

## Executive Summary – April 2009-March 2010

### About the Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

The Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) was established in 1998. It has a small body of statutory members who are required under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to work in partnership to combat local crime and disorder. These key statutory partners are: Rochford District Council, Essex County Council, South East Essex Primary Care Trust, Essex Police, Essex Police Authority, Essex Fire and Rescue Service and Essex Probation Service. These seven key statutory partners have a legal obligation to comply with the requirements which include the placing of the duty on the Strategy and Steering Group to prepare the annual Strategic Assessment.

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership is made up of a Steering Group, a CDRP Full group and seven sub groups which will each address the priorities identified in the Strategic Assessment and with allocated funding will help achieve the aims and objectives of the Action Plans.

**Steering Group:** is the body that provides strategic leadership and overall management of the partnership. They are responsible for formulating the Annual Partnership Plan, managing the performance and finances of the Partnership and allocating funding to projects.

**Full Group:** comprises of representatives from each of the statutory partners as detailed above together with members from non-statutory agencies and the voluntary sector.

### An Introduction to the Rochford Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan

The Rochford Crime and Disorder Partnership are required to produce a Strategic Assessment and a three year Partnership Plan (2008-2011) which should be reviewed annually. The purpose of the partnership in conducting a Strategic Assessment which includes the analysis of crime and disorder is to improve understanding of local problems and their potential causes and to respond more effectively to the communities we serve by setting clear and robust priorities. The Strategic Assessment for 2009/2010 (year 2) has recently been completed and the actions within the Partnership Plan reviewed and amended to reflect changing priorities identified through the Strategic Assessment.

*‘Working in partnership to make our District a place which provides opportunities for the best possible quality of life for all who live, work and visit here’*

One of the seven key areas identified by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) is Keeping Rochford Safe. The objective is to ensure that our communities feel safe and that their fear of crime and their perception of crime decreases. The latest Local Government User Satisfaction Survey (LGUSS) recorded that local residents display disproportionate levels of fear of crime compared to actual crime statistics. This suggests that perception and the fear of crime is an issue within our communities and therefore Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership will work in partnership with the Local Strategic Partnership to address this.

### Rochford District

Rochford District is situated in South East Essex within a peninsula between the rivers Thames and Crouch and with the North Sea to the east. The south of the District adjoins the urban areas of Southend on Sea and Castle Point. Much of the District's 65 square miles is designated as green belt and there are many miles of attractive coastline and nationally important areas of salt marsh.

In the 2001 census Rochford District had a population of approximately 79,000 people. The population is predicted to grow to 80,300 by 2011 (ONS Mid Year). Overall, the residents of Rochford have a similar age profile to the East of England but there are fewer young children (0-4) and young adults (19-31) and more people aged 52-69. The District is one of the highest life expectancy areas (over 80 years).

### Rochford CDRP Strategic Priorities 2009/2010

This Strategic Assessment process identifies current patterns, trends, future gaps and risks that impact upon Rochford District and the communities it serves, linked to crime, anti-social behaviour adversely affecting the environment. It provides knowledge and understanding of the local communities' problems that inform and enable partners to set priorities and in turn develop a co-ordinated response, to plan activities and deploy resources based on a clear understanding of the local issues and needs.

This process has identified five key priorities which the Rochford CDRP will focus on over the next 12 months (financial year April-March):

- Reduce domestic burglary by 5% during 2009/2010.
- Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour by 5% during 2009/2010.

- Improve public engagement and increase public reassurance.
- Reduce the number of repeat victims by 5% and increase reporting rates of domestic abuse by 5%.
- Reduce alcohol related disorder by 5% during 2009/2010.

It is also acknowledged that although reoffending as not been specifically mentioned in the above priorities, Rochford CDRP accept that with the recent Policing and Crime Bill a statutory duty will be placed on CDRP's to reduce reoffending and partnership work will continue to address this requirement.

### Our Priorities 2009/2010

Each of the priorities identified in the Strategic Assessment will be addressed by the existing sub groups:

Domestic Abuse Panel (DAP) for the victims of domestic abuse, Drug and Alcohol Reference Group (DARG) for the alcohol and substance priority and the Joint Action Group (JAG) for tackling Anti-Social Behaviour.

Two new sub-groups, Communications, which will work with partner agencies to increase public engagement and public reassurance and Burglary which will address the issue of domestic burglary. Each of the sub groups have been allocated funding to help achieve the aims and objectives of the action plan.

These action plans will be used to provide a general overview of performance against the agreed milestones/outputs and outcomes and are detailed in the 2009/2010 Annual Partnership Plan.

Performance against the baseline for each of the priorities will be monitored on a monthly basis by the Chairs of these sub groups and recorded quarterly on each priority action plan.