

COUNCIL FUNDED POLICE COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM OFFICER / MEMBER OVERSIGHT GROUP

PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE

Strategic Oversight Group Objectives

- To ensure the Council maximises the value and operational effectiveness of the police Community Action Team (CAT) across the Scottish Borders; and an intelligence led approach to identifying priority areas of activity, supporting delivery of the Local Policing Plan and Community Planning Partnership Community Plan.

Method of Approach

The Oversight Group will carry out its function by:

- (a) ensuring the development of an analytical product necessary to support decision making while taking account of community information to feed into the monthly work plan; and
- (b) ensuring information is analysed to reach robust conclusions, examining options to inform a monthly work plan; and
- (c) contributing to inform the quarterly performance report for the Police, Fire & Rescue and Safer Communities Board and Executive Committee.

(Proposed) Membership of Working Group

- Councillor Watson McAteer (Chairman)
- Councillor Sandy Aitcheson
- Councillor Robin Tatler
- Councillor Gordon Edgar
- Councillor Stuart Marshall
- Councillor Jim Fullarton
- Councillor Simon Mountford

Officers in Support: Murray Leys, Chief Social Work Officer; Graham Jones, Safer Communities & Community Justice Manager; Wendy Marsden, Partnership Analyst; Douglas Scott, Senior Policy Advisor.

The Police Scotland Local Area Commander or his/her Deputy will also attend along with the CAT sergeant.

Scope

The group will:

- Review the previous months CAT activity.
- Consider the forward looking analytical picture.
- Develop the context through local awareness and constituency issues.
- Consider an appropriate response to identified current or emerging issues which is both realistic and achievable.
- Look at alternative options and approaches to address specific identified problems.

Expectations

- The Oversight Group will measure the effectiveness of the police response to the issues identified within the analysis, and priorities within the policing and community plan.
- Ensure that regular reporting on activity is maintained.
- Provide assurance that the CAT is providing added value.

Assumptions

It is assumed that:

- People will be available to attend and contribute to meetings.