

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> January 2003	<b>MEETING NAME</b> Executive
<b>Report title:</b>		The Development of Community Warden Schemes	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Community Support and Safety Scrutiny Committee	

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That the Executive fully endorse recommendation 2 of the Chief Officer's report that Council continues to press the OPDM for environmental enforcement powers to be available to all wardens schemes but that such enforcement powers, were they to be forthcoming, should be implemented with the agreement of the Police and the local community in Southwark.
2. That the Scrutiny Committee endorses recruitment of ethnic groups and women through extending the standard recruitment process and as outlined in sections 34 and 35 of the Chief Officer's report.
3. That the Executive should continue to ensure that all schemes work towards fostering social inclusion and community development as outlined in section 36 of the Chief Officer's report.
4. That the arrangements proposed to develop a Southwark model outlined in section 16 of the Chief Officer's report should be modified as regards uniforms. Warden uniforms should clearly identify the particular area within Southwark where each of the schemes operate as well as carrying the Southwark logo.
5. That each of the Wardens schemes should have a seconded Police Officer, as now, in Bermondsey.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

6. The Community Support and Scrutiny Sub Committee agreed to undertake an early review of current and proposed arrangements for Community Wardens schemes in Southwark. On 6 November 2002, the Sub-Committee received a briefing from the Head of Streetscene and Public Protection and officers working as Warden Scheme managers in Bermondsey and Peckham. The Head of Streetscene and Public Protection outlined the contents and recommendations of the report on the Development of Community Warden Schemes due to be considered by the Executive in January 2003.

### **KEY ISSUES IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

7. The Community Support and Safety Scrutiny Committee agreed that the work of existing Community Wardens schemes provides a valuable support to the Community and the Police and considered that the recommendations included here were those most immediately and best placed to support the good work of wardens schemes.

8. Whilst Sub Committee members agreed that the development of a standard model for Community Wardens should include training, monitoring and evaluation, the issue of having standard uniforms should be reconsidered. The MORI 2002 Residents' Survey showed that 69% of residents identified very or fairly strongly with their particular area whereas 56% identified fairly or very strongly with the London Borough of Southwark. Members considered that uniforms should reflect this identification with areas in Southwark as well as showing that they are Southwark Community Wardens.

9. Following a tour with the Community Wardens operating in Peckham and Bermondsey, members considered that each of the Wardens Schemes should have a seconded Police Officer, as now in Bermondsey. This will greatly improve joint working relationships and information sharing.

**CONSULTATION**

10. Members of the Sub-Committee went on a tour with both Peckham and Bermondsey Street Wardens on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2002.

**NOTE: Legal/Financial Implications**

11. Community Support and Safety Scrutiny Sub Committees have had advice available to them, as necessary, from the Borough Solicitor's Office

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
<i>Title of document(s)</i>	<i>Title of department / unit Address</i>	<i>Name Phone number</i>

**APPENDIX A**

**Audit Trail**

32. *This section must be included in all reports.*

<b>Lead Officer</b>	<i>(Only nominated Lead Officers who have been specifically authorized by the Chief Officer are able to sign off reports as complete and ready for circulation).</i>	
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<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER</b>		
<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments Sought</b>	<b>Comments included</b>
Borough Solicitor & Secretary	Yes/No	Yes/No
Chief Finance Officer	No	Yes/No
Head of Streetscene & Public Protection	Yes/No	Yes/No

<b>Executive Member</b>	Yes/No	Yes/No
<b>Date final report sent to Constitutional Support Services</b>		