

## Equality Impact Assessment Report

**Name of policy, procedure or function: Community Safety Strategy**

**Service Area:  
Community Safety  
Team**

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### Findings

#### General

The Community Safety Strategy is produced by the Community Safety Team taking guidance from other partners as to priorities such as the Police and GOEM. The strategy aims to reduce crime and the fear of crime within Charnwood by funding a range of initiatives delivered by Charnwood Borough Council and other partners. The strategy also aims to promote good citizenship and encourage cohesion in Charnwood through a variety of preventative measures.

Success is measured by reductions in target crimes and fear of crime assessed through the annual fear of crime survey.

#### Specific Equality Areas

Issues specific to equality include:

People from the groups that Equality Impact Assessments target can be victims of Crime and ASB because of their membership of that group and so the strategy has a particular responsibility to them that must be reflected in the Strategy.

Vulnerable people will also be a primary target for the strategy for crime prevention such as the elderly

Important information about crime prevention and initiatives must be accessible to all and this should be reflected in the strategy also.

Further Actions				
Language barriers for those with English as a second language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include languages strapline on all new communications and publications.</li> <li>• Strategy to recommend that current funding is continued or increased to set up or support current groups that teach English as a second language. This to be</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> <li>• Included as objectives of the Community Grants Panel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leesa Smith</li> <li>• Peter Hinton</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing</li> <li>• Sept 06</li> </ul>
'New groups' and hard to reach groups (eg Asylum seekers, refugees and transgender people) not targeted sufficiently.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research to be undertaken with community and support groups to raise awareness and better target the strategy.</li> <li>• Strategy to recommend incorporating these groups into the Hate Crime reporting scheme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officer time</li> <li>• None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiron Miah / Ian Kirtley</li> <li>• Hiron Miah / Iain Kirtley</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 07 – Jan 07</li> <li>• Jan 07</li> </ul>
Access to the strategy for people with sensory impairments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearer information on publications about the different formats that documents are made available in.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• officer time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leesa Smith</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 07</li> </ul>
Young people although targeted by the strategy are sometimes let down by the delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take active role in new multi agency Forum between Youth Agencies.</li> <li>• Become more aware of youth issues through the forum above and other research</li> <li>• Write and encourage positive press releases about young people to encourage them to feel included in the strategy. Target 6 per year.</li> <li>• Encourage better links between YISP YOT and Youth Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officer time</li> <li>• Officer time</li> <li>• Officer time</li> <li>• Officer time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiron Miah / Iain Kirtley</li> <li>• CDRP / Community Safety Team</li> <li>• Peter Hinton / Communications</li> <li>• Peter Hinton / Sarah Cromie</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 06</li> <li>• Ongoing from Apr 06</li> <li>• Nov 06</li> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>

LGBT Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote reporting of LGBT hate crimes by including it in the Hate Crime Strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officer time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peter Hinton</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing as part of Psa target</li> </ul>
Residents in rural areas:  Initiatives target crime hotspots and these are often in Loughborough.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that where projects can expand to rural areas they do</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peter Hinton / David Burge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sept 06</li> </ul>
Baseline figures – Fear of Crime survey should be as representative of Charnwood residents as possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Citizens panel to be reviewed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officer time or outside expertise</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communications Team / Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action Plan for change by Feb 07</li> </ul>