

Wimborne Minster Town Council

Crime and Disorder Statement

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Statement demonstrating how Wimborne Minster Town Council (the Council) meets its duties in relation to Crime and Disorder

The Council acknowledges its duty to consider crime and disorder implications when exercising its various functions and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area, in accordance with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

One of the Council's strategic priorities is to improve safety in the parish on the town of Wimborne Minster (the Town).

The Council is responsible for the management and operation of a CCTV system in the Town. The Council will work in partnership with Dorset Police and Wimborne BID to review and monitor the effectiveness of the CCTV system.

The Council will:

- support the local Neighbourhood Watch and regularly publish in the Council's newsletter and website crime prevention information from Dorset Police and Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority
- consider crime prevention when commenting on planning applications, via Council's Planning and Environment Committee
- engage with all applicable bodies to reduce and detect crime and anti-social behaviour in the Town and strengthen community involvement via Section 5(2) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (the right of town and parish councils to be consulted)
- extend a permanent invitation to the Police to attend the monthly partnership Town Liaison Group meetings and the monthly public participation section of Full Council meetings where questions can be asked and addressed
- prioritise the removal of graffiti, litter and drug paraphernalia from managed public property and open spaces within its control.

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