

## **Security In Schools – Additional Information**

### **Summary**

1. Members are asked to consider some additional statistical information provided by the Safer York Partnership in relation to the crime rates in York schools since 1 April 2004.

### **Background**

2. In June 2007, Members considered a feasibility report on a possible review of Security in Schools. This included some statistical information on crime rates in York schools between April 2006 and March 2007. Although Members were pleased at the overall low figures they queried whether the figures represented a particularly good year or if they were typical crime rates for every year. In order to clarify this Members requested two further years worth of statistics 2004-05 and 2005-06 – see Annexes A & B respectively.

### **Consultation**

3. The Executive Member for Children’s Services and key senior officers were consulted about this possible scrutiny review and their comments were included in the feasibility report.

### **Options**

4. Having regard to the additional statistical information provided and the previously presented feasibility report, Members may decide to:
  - a. Not progress the topic further, giving reasons
  - b. Retain the topics for progression at a later date
  - c. Agree to proceed with topic

### **Analysis**

5. Having considered the additional information provided, the recommendation made within the feasibility report is still valid, but if Members decide to proceed with the review, a clear remit should be set to ensure it remains on focus and is completed during the current municipal year.

## Corporate Objectives

- Members might consider that a review would contribute to Corporate Priority No.4 – To reduce the actual and perceived impact of violent, aggressive and nuisance behaviour on people in York.

## Implications

- There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT or other implications associated with this report. Should Members decide to proceed with review of this topic, there will be associated resourcing costs dependant on the agreed remit.

## Risk Management

- There are no known risks associated with the recommendation made below.

## Recommendations

- The recommendation made within the feasibility report presented on 18 June 2007 remains valid in that security in schools has been devolved down to individual school level, and as there are many sources of guidance and assistance already available to schools, it is difficult to see any value in carrying out this review. Therefore it is recommended that this topic does not proceed to review.

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**Wards Affected:**

All



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**Background Papers:**

Feasibility Report on 'Security in Schools' dated 18 June 2007

**Annexes**

**Annex A** – Statistical Information on Crime in York Schools 2004-05

**Annex B** – Statistical Information on Crime in York Schools 2005-06