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FAO- Chair of the Committee

Dear Cllr Innes,

### **Re Chesterfield Shopwatch and Shoplifting Crime Figures**

Many thanks for your correspondence in relation to the issues concerning Chesterfield Shopwatch and Shoplifting figures.

I can confirm that the proposal for the Partnership to run the Shopwatch Scheme was not agreed by all concerned parties, as explained below in response to the Committees two recommendations.

1. That the Community Safety Partnership look to introduce the alternative, cheaper Shopwatch scheme based on the existing Pubwatch scheme to attract more retail business to use the service;
  - Whilst the Chamber of Commerce were approached by both the police and the Council to deliver this service, the Chamber of Commerce would not relinquish their role and made representation as to why they should continue to deliver this project.
2. That the Police, who are currently deliberating the issue, bring about a speedy decision and conclusion to the matter:
  - The police also agreed that the Shopwatch project should continue to be delivered by the Chamber of Commerce.

On receiving these comments the Partnership did not continue to pursue the running of the Shopwatch Scheme.

However the Partnership is still actively involved in the reduction of Shop lifting in the Chesterfield area. A working group administer by the Police is currently active to address all areas of concern in relation to the issue and how shoplifting impacts on our local communities.

The Partnership will continue to tackle any perpetrators with a variety of interventions locally.

I hope this meets your requirements.

Yours sincerely,

Dianne Illsley

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