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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Council
<b>DATE:</b>	18 April 2007
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Cabinet Member (Public Protection & Rural Affairs) (Councillor Les Ellington)
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION – CRIME &amp; THE FEAR OF CRIME</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	All
<b>FORWARD PLAN REF:</b>	N/A

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**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

**1.1** This report is to inform Council of the actions taken since its last meeting on 7 March 2007, to address the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Michael Newby and seconded by Councillor Kevin Hawkins that:

*“This Council recognises that*

- 1. Crime and the fear of crime remain major concerns of residents of the Harrogate District, in particular fuelled by the persistence of so-called low level crime and anti-social behaviour, the shortage of police officers on the beat, and the difficulty in getting an adequate response to incidents from an overstretched police force;*
- 2. The general public’s confidence in safely visiting by day and night all parts of the Harrogate District must be reinforced, in particular by tackling at source known centres of disorder;*
- 3. Whilst partnership arrangements have led to better co-ordination between agencies on law-enforcement within the Council’s area, these are hampered by lack of resources and appropriate powers locally and misdirected government policies nationally;*

*This Council notes that*

- 1. More police officers on patrol are urgently needed, and could be provided by switching billions of pounds being wasted on introducing the Government’s ineffective national ID card scheme to police budgets;*

2. *Local communities should have more power to close pubs and clubs that cause trouble within the Harrogate District area;*
3. *The national 5-point 'We Can Cut Crime' campaign includes these proposals with others designed to reduce crime, reduce to fear of crime and improve the quality of life within the community, and ensure any victims of crime are properly compensated, and therefore*

*This Council resolves to:*

1. *Support the objectives of the national 'We Can Cut Crime' campaign;*
2. *Lobby the relevant Secretaries of State for the action proposed in that campaign, and for the additional powers and resources needed locally by Harrogate District Council and the Police to deliver its objectives, and calls on local Members of Parliament to support the campaign, and to write to Ministers accordingly."*

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That Council notes the actions taken to address the Notice of Motion.

## **3.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED FOR REJECTION**

- 3.1 None.

## **4.0 ACTION TAKEN**

- 4.1 A meeting has taken place between the Cabinet Member (Public Protection & Rural Affairs) and Councillor Newby at which the detail behind the Notice of Motion was discussed. It was noted that the 'We Can Cut Crime' campaign was a Liberal Democrat political campaign, as such the Cabinet Member needed more time to consider which aspects of the Notice of Motion he could support based on receiving more information from Councillor Newby and looking at the local perspective. It was agreed he would consult further with the two elected Members to agree a way forward.

**Background Papers – None**

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SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT/CRIME AND DISORDER

		Implications are		
		Positive	Neutral	Negative
A	Economy		✓	
B	Environment		✓	
C	Social Equity			
i)	General		✓	
ii)	Customer Care/People with Disabilities		✓	
iii)	Health Implications		✓	
D	Crime and Disorder	✓		

If all comments lie within the shaded areas, the proposal is sustainable