

Walsall Council Scrutiny and Performance Panel Work Group
Initiation Document

Work Group Name:	Community Call for Action Work Group
Panel:	Neighbourhoods
Municipal Year:	2007/08
Lead Member:	Councillor Towe
Lead Officer:	Simon Evans
Support Officer:	Nozmul Hussain
Membership:	Councillors Creaney, Towe and Woodruff

1.	Context
	<p><i>Why has this work group been set up? Consider the main drivers behind it</i></p> <p>The Police and Justice Act 2006 details clear requirements for the role of scrutiny concerning the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and community call for action (CCfA).</p> <p>In addition to this, The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) have also issued guidance within the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill detailing requirements for a CCfA that extends further than just community safety issues.</p> <p>A working group needs to be established to consider the impact of this legislation and to propose recommendations to the panel as to how Walsall Council should address this.</p>
2.	Objectives
	<p><i>What do you want it to achieve? It is important to have clearly defined outcomes at the start to give the working group direction and ensure it adds value.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop guidelines for the handling of CCfAs 2. Propose recommendations to the Neighbourhoods Scrutiny and Performance Panel regarding the implementation of the CCfA.
3.	Scope
	<p><i>What should be included and excluded?</i></p> <p>The work group should consider the impact of the CCfA proposed by the Department for Communities and Local Government in relation to potential overlap with the version currently in place, but on hold, with the Police and Justice Act 2006.</p>

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4.	Who else will you want to take part?
	<p><i>Think about who else, other than lead officers and members, it would be useful to include either as part of the working group or to bring information at specific points. For example- partners, stakeholders, other authorities.</i></p> <p>Safer Walsall Borough Partnership (SWBP) West Midlands Police - Walsall Operational Command Unit. Other Benchmarked authorities who have piloted the CCfA</p>
5.	Timescales & Reporting Schedule
	<p><i>Needs to be completed within the same municipal year and so should be able to report to full panel by the last meeting at the latest but consider the subject- is there anything else that it may need to tie into (e.g. academic or financial year or to coincide with national/sub-regional developments)</i> <i>How often will update be provided to full panel?</i></p> <p>Operating procedures need to be in place by April 2008. Draft proposals will be presented to the Neighbourhoods panel in December 2007 for comment and the final proposals will be presented in January 2008.</p>
6.	Risk factors
	<p><i>Are there any obstacles that can be predicted? For example, is it dependent on other organisations outside your control and duty to cooperate? Identifying these factors early should help minimise their impact.</i></p> <p>The support of the stakeholders in developing proposals is important.</p>

Date Agreed:	19 September 2007	Date Updated:	19 September 2007
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Timetable: to be inserted once agreed