

## Foreword

**As Chair of the Blackpool Community Safety and Drugs Partnership it gives me great pleasure to present this document, the third audit for Blackpool. The Partnership comprises representatives from the Police, Council, Fire and Rescue Service, Primary Care Trust, Police Authority, Probation and other agencies in Blackpool, and is dedicated to addressing crime and drugs misuse and to improving the quality of life for those who live visit and work in Blackpool.**

The Blackpool Community Safety and Drugs Partnership was established in April 2004 following the merger of the Blackpool Community Safety Partnership and Blackpool Drug Action Team, and this is the first audit to be produced by the newly merged Partnership. We identified the close relationship between crime and drugs misuse and therefore it was a natural progression to join the two Partnerships. Whilst substance misuse was included in previous audits, more detailed information is provided in this audit, recognising the links between crime and substance misuse and its implications on health and well being.

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act requires CDRP's (Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships) to develop a crime and disorder reduction strategy for their area. This process should begin with an audit of Crime, Disorder and Substance Misuse, followed by consultation with agencies and the public. Based on the findings of the audit and consultation process, the Act requires that a three-year strategy is developed that identifies the key priorities to be addressed by the local Partnership.

We acknowledge that as a Partnership we must work together to address crime, disorder and drugs, but we cannot do this alone. We aim to work with the community to address problems in their area.

The Partnership has achieved significant recognition for its achievements both nationally and internationally in the field of crime reduction and drug misuse. Projects such as Tower and Axis targeting drug related offending; Nightsafe, tackling violent crime and its links to alcohol; Brunswick Reassurance project: addressing community safety, environment and the fear of crime and the Alleygate project addressing domestic burglary, have all been identified as good practice and have been replicated in other areas of the country. As a Partnership we pride ourselves on our innovative approach to crime reduction and we will continue this commitment, ensuring that our strategy is based on both the knowledge and expertise within the Partnership, and within the communities we serve.

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In Blackpool we are committed to reducing crime and disorder and addressing the underlying causes, making the town a safer place for all. We value your feedback on the contents of this document and comments on your views on Crime, Disorder and Drugs Misuse in Blackpool. Please take the time to complete the questionnaires at the back of this document, or alternatively, visit our website at [www.csp.blackpool.org.uk](http://www.csp.blackpool.org.uk)



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