Budget directly associated with deleted posts.
3. As a result the implementation of the recommendations is expected to deliver £152,993 savings.
4. At Cabinet on 9 February 2012 it was suggested that further work be undertaken to focus on residents' satisfaction and service improvement and transformation opportunities as it was considered that the Committee's report showed little evidence of these elements.

5. Cabinet recommended that Executive Scrutiny Committee be asked to consider including a further piece of work on Community Safety and Security Services in the Scrutiny work programme, to focus on the issues detailed above.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no direct financial or legal implications.

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<u>Background Papers:</u>	None
<u>Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:</u>	Not Ward Specific
<u>Property Implications:</u>	None