

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel

Thu 14 Apr
2011
6.30 pm

Committee Room 2
Town Hall
Redditch



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- Unless otherwise stated, all items of business before the Executive Committee are Key Decisions.
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Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs: Bill Hartnett (Chair) Anita Clayton
Simon Chalk Wanda King

<p>1. Apologies and named substitutes</p>	<p>To receive apologies for absence and details of any Councillor (or co-optee substitute) nominated to attend this meeting in place of a member of the Committee.</p>
<p>2. Declarations of Interest and Party Whip</p>	<p>To invite Councillors to declare any interest they may have in items on the Agenda and any Party Whip.</p>
<p>3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)</p>	<p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel that took place on 20th January 2011 as a correct record.</p> <p>(Minutes attached)</p> <p>All Wards</p>
<p>4. Annual Report - Chair of Community Safety Partnership</p>	<p>To receive an annual update from the Chair of the Redditch Community Safety Partnership in response to the questions that were agreed by the Panel at the previous meeting:</p> <p>(No separate report)</p> <p>All Wards</p>
<p>5. End of Year Review</p>	<p>To invite Members to reflect on the operation of the Panel during the 2010/11 municipal year and propose amendments to current practice if considered appropriate.</p> <p>(No separate report)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>6. Work Programme (Pages 7 - 8)</p>	<p>To consider the contents of the Panel's Work Programme.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>