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CRIME AND DISORDER POLICY

Somerton Town Council has a duty to consider the impact of its functions and decisions on crime and disorder in its area, under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

All Town Councillors are to be provided with a copy of 'Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 a Practical Guide for Parish and Town Councils'

As part of that process the Town Council will fully engage with the all applicable bodies to:

- Reduce and detect crime
- Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime and re-assure people
- Strengthen community involvement

Section 5(2) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (the right of town and parish councils to be consulted).

In exercising those functions, the responsible authority shall act in co-operation with the following persons and bodies, namely:

- every police authority any part of whose police lies within the area
- every probation committee or health authority any part of whose area lies within the area
- every person or body of a description which is for the time being prescribed by order of the Secretary of State under this subsection;

and it shall be the duty of those persons and bodies to co-operate in the exercise by the responsible authorities of those functions

The Town Council will represent the views of its community and ensure that local crime reduction strategies represent those views.

As an integral part of this policy the Town Council will continually review the ways in which it carries out its various functions and duties to ensure crime and disorder reduction in the parish of Somerton.