

POLICY COMMISSION ENQUIRY SCOPING DOCUMENT

RESPONSIBLE BODY	
POLICY COMMISSION FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES	
ENQUIRY NAME	REFERENCE NUMBER
COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE	Saf2/06
PROPOSED OUTPUTS	RISK
<p>A comprehensive mapping of the measures available to the Council to ensure that the local community is appropriately compensated through the participation of offenders in restorative community activities.</p> <p>A strategy for the implementation of such measures.</p>	<p>High <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Medium <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Low <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
PROPOSED DATE OF INITIATION	PROPOSED DATE OF COMPLETION
July 2006	January 2007
REASON FOR ENQUIRY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 17 (1) of The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on a local authority 'to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.' • Paragraph 2.3.3 of the Council's Aim High Strategy identifies the Council's objective to 'Create Safer and Stronger Communities' by 'Growing community confidence through greater people empowerment, ownership and cohesion, such that they feel safer in their homes, at work and on the streets.' • According to Crimereduction.gov.uk: 'Existing research evidence suggests that restorative justice programmes can have a positive effect on reducing reoffending, as well as producing generally high levels of satisfaction from those participating in such programmes.' • Initiated by the Council's administration. 	
PROPOSED OUTCOME OF POLICY IMPLEMENTATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced levels of crime on the Island. • Reduced levels of fear of crime on the Island. • Reduced levels of re-offending on the Island. • The identification of resources to support the civic pride agenda. 	
TERMS OF REFERENCE	
<p>To receive evidence from stakeholders and experts on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effectiveness of Community Restorative Justice (CRJ) schemes on crime prevention and community cohesion. • Best Practice 	

- Local need for CRJ
- How the Council can work effectively with Town/Parish Councils and other stakeholders with respect to the implementation of CRJ schemes
- Capacity issues relating to the provision of service
- How CRJ can work effectively to support the Civic Pride agenda

In order to:

- Ascertain the need for CRJ schemes locally
- Develop an implementation strategy for the Island, if required.

What will not be included

- A detailed assessment of the various studies into the effectiveness of CRJ schemes in specific contexts.
- A detailed assessment of the social causes of crime and other antisocial behaviour.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- Hampshire Constabulary
- Town and Parish Councils
- Safer Communities Partnership
- Victim support groups

RELEVANT CORPORATE AND/OR COMMUNITY STRATEGY/IES

Corporate Priorities fit:

- Economic development and regeneration
- Healthier communities and older people
- Safer communities
- Children and young people
- High-Performing Cost-Effective Council

Community strategy:

2020 Vision, Theme 1: 'A Safe and Strong Island'

Aims to 'create an Island where people value & respect one another and feel safe and secure.' By:

- Building respect in communities & reducing anti-social behaviour.
- Creating cleaner, greener & safer public spaces.
- Empowering local people to have a greater voice & influence over decision-making & the delivery of services.

IW Safer Communities Partnership Crime and Drugs Strategy 2005 – 2008

2.5: Partnership Development and Communication

'[T]o empower the community to have a voice in communicating problems and issues of importance and to be able to engage in the problem solving process so as to have some stake in the plans that are developed.'

RELATED PROJECTS

LEAD MEMBER

Councillor Susan Scoccia

OFFICER INVOLVEMENT

Lead Link Officer:

Bill Pearce, *Safer Communities Manager*

Overview and Scrutiny Team:

Andrew Shorkey, *Overview and Scrutiny Officer*

OTHER RESOURCES REQUIRED

Expert IW Council Officer input.