

CDRP Reform

The CDRP Reform Programme SCRUTINY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Thursday 24th May 2007

This is a further date for the recently advertised CDRP Reform conference on the 27th April 2007 which is now fully booked.

Local Government House, Smith Square, Westminster SW1

The Crime and Disorder Act Review and the Police and Justice Act 2006 will change the current framework under which CDRPs operate from spring 2007 onwards.

The new arrangements for Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships provide for new statutory roles for scrutiny committees and reflect central government's objectives to increase visibility and accountability of partnerships.

In order to achieve this there will be a new requirement to involve the community safety cabinet member (portfolio holder) in strategic planning and a requirement to make partnerships engage with communities through 'Face the People' sessions and the introduction of the 'Community Call for Action'. Provision has also been made for community redress if community safety issues have not been effectively dealt with.

This one-day conference will provide an examination of the changing structure and accountability of CDRPs and will prepare Community Safety Managers, CDRP members and Cabinet Members (Portfolio Holders) for the forthcoming changes under the new Act through an in-depth look at some of the key issues including scrutiny arrangements, the role of the portfolio holder and new duties regarding engagement of the community.

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Cabinet Members / Portfolio Holders for Community Safety
- Community Safety Managers
- CDRP Members
- Head of Scrutiny and Overview
- Members of Scrutiny Committees
- Anti-Social Behaviour Officers

REGISTRATION

To register for a place at this conference please complete the enclosed booking form and fax, email or post it to the address shown on the form.

Further booking forms are available from the conference administration team on 01483 203536 or by emailing benedictbr@btinternet.com

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SPEAKERS INCLUDE

- Gareth Wall, Research and Information Advisor,
The Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS)
- Cllr Martin Heatley, Warwickshire County Council,
Board Member Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS)
- Emma Varley, Senior Policy Advisor,
Local Government Association (LGA)
- Dave Gormal, Head of Partnership Development,
Rugby Borough Council
- Laura Julve, Community Call for Action Lead,
Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government (IDeA)
- Andrew Gough, Crime Reduction and Community Safety Co-ordinator,
The Safer Wolverhampton Partnership
- John Derrick and Michelle Burns,
Partnership Policy Team, The Home Office

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MORNING PROGRAMME

- 9.45 **Registration and Refreshments**
- 10.30 **Chair's Introduction and Welcome**
Cllr Martin Heatley, Warwickshire County Council
Board Member, The Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS)
- 10.40 **The Role of Scrutiny**
Gareth Wall, Research and Information Advisor
The Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS)
The Local Government Act 2000 introduced the scrutiny role for elected members. The Police and Justice Act 2006 extends the role of scrutiny within CDRPs. This address provides a background to the role of Cabinet Members (Portfolio Holders) and the effectiveness of scrutiny in reviewing policy, increasing local democracy, examining executive decisions, engaging communities and improving public services.
- 11.10 **New Arrangements for CDRPs under the Police and Justice Act 2006**
John Derrick and Michelle Burns,
Partnership Policy Team, The Home Office
This address will examine the provisions of the Police and Justice Act 2006 and provide a central government view of the objectives of the legislation on partnership working. The address will provide an insight into the expectations of partnerships under the new Act including new scrutiny arrangements, the role of the Portfolio Holder in strategic planning and the provisions to increase accountability including the 'Community Call for Action'.

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MORNING PROGRAMME

11.40 **Questions**

11.55 **Refreshments**

12.10 **Governance and Leadership of CDRPs**

The Local Authority View

Emma Varley, Senior Policy Advisor
Local Government Association (LGA)

This address will provide a local government view on the changing nature of leadership and governance of partnerships and the duty to achieve new minimum standards within these governance arrangements. The address will also provide an insight into progress towards agreeing the minimum standards which partnerships must achieve under the Police and Justice Act.

12.30 **Questions**

12.45 **Lunch**

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AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

1.45 **Practical Responses to Community Call to Action**

Laura Julve, 'Community Call for Action' Lead,
IDeA

The Police and Justice Act introduce the concept of the 'Community Call for Action' from the Authority and partner organisations in relation to crime and disorder issues. This address looks at how the 'Community Call for Action' fits into other public engagement initiatives (both in the Crime and Disorder Act Review and the Local Government White Paper) and how the Home Office 'Community Call for Action' fits with the White Paper 'Community Call for Action'. The presentation will draw on work of Authorities currently piloting this initiative.

2.15 **Questions**

2.30 **Crime and Disorder Scrutiny – Case Studies**

Case studies will examine arrangements for effective scrutiny and public engagement in partnerships and preparedness for new legislation including the work of pilot studies.

2.30 **CDRP Scrutiny Pilot Project**

Dave Gormal, Head of Partnership Development,
Rugby Borough Council

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3.00 **Extending Public Engagement**

Preparing for the Community Call for Action

Andrew Gough, Crime Reduction and Community Safety

Co-ordinator, The Safer Wolverhampton Partnership

3.30 **Questions**

3.40 **Designing Scrutiny for Effective Outcomes**

Speaker to be confirmed

This address examines how effective scrutiny can be achieved. The focus will be on arrangements for governance, ownership, evaluation, response and the need for training and development of overview and scrutiny committees.

4.10 **Questions**

4.20 **Conference ends**

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Conference Objectives

- To examine how the Crime and Disorder Act Review and the Police and Justice Act 2006 will change the current framework under which CDRPs operate.
- To prepare Cabinet Members (Portfolio Holders), Community Safety Managers and CDRP members for the forthcoming changes under the new Act.
- To examine the role of officers and elected members under the new scrutiny arrangements and how this can be used to engage communities and improve public services.
- To provide an insight into the minimum standards which partnerships must achieve under the Police and Justice Act.
- To look at how the 'Community Call for Action' fits into other public engagement initiatives including the Crime and Disorder Act Review and the Local Government White Paper.
- To learn from pilot studies and good practice examples in the areas of 'Community Call for Action', Scrutiny and Public Engagement.

Further Information

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