

**Warwickshire Police Authority – 30 July 2008**

**Warwickshire Safer Schools Partnership**

**Report of the Chief Constable**

**Recommendation**

That the Police Authority endorses the Warwickshire Safer Schools Partnership to be launched on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008.

Warwickshire Police is committed to engaging with all young people to ensure they are protected from harm. It is proposed that the Safer Schools Partnership will be launched on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008. The strategy has a clear focus on early intervention and prevention. The Safer Schools Strategy has been devised with the support of Warwickshire County Council and approval is sought for implementation. (SSP strategy attached)

The Warwickshire three year Safer Schools Partnership Programme is the method through which we can deliver our responsibilities under the directives of 'Every Child Matters'. It also supports the mainstreaming guidance for Safer Schools Partnerships published in March 2006 and elements of the Warwickshire LAA.

The overarching aim of the Warwickshire SSP is:

To implement and coordinate a multi-agency Safer Schools Partnership Programme

The six principle objectives are:

1. Protect children and young people from harm
2. Reduce youth crime and anti-social behaviour
3. Prevent children and young people from becoming victims
4. Ensure the diverse needs of our community are met
5. Support a safer school environment
6. Ensure suitably trained staff across all agencies

The initial approach will be to target those schools identified as having the most need. Each District will benefit from a dedicated Safer Schools Community Support Officer being permanently based in the school. However, Nuneaton and Bedworth through the support of partnership funding will have two officers in two schools. (A total of six officers)

There are a number of agencies delivering lessons as part of Personal, Health and Social Education, (PHSE) and citizenship across Warwickshire. The current framework is informal and lacks a consistency in delivery for every child.

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