

10 June 2014**Agenda Item: 9****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ACCESS AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION****COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update the Committee on key Community Safety matters.
2. **Strategic Assessment and the Police and Crime Commissioner Funding (PCC) 2014/15**
 - 2.1 The Nottinghamshire County Strategic Assessment (SA) prepared by the Strategic Analytical Unit (SAU) was presented and approved at the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB) board meeting in April 2014.
 - 2.2 The report presented highlighted the following:
 - 2.3 The previous strategic assessment process outlined the revised priority wards. It was decided at the Safer Nottinghamshire Board Performance Group of Nov 2013 that a longer term view is required, although a subsequent review has reverted back to the original findings, due to 2014/15 being a 'transitional year'. This will enable a full review of priority areas to take place, which will report back to SNB in September 2014.
 - 2.4 The Strategic Assessment makes the following recommendations for '2014/15 objectives':
 - 2.5 The Strategic Assessment has highlighted nine Thematic Strategic Priorities for 2014/15 as listed below. These priorities should be included in the Community Safety Agreement, which will be drafted in conjunction with the Police and Crime Plan to ensure priorities are cohesive and cross-cutting.
 1. Domestic Violence and Abuse
 2. Violent Crime
 3. Reducing Re-offending
 4. Anti-social Behaviour
 5. Substance misuse
 6. Youth Issues
 7. Hate Crime
 8. Business Crime

9. Road Safety

- 2.6 The Geographic 'Partnership Plus Areas (PPAs) are those areas with the highest levels of crime and disorder across the county, which are derived from the Priority Wards shown below. Given current financial and resource concerns, identification of *Partnership Plus Areas* offers an efficient means of tackling crime; ensuring resources are targeted where they will have the largest impact on crime reductions and on communities. The table below shows the outcome of a 2 year scanning exercise identifying the priority wards for 2014/15:

Table A)

Ward Name	Community Safety Partnership Area
Worksop South East	Bassetlaw, Newark & Sherwood
Portland	Ashfield & Mansfield
Worksop North West	Bassetlaw, Newark & Sherwood
Hucknall East	Ashfield & Mansfield
Castle	Bassetlaw, Newark & Sherwood
Carr Bank	Ashfield & Mansfield
Sutton in Ashfield East	Ashfield & Mansfield
Kirkby in Ashfield East	Ashfield & Mansfield
Sutton in Ashfield Central	Ashfield & Mansfield
Netherfield and Colwick	South Nottinghamshire
Woodlands	Ashfield & Mansfield
Oak Tree	Ashfield & Mansfield
Eastwood South	South Nottinghamshire
Bridge	Bassetlaw, Newark & Sherwood
Sutton in Ashfield North	Ashfield & Mansfield

- 2.7 In addition for 2014/15 three 'discretionary' areas have been identified and agreed (taking the total to 18 priority wards) namely:
- Worksop South & Magnus – to count as one priority plus area (Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood)
 - Ladybrook (Ashfield/Mansfield)
 - Trent Bridge (South Notts)
- 2.8 The Community Safety Team will again take the key role of programme managing the funding process on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner 2014/15. The process adopted during 2013/14 will be used in ensuring that payments are made to partners at the appropriate time and that quarterly reports are completed for the PCC.
- 2.9 Each of the Partnership Plus areas will receive equal amounts of £28,278 each.

2.10 Community Safety Partnerships are now preparing their respective Partnership Plus costed plans for 2014/15, which will be submitted for approval by the PCC and Commissioning Manager of the PCC.

2.11 An end of year performance overview will be provided at the next Community Safety meeting in July.

3. Community Triggers and Gating Orders

3.1 The annual report to Council 15th May 2014 appointing committees recommended that the Rights of Way Committee is dissolved, transferring responsibility for gating orders to the Community Safety Committee.

3.2 Additional functions of Rights of Way Committee have been re-allocated to the following committees:

- Culture Committee, which is responsible for country parks, open spaces and other country side services, will have amendments to its terms of reference to include common land and town or village greens. There are additional proposals to transfer responsibility for land management and permissive path agreements and non-statutory public access routes to Culture Committee.
- Permissive path agreements and non-statutory public access routes have been reallocated to the Culture Committee with the remaining Rights of Way Committee functions relating to public rights of way and cycle routes being reallocated to the Planning and Licensing Committee, which has arrangements for public speaking similar to Rights of Way Committee.

3.3 Work has already begun at looking to see if any changes are needed to the NCC Gating guide/policies to reflect the above transfer of responsibilities.

3.4 Community Safety Officers will receive training to understand the 'tools and powers' of the Community Trigger legislation and Gating orders.

4. Community Safety highlights.

Vulnerable Persons Panels Review Event

4.1 The team worked with Police colleagues to organise a Vulnerable Persons Panel Review Event held at the Arrow centre in April, which received overwhelmingly positive responses from partners. The main purpose of the VPP Review event was to discuss improvement, best practice, and unified processes and sharing of information.

4.2 Evaluation from partners attending the event identified an excellent turnout from a wide range of partners. A large amount of detailed feedback was given with headlines of; better involvement from Public Health; better focus with

medium risk Domestic Abuse cases and the need for consistency in practice and outcomes.

- 4.3 A draft report on the outcomes of the event will be discussed with district Community Safety Officers and VPP leads with a progress report to go to the June Safer Nottinghamshire Board Performance Group meeting and a final report to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board in September.
- 4.4 Troubled Families report
- 4.5 The Troubled Families project was launched by Central Government in December 2011 to 'turn around' the lives of 120,000 of the most troubled families in the UK. It aims to deliver intensive whole-family support to families with complex needs in a bid to achieve long-lasting change, and is focussed on reducing criminal activity and anti-social behaviour, improving school attendance and supporting adults into work. In Nottinghamshire the programme is called the "Supporting Families" Programme with 1580 troubled families identified as requiring support. The second Nottinghamshire report was released in March, the report highlights:
- 4.6 In February 2014, Nottinghamshire County Council had turned around approximately 24% of the target of troubled families, having claimed for and turned around 379 families out of the County target of 1580. As of the end of March 2014, we have worked with 1356 troubled families.
- 4.7 North (Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood) – Bassetlaw has seen the most turned around families with regards to Crime and Education but Worksop South East remains the Ward with the most Troubled Families.
- 4.8 West (Ashfield & Mansfield) – The West has turned around the most troubled families in raw numbers, especially families who have found Continuous Employment or Progress to Work. But the West continues to have the most Troubled Families.
- 4.9 As a service "Supporting Families" have recognised that the turnaround rate is not as high as it would want it to be and have put in place an action plan to increase the turnaround rate without losing the quality of the service offered to families.

Dragons Den 6 2014/15

- 4.10 Building on the success of Dragons Den Style Project 5 this year the project is being rolled out from Ashfield to include Mansfield secondary schools. This year's theme will focus on Promoting Healthy Life-styles and Challenging the Social Acceptability of Alcohol.
- 4.11 All participating Year 10 Secondary school students will receive nationally accredited Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network (ASDAN) awareness raising sessions delivered in partnership with Life-skills Education

Community Interest Company (C.I.C) alongside training for teachers and local police officers who support work with the schools. Following this expert input students will be invited to compete to develop the most effective communication message relating to the overall aim. The competing teams of students from each school will then pitch and present their ideas to a panel of judges in March 2015. A prize of £1000 will be awarded to the winning school and there will be an additional £1000 awarded for Innovation.

- 4.12 All resources produced will then be made freely available for all other schools to download for free via the Life-skills Education Web-site, www.life-skillseducation.co.uk

The following secondary schools from Ashfield and Mansfield have been recruited to participate:

- Kirkby College
- Selston
- Quarrydale
- Sutton Church Academy
- Holgate
- Brunts
- Queen Elizabeth

- 4.13 Discussions are also currently underway with Hucknall National Ashfield Academy and Samworth Church Academy, who have expressed an interest in taking part.

- 4.14 The project was showcased at a National LASER and Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) Safety Education conference in Feb 2014 and held up as a National model of best practice.

5. Joining up the Community Safety and Health & Well Being Agenda.

- 5.1 Public Health has developed a Health and Well Being Survey with the City which will be piloted initially with 7 secondary schools across the county. Two of the identified schools for the pilot are also undertaking the D-Vibe online substance use survey which was also developed in partnership with the City. Joint work will ensure that this work will complement the Health and Well-being pilot and support the recruitment of further schools. The survey results will be used from both surveys to target future resources and commissioning.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting – Hate Crime Statistics

- 6.1 The SNB Hate Crime Quarterly Performance Report (Quarter 4 2014/15) generally

indicates vast improvements in Hate Crime performance in comparison to 2013/14

figures. Positive work done in partnership is starting to have an encouraging impact on

levels of incident reports. Areas of concern show increases in disability, homophobic and

religious hate crime strands within the County:

Indicator	SNB Target for 2013/14	Actual for 2013/14
Increase reports of hate incidents	352	400
Reduce hate crime	384	297
Reduce hate crime repeat victimisations	56	39
Increase in % of Sanction Detections	59.6%	44.1%

Types of Victim

Hate Crime Strand	Hate crime type	County	2013/14-2014/15 %Change
Disability	Incident	50	4.2
	Crime	31	106.7
Gender/Transgender	Incident	5	-44.4
	Crime	12	0
Homophobic	Incident	62	5.1
	Crime	34	17.2
Racist	Incident	270	4.7
	Crime	220	-8.7
Religion	Incident	13	1200
	Crime	11	83.3
Total	Incident	400	6.7
	Crime	297	1.7

7. Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- 7.1 This report is a regular update to the Community Safety Committee to keep them abreast of developments in our community safety work.

8. Statutory and Policy Implications

This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Safety Committee notes the various developments in the areas of work contained within this report.

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Constitutional Comments

9. Constitutional Comments are not required as this report is for noting only.

Financial Comments

10. There are no financial implications attached with this report

Background Papers

11. Safer Nottinghamshire Board's County Strategic Assessment 2014/15 and Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement 2012-15

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

12. All