

<b>Item No.</b> <b>19</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 7 January 2003	<b>MEETING NAME</b> Community Support and Safety Scrutiny Sub-Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Community Strategy	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Corporate Strategy	

### Project brief

*To review the appropriate chapter of the Draft Community Strategy for this Scrutiny Sub-Committee, namely Cutting Crime and the Fear of Crime, as per the request of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2002.*

### 1. BACKGROUND

The Community Strategy is the highest level vision document across the Council. The aim of the Community Strategy is to:

- Ensure we have a partnership approach to the delivery of the Community Strategy;
- To join up the quality of life targets contained within the Strategy to our community priorities;
- To introduce a performance management system into the delivery of Community Strategy aims.
- So that responsibility for delivery of actions is assigned to the key partners of the Southwark Alliance (formerly the Local Strategic Partnership)
- So that we sharpen and clarify the targets in the Community Strategy to reflect revised priorities.

On 13<sup>th</sup> November 2002, OSC requested that each of the Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committees review the relevant chapter in the draft Community Strategy in terms of its aims (outlined above). OSC members also made the following general points about the current strategy:

- Fly-tipping and graffiti (make more specific in document)
- Include travel *outside* the borough in addition to *within* the borough
- More emphasis on environmentally friendly forms of transport
- More specific targets needed in document – many aims not measurable
- Are targets achievable ? We need to be realistic

The timetable for revising the Community Strategy is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
By mid December	<b>Chair of LSP (Leader) will have met key nominees from LSP partners (Police, Faith, Voluntary and Education sectors)</b>  Councils actions and targets further developed
Through December and January	Revised Community Strategy discussed at Scrutiny sub-committees
14 January	Revised Community Strategy discussed at Executive

23 January	Revised Community Strategy discussed at Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) meeting
February	Community Strategy agreed by LSP
March	Finalised Community Strategy formally adopted by Council Assembly
Late April/May	Community Strategy published

In terms of the timetable above and the current work programme for this Scrutiny Sub Committee, the review of the Community Strategy will therefore take place at its meeting on Tuesday 7 January. By that date, outcomes from the meeting during December with Southwark Alliance nominees will be known and can be fed into the review.

In the meantime, Members are asked to retain this briefing note and familiarise themselves with the appropriate section in the draft Community Strategy on Cutting Crime and the Fear of Crime (attached) to begin formulating key areas of concern.

Members may wish to pursue the following lines of enquiry during the review:

- Does the section in the Community Strategy on cutting crime and fear of crime fully reflect the input from those agencies who should be consulted?
- Will the quality of life targets contained in the final Community Strategy fully reflect community priorities in the area of cutting crime and the fear of crime?;
- How can the Council assist the Southwark Alliance to meet the aims and objectives of the Community Strategy in the area of cutting crime and the fear of crime?
- How can we effectively monitor progress on the aims and objectives of the Community Strategy on cutting crime and fear of crime?