



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Neighbourhoods and Housing)

Date: 8th November 2006

Subject: PCSO Review

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 During the last municipal year, Scrutiny Board (Environment and Community Safety) discussed Police Community Support Officers in some detail. The Board was particularly interested in the impact these new posts had in terms of community safety in general and in solving specific local issues.
- 1.2 At its September 2005 meeting it was recommended that the department conduct thorough research into the impact of PCSOs and wardens to be reported back to the relevant Scrutiny Board. Members were informed that there was a possibility that such a research project could be undertaken through the graduate placement scheme.

2.0 REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD

- 2.1 Attached is the report of the review now completed by the department, in line with the recommendation made by Scrutiny Board (Environment and Community Safety).

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Members are requested to note the information and make comments and recommendations as appropriate.