

Report of the Chief Executive

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME1. Purpose of report

To advise Committee of Broxtowe's participation in a pilot project to help improve intelligence sharing in respect of Serious and Organised Crime.

2. Detail

According to the Government's strategy, "*serious and organised crime affects more UK citizens, more often, than any other national security threat and leads to more deaths in the UK each year than all other national security threats combined. It costs the UK at least £37 billion annually. It has a corrosive impact on our public services, communities, reputation and way of life.*"

Although the National Crime Agency leads the UK's fight to cut serious and organised crime, it is essential that the approach involves action and input from all relevant partner agencies. Public sector organisations and law enforcement agencies, including councils, police, health, social care, education services and immigration enforcement, have a duty to protect the wellbeing of their local communities. To that end, a Serious and Organised Crime Strategy has already been approved by this Committee.

Nottinghamshire Police are now undertaking a pilot project to look at ways to increase the two-way flow of intelligence between the local authorities in the county and the police. This involves the designation of a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) in the Council and the setting up of regular tasking and coordination meetings. Broxtowe has been invited to participate in the pilot. Some further details of the scheme are given in the appendix.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE the Council's involvement in the Serious and Organised Crime Pilot.

Background papers

Nil