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Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel

16th September 2010

Councillor Akhtar

Safe Theme Board

Safe and Attractive

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Priorities - Across All Portfolios

- **Neighbourhoods are safe and free from crime**
- **Communities to help shape local services**
- **Citizens have choice and equality of access**
- **Our Neighbourhoods are places to be proud of**

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Building on overwhelming success

- 13% reduction in level of crime, 3000 fewer victims
- Headlines;
 - Domestic Burglary down by 8.7% - 16
 - Criminal Damage down by 15.1% - 134
 - Violent Crime down by 22.2% - 137
 - Serious Acquisitive Crime down by 17.6% - 122
 - Robbery (Person) down by 28.6% - 4

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The Challenges

- Constraints on Public Sector Budgets
 - LAARG halved
 - £26k in year reduction of Area Based Grant
- Deepening our partnership working
- Maintaining our customer care & response
- Greater local engagement
- The Big One – managing the fast moving new Government Agenda and realising expectations

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We know our local priorities - JSIA

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Serious Acquisitive Crime
- Reducing re-offending & managing offenders
- Serious Violent Crime
- Improving lives by reducing the harm caused by substance misuse
- Reducing & managing perceptions of crime and ASB and improving community confidence and public satisfaction
- Improving the quality of life in our most vulnerable communities

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Government Direction

- strong, local community action
- trust the professionals
- dealing with some of the root causes
- replace bureaucratic accountability with democratic accountability
- Support of partnership working
- Visibility & availability
- The “Golden Thread”

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Government Priorities

- Enable the police and local communities to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour
 - Enable police forces and local communities to deal better with the anti-social behaviour and crime that blights people's lives
- Increase the accountability of the police to citizens
 - Make police forces more accountable to the communities they serve through oversight by a directly elected individual and transparency about what the police are doing locally to tackle crime

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Government “Structural Reforms”

- Review of ASB powers
- Overhaul alcohol licensing
- Reducing bureaucracy and interference
- Enable the police and local communities to tackle crime
- comprehensive approach to drug misuse
- Make the police more accountable through oversight by directly elected individuals
- Make the actions of the police in tackling crime more transparent

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Key consultation – Policing in the 21st Century

- Increasing democratic accountability; Elected Police and Crime Commissioners
- Removing bureaucracy
- New national Framework of Policing
- Reconnecting people – active community involvement
- **New Crime Strategy to come**

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Our Priorities - In a Nutshell

Meeting our local expectations and continuing focused impact

Fast, flexible and creative to the fast moving agenda shift