

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority Community Engagement Committee  
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## Planning Working Group

### Recommendation

- (i) That the Planning Working Group is re-established for 2008/9 consisting of three Members.

### Introduction

1. This paper recommends that the Community Engagement Committee establish a Planning Working Group for 2008/09 to oversee the production of the Policing Plan, Local Policing Summary and Annual Report.

### Background Information

2. The Police Authority has a statutory duty to publish a policing plan<sup>1</sup>, Local Policing Summary<sup>2</sup> and Annual Report<sup>3</sup> each year.
3. Whilst the responsibility for publication clearly lies with the Police Authority, in practice the preparation of these documents is delegated to the Chief Constable.
4. The Community Engagement Committee has within its Terms of Reference the responsibility for overseeing the production of these documents on behalf of the Police Authority.
5. In previous years, the Committee has found it useful to establish a small group of Members to oversee this work and link in with the Force. The Planning Working Group will update the Community Engagement Committee on progress at regular intervals.
6. The Committee is asked to approve the same approach this year and nominate three Members to form the Group.
7. The first meeting of the Planning Working Group will take place hopefully before the end of this month.

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<sup>1</sup> S8, Police Act 1996 and S2 and 4 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 – S6ZB, Police Act 1996)

<sup>2</sup> (S157, Serious and Organised Crime and Police Act 2005)

<sup>3</sup> (S9, Police Act 1996)