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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Report of
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COUNCILLOR
JACQUELYNE GEDDES

CDRP

CDRP 6 month performance is as follows:

Crime Types	North Cumbria	Carlisle	Eden
All Crime	-6%	-7%	-2.5%
Anti Social Behaviour	-12.5%	-15%	-1.7%
Violent Crime	-3.8%	-2.8%	-8.3%
Burglary Dwelling	-26.8%	-28.4%	-21.6%
Burglary Other	-8.7%	-20.3%	+15%

The CDRP is currently in the process of agreeing its priorities for 2011/12, and the strategic assessment will be available for distribution as soon as these are agreed. The financial pressures that the partnership will face in 2011 may mean a reduction to deliver a number of projects / services and to fund posts. The Partnership will be responding to Cumbria County Council's budget consultation document regarding the proposal to cut the community safety budget and will be scenario planning at the next Leadership Group.

Customer Contact Centre

Work has started on the expansion of the Customer Contact Centre. The work will allow for provision of 2 more interview rooms and 4 more counter positions. This will enable more working with third parties, including the Passport Office and the delivery of Cumbria County Council services. It is envisaged that the work will be completed by the end of January 2011.

Corporate Equality Group

The Corporate Equality Group met in December to discuss the next steps for equality and diversity.

The group agreed to merge the Monitoring Group, an officer group and the Corporate Equality Group, an officer and member group, as a way of further streamlining the processes around equality impact assessments.

The focus remains on equality impact assessments and continuing to integrate assessments as part of our decision making.

The Comprehensive Equality Scheme will be reviewed as soon as we have received the Diversity Peer Challenge report and in light of the new Public Sector Duty set out in the Equality Act.

A special event is being planned to look in detail at access issues across the public realm in Cumbria in March 2011. We will be working with all our service managers to make a full contribution to this event.

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