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Draft Community Safety Strategy

1. At its meeting on 22 March 2012, the Committee for Justice was briefed by Department of Justice officials on the draft Community Safety Strategy. During the briefing the officials highlighted that many departments and agencies have a role to play in making communities safer and emphasised the need for buy-in from other departments to deliver on the proposed commitments.
2. The Committee agreed to refer the draft Strategy to the other Statutory Committees including the Committee for Social Development. The areas of particular interest to your Committee include:
 - Section 5 - Building Safer Communities which includes outcomes around intervening earlier to reduce the risk of individuals being drawn into offending, reducing anti-social behaviour, increasing safety in town and city centres;
 - Section 6 - Building Shared Communities which includes outcomes around dealing with community safety issues at interfaces, reducing the number of interfaces and tackling hate crime;
 - Section 7 - Building Confident Communities which includes outcomes around helping to support PCSPs, reducing fear of crime, helping older and vulnerable people feel safer, and giving confidence to individuals to report crime.
3. The Committee for Justice would welcome any views/comment your Committee wishes to make on the draft Strategy of any issues it wishes to raise in relation to it.
4. A response by Friday 20 April would be appreciated.

**Christine Darrah
Committee Clerk**

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