

**EXTRACT FROM CABINET MEETING – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008**

60 **BRAINTREE DISTRICT STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT & ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP PLAN**

Councillor Mrs Schmitt, Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing, presented the report on the Braintree Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) including Strategic Assessments and Partnership Plans. Consultants, Priority Research, are currently undertaking the first Braintree District Strategic Assessment and the yearly audit will focus on crime and disorder, and data on quality of life issues. A collective approach is being taken across Essex, with priorities for the Braintree District of youth offending and disorder; anti-social behaviour/criminal damage; substance related crime and disorder; hate crime; domestic abuse and road safety. Although the Braintree District does not suffer from 'Hate crime' it was noted that the Braintree District has the highest number of migrant workers in Essex, and this may create 'Hate crime' in the future. Monthly meetings of the Joint Action Group, and bi-monthly Neighbourhood Action Panels can address new priorities as they occur, in the intervals between publications of the Annual Plan.

The following issues were raised and discussed:-

- One Member reported no contact with hate crime or domestic abuse. However, thieving (particularly of metal) from industrial estates was a concern, and did not have a category. The Cabinet Member responded that the topics are a 'snapshot' of issues when the survey was completed.
- Under the Partnership structure, it was considered that the District Council cannot be approached to resolve all issues, and a scenario on vandalism in Sible Hedingham was reiterated, and the resolution of joint working with the Police and local residents/Councillors to address the issue.
- The role of Neighbourhood Action Panels was highlighted, and the Police Community Safety Tasking Group (PCSTG) being renamed Joint Action Group.
- That the public and Members are aware how people got on the Neighbourhood Action Panels, and clarity on the Panel's purpose and Terms of Reference

**DECISION:** That it be **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:-**

That the Braintree District Annual Partnership Plan 2008 be approved.

*ACTION POINT:- That Officers ensure that current issues, i.e. thieving from industrial estates, are included in the annual Strategic Assessment*