

CARLISLE AND EDEN COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP JOINT SCRUTINY PANEL

STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I have enquired of the Executive members relating to Eden's position on the CDRP. The Council remains committed to effective partnership working on community safety through the CDRP. We are fully supportive of the good work that this Partnership has carried out. However, the recent Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act has cast doubt on the future funding and role of the Community Safety Partnership (CDRP).

In 2011 – 12, Eden District Council made a significant estimated in-kind contribution. The Council has given some consideration to various aspects of the future of the Community Safety Partnership, and how it will be funded is one of those aspects.

Before we are in a position to give a definitive answer regarding future funding, we would be interested to see how the Leadership Group is planning to take the CSP forward, as we understand that the elected Police and Crime Commissioners will hold the budget for community safety. They may, or may not, decide to allocate funding to Community Safety Partnerships, though there will still be a statutory responsibility to work together, to produce a strategic assessment and partnership plan.

Once the picture becomes clearer we will be in a better position to indicate how EDEN and others can continue to support this process. It is important to add though, that the Council is under severe financial constraints and has carried out a major review of and reduction in its budgets, and these factors will also play a part in any future decision.

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