

PLACE/POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IN-DEPTH STUDY 2016/17	
TOPIC: ‘THE COUNCIL’S COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PROMOTING SAFER COMMUNITIES’	
FRAMEWORK FOR SCRUTINY / SCOPE OF PROJECT:	
<p>I. To investigate the possibility of the Council increasing resources for enforcement activity including consideration of the council employing its own PCSOs or financing the provision of additional ‘Specials’ specific consideration should be given to whether financial support could be offered to such officers and how they would be dedicated to the Borough of Southend-on-Sea;</p> <p>II. To consider how such PCSOs or additional ‘Specials’ could contribute to an improved level of service in connection with the enforcement of public protection, waste, graffiti, street scene etc.</p> <p>III. The Committees also agreed that <i>‘officers proceed with background work in advance of the scope of the topic being fully developed’</i>.</p>	
Method: Through project team meetings, witness sessions and/or workshops.	Target date: April 2017
MEMBERSHIP: <p>Cllrs: Arscott, D Garston, J Garston, Burzotta, Bright, Robinson (Vice-chair), Gilbert, Ayling (Chair), Assenheim, Callaghan.</p> <p>Officer / partner support – Lysanne Eddy, Tim MacGregor, Ade Butteriss, Kelly Clarke, Rob Walters, Dipti Patel, Simon Ford, Carl Robinson and Tim Row.</p>	
SOURCES OF EVIDENCE <p>The evidence base will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Data, profiles, trends and patterns (b) Crime performance indicators and information / key issues (c) ‘Enforcement’ performance indicators (ASB/Licensing/Parking/StreetScene) (d) Strategic Intelligence Assessment (e) Community Safety Plan (f) Local community meeting minutes (g) Examples from comparable authorities and partners (h) Cost profiling (i) Clarity of Policing functions and wider ‘enforcement’ 	
POTENTIAL WITNESSES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Chair Southend Community Safety Partnership or nominee (b) Southend Police Representative (c) PCC or nominee (d) Neighbourhood (e) Regulatory Services (f) Street Scene (g) SMAART rep (h) Parks warden (i) Pier & Foreshore (j) BID Rangers (k) Voluntary sector (SOS Bus etc) (l) Seafront 	

Scrutiny process is structured to add value and is supportive of the challenges already set to be delivered, but has limited resources, which need to be focused on providing the front line service and the priority outcomes for the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To make appropriate recommendations to the Council & partners

This review links to the Council's Corporate Priority 1 – continue to reduce crime, disorder and anti social behaviour.