RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

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title: RIBBLE VALLEY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - STRATEGIC

ASSESSMENT 2012/2013

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide information on the Ribble Valley Community Safety Partnership's recently finalised strategic assessment for 2012/2013.
- 1.2 To appoint Committee with the Community Safety Partnership's priorities for 2012/2013, the rationale behind that selection and the potential budget problems the partnership is facing.
- 1.3 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

 - Other Considerations -

2 INFORMATION

2.1 The process used to draw up the strategic assessment has evolved over the past few years.

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- 2.2 Consultation has taken place with a number of key agencies, community safety partnership managers and co-ordinators and police analysts.
- 2.3 Whilst all district community safety partnerships work to an agreed template, there are inevitably differences which are reflected from district to district in agreed priorities.
- 2.4 A priority matrix was designed to objectively score all threats giving very much a local flavour to the discussions and outcomes.
- 2.5 Once the priorities were identified, these were reported to the Community Safety Partnership for comments and endorsement as appropriate.
- 2.6 Data collection has been channelled through MADE (Multi Agency Date Exchange) which provides the vast majority of data used in mapping crime and community safety matters.

- 2.7 This process has then fundamentally produced the top five priorities which the Community Safety Partnership will concentrate its efforts on over the coming 12 months. These are as follows:
 - Road safety killed and seriously injured collisions
 - 2. Other stealing metal theft and travelling offenders who live outside the Ribble Valley but commit crime within our boundaries.
 - 3. Domestic abuse.
 - 4. Substance misuse both alcohol and drugs.
 - 5. Anti social behaviour and criminal damage mainly youth related incidents.
- 2.8 The big test for the Community Safety Partnership will be marrying these priorities with a rapidly decreasing budget. At its last meeting the Community Safety Partnership set up a working group of key partner agencies to identify funding streams and initiatives which can help reduce crime statistics.
- 2.9 Once that working group has met and set out its agreed priorities, I will report back to a future meeting of this Committee on how the budget will be spent.
- 3 CONCLUSIONS
- 3.1 The strategic assessment is produced on an annual basis but this is the first time it has been reported to this Committee. As can be seen our five key priorities have been agreed by all key agencies. The trick now is to marry funding to those priorities in order to make a difference.

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