

NATIONAL STANDARDS

1. The Guidance for Community Safety Partnerships on 'Delivering Safer Communities: A guide to effective partnership working' runs to 140 pages in total (107 pages of main text, and the rest consisting of appendices).
2. Attached as Appendix A is a 14 page extract, from which most of the supporting commentary, all the case studies, all the appendices and the bulk of Section A3, which relates to two tier local government areas, have been stripped out, leaving only the key statutory requirements (numbered 1 – 40) and the essential text. Specific extracts relating to the roles of the Chair, PCT representative and Local Authority Cabinet Member have been sent to Geoff Lee, Sue Cash and Steve Nelson.
3. The full text can be found at

http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk/guidance_for_effective_partnerships.pdf
4. The Guidance outlines six 'Hallmarks' of effective practice, i.e.
 - 1) Empowered and Effective Leadership
 - 2) Intelligence-led Business Processes
 - 3) Effective and Responsive Delivery Structures
 - 4) Engaged Communities
 - 5) Visible and Constructive Accountability
 - 6) Appropriate Skills and Knowledge
5. Attached as Appendix B is a simple table of the 40 statutory requirements with, in most cases, comments on the current position. A summary is as follows:-
 - a) items 1 – 6 already covered
 - b) item 7 – new proposal
 - c) items 8 – 10 and 21 information sharing – to be progressed
 - d) items 11 – 13 and 17 – to be agreed
 - e) items 14 – 16 already covered

- f) Items 18 - 20 and 29 – 38 – to be taken into account in developing our next Community Safety Plan 2008 – 2011
- g) Items 22 – 28 and 39 Partnership Strategic Assessments – to be reviewed once the recently issued Home Office ‘Toolkit’ on this issue has been assessed.
- h) Item 40 – see comments in table

6. It is **RECOMMENDED** that

6.1 the report is noted

6.2 at each AGM of the Partnership we review membership, skills and knowledge as suggested at item 7

6.3 a further report is submitted on Partnership Strategic Assessments to the next meeting of the Partnership, once current discussions on information sharing have been resolved

6.4 the Partnership agrees to hold a series of public meetings (‘Face the People sessions’), details to be discussed and agreed (see especially comments against item 13), and partners make a commitment to attend these meetings.

6.5 items 18 – 20 and 29 – 38 are taken into account in developing our next Community Safety Plan 2008 – 2011

6.6 a further report is submitted on Partnership Strategic Assessments to the next meeting of the Partnership, on the basis that the Partnership Strategic Assessments should draw on the consultation programme 2007, complement (rather than duplicate) the Police Strategic Assessment and minimise additional workload, concentrating on added value.