

CAMBRIDGE BUSINESS AGAINST CRIME

INTRODUCTION

This partnership documentation is designed to enable business crime reduction partnerships to be formally constituted to ensure legal requirements are satisfied, specifically in the area of handling personal data under the Data Protection Act, 1998.

The protocols and procedures contained in this guide have been extensively researched with the Office of the Information Commissioner and the Association of Chief Police Officers and have their agreement.

Appendix 1

Cambridge Business Against Crime is an initiative aimed at reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and is supported by the Home Office. The partnership is based on a proven approach adopted in other town, city and shopping centres.

The partnership will be incorporated within the Cambridge Crime and Disorder Strategy and police and other key agencies are keen for the scheme to develop and progress.

All partners will formally agree a constitution, codes of practice, operating guidelines, police sharing of photographs, exclusion notice scheme and data integrity agreement, which will enable us to target our combined resources against our most prevalent criminals and those determined to commit anti-social behaviour.

Businesses joining the scheme can work together to share high quality information with the ability to identify persistent offenders. The information sharing amongst members will enable offenders to be excluded from all members' premises within the partnership.

The partnership will reduce criminal activity, will protect staff from acts of physical violence and verbal abuse, reduce crime losses, and generate an improvement in the environment of the community, creating a safe place to live, shop, work and visit.

The partnership offers a sustainable, robust and effective crime prevention initiative, which we have no hesitation in supporting.

Yours sincerely,

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