



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 6th January 2011

Subject: Possible Inquiry on Acquisitive Crime with Focus on Domestic Burglary

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 It was suggested at the Scrutiny Board meeting in November 2010 that an inquiry be undertaken with regard to acquisitive crime with the focus on domestic burglary.
- 1.2 It was reported that whilst the number of domestic burglaries had fallen there were a number of "hot spots" in the city and these might be targeted by way of a Scrutiny Board inquiry.
- 1.3 Members of the Board were not convinced that a Scrutiny Board inquiry was the appropriate way forward and asked that the Chief Officer, Community Safety be invited to today's meeting to discuss this issue in further detail.

2.0 Chief Officer Attendance

- 2.1 The Chief Officer, Community Safety, Superintendent Simon Whitehead has been invited to attend today's meeting to report on the position, the current performance indicators concerning burglary and respond to Members questions.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 The Board is asked to determine from the discussion with Superintendent Whitehead whether it wishes to undertake an inquiry on domestic burglary.

Background Papers

None used