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Agenda Item:5

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

- The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Committee about crime performance in relation to quarter three of 2012/13, highlights of the strategic assessment outlining priorities and revised partnership plus areas for 2013/14 and the Police and Crime Plan of Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner.

Information and Advice

2. Crime Performance Quarter Three 2012/13

- The following table and commentary are taken from the Safer Nottinghamshire Board Qtr 3 performance report :

	Ashfield	Mansfield	Bassetlaw/N&S	South Notts
All Crime	On target	On target	On target	On target
Serious Acquisitive crime – (informal target set)	Below county average	Above county average (5.1-10%)	Above county average (5.1-10%)	Below county average
Violent crime	Target nearly met (-0.7%)	Target not met (-7.7%)	Target not met (-11.6%)	Target not met (-3.1%)
Domestic Violence				
5.1 increase of DV incident reports	5.1 – On target	5.1 Target not met (-9%)	5.1 Target not met (-3%)	5.1 Target met
5.2 decrease in DV recorded crimes	5.2 – Target not met (-12%)	5.2 Target not met (-3%)	5.2 Target not met (-11%)	5.2 Target met
Anti-social behaviour	On target	On target	On target	On target

Substance misuse	Not known yet	Not known yet	Not known yet	Not known yet
Hate crime				
7.1 increase in hate crime incidents	7.1 – Target not met	7.1 – Target not met	7.1 – Target not met	7.1 – Target not met
7.2 reduction in total hate crime	7.2 – On target	7.2 – On target	7.2 – On target	7.2 – On target
7.3 hate crime repeat victimisation	7.3 – Target not met	7.3 – Target not met	7.3 – Target not met	7.3 – Target not met
Youth crime	On target	On target	On target	On target

2.2 Year-to-date reductions (YTD 2011/12 – YTD 2012/13) in the County have been achieved against the following crime categories:

- All crime – down by 15% (5,036 less victims/offences)
- Domestic Burglary – down by 16.9% (296 less victims/offences)
- Vehicle crime – down by 3.8% (127 less victims/offences)
- Theft of a motor vehicle – down by 19.7% (164 less victims/offences)
- Robbery – down by 28.2% (80 less victims/offences)
- Violent crime – down by 4.7% (329 less victims/offences)
- Violence Against the Person (VAP) – down by 4.1% (257 less victims/offences)
- VAP with injury – down by 6.8% (191 less victims/offences)
- Racial hate crime offences show a decrease of 14.6% (26 less offences)
- Disabled hate crime offences have reduced by 68.2% (15 less offences)
- Homophobic offences show a reduction of 29.6% (16 less offences)
- Religious offences down by 25% (2 less offences)
- Total hate crime overall is down by 26.3% (75 less offences)

2.3 Performance **risks** to highlight are as follows:

- Violent crime remains a major concern. The highest violent crime rates are in Ashfield and Mansfield, which accounts for 40% of violent crime in the county. There are increasing trends in domestic violence offences in Bassetlaw over the last 12 months. Domestic violence offences account for approx. 40% of Violence Against the Person (VAP) offences this quarter and approx. 50% over the last 12 months.
- Substance misuse - 25% of clients in drug treatment have been in treatment for over 6 years. Re-presentations of those who had successful completions continue to exceed the national average by some margin.
- Reducing re-offending – an ongoing risk to SNB performance is the violent offenders who are aged 18-21 years old. County performance is line with national averages but shows a declining picture over the last 4 cohorts. Quarter 3 has seen an increase in reconviction rates, with 8 out of the 15 SNB priority areas not meeting their target. This compares to the previous quarter, where only 1 SNB priority areas did not meet their target. However, this performance has not had an overall impact on reconviction rates for the districts linked to these wards, which are all performing within target.

2.4 Performance plans to show what is being done to tackle the issues include the following:

- Reducing re-offending – there are planned changes to the Reducing re-offending Board which will focus on high risk cases. Local performance measures have been introduced which are showing marked improvements over the last 12 months. SNB probation mentors have been introduced in the Partnership Plus Areas – only 3 areas continue not to meet the local reducing re-offending targets.
- Use of restorative justice continues and targets are being exceeded (10% of all detections)
- Substance misuse performance reports will be aligned with SNB performance cycle and will include localised breakdown of information in the future.

3. **County Strategic Assessment for 2013/14**

- 3.1 The 2013/14 Nottinghamshire County Strategic Assessment informs the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB) strategic planning and commissioning process, through identification of key priorities which will have a significant impact on crime, disorder and substance misuse.
- 3.2 This Strategic Assessment continues to utilise geographic prioritisation. The holistic approach will enable the causes of crime as well as symptoms to be addressed in each geographical area. Given current financial and resource concerns, this offers an efficient means of tackling crime; ensuring resources are targeted where they will have the largest impact on crime reductions and on communities.
- 3.3 At the SNB meeting on 15th February 2013, it was agreed that the following priorities and revised partnership plus areas will be the focus for 2013/14. The Community Safety Partnerships have agreed on the following priorities and Partnership Plus areas:

Priorities

Domestic Violence
Violent crime
Reducing Re-offending
Anti Social behaviour
Substance misuse
Youth Issues
Hate crime

Partnership Plus Areas

Worksop South East (Bassetlaw)
Portland (Mansfield)

Worksop North West (Bassetlaw)
Sutton-in-Ashfield East (Ashfield)
Carr Bank (Mansfield)
Castle (N & S)
Kirkby-in-Ashfield East (Ashfield)
Hucknall East (Ashfield)
Sutton-in-Ashfield Central (Ashfield)
Netherfield and Colwick (Gedling)
Woodlands (Mansfield)
Hucknall Central (Ashfield)
Magnus (N & S)
Eastwood South (Broxtowe)
Worksop South (Bassetlaw)

4. Police and Crime Plan

- 4.1 On the 15th November 2012, Nottinghamshire had its election for the first Police and Crime Commissioner. As Members will be aware, Paddy Tipping was the successful candidate, taking office on the 22nd November 2012. Chris Cutland was subsequently appointed as the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 4.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner is required to produce a five year Police and Crime Plan (summary at Appendix 1) for Nottinghamshire which must be published no later than 31st March 2013. Policy Committee considered the Plan at its meeting on 13th February 2013.
- 4.3 The draft Police and Crime Plan has seven strategic priority themes:
- Protect, support and respond to victims, witnesses and vulnerable people
 - Improve the efficiency, accessibility and effectiveness of the criminal justice process
 - Focus on those local areas that are most affected by crime and anti-social behaviour
 - Reduce the impact of drugs and alcohol on levels of crime and anti-social behaviour
 - Reduce the threat from organised crime
 - Prevention, early intervention and reduction in re-offending
 - Spending money wisely
- 4.4. Each of the seven strategic priority themes has a number of key activities, which will be undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Nottinghamshire Police and a range of partners, a key one of which is the County Council.
- 4.5 The draft Police and Crime Plan also promotes a “locality focussed” approach to tackling the issues of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour. This is the type of approach that was adopted by the Safer Nottinghamshire Board in 2012/13, identifying 15 areas of the County that would attract targeted actions and funding to improve their crime and anti-social behaviour levels. To date, this approach has been extremely successful with crime rates in these 15 areas falling by 21% and anti-social behaviour by 33%. The Safer Nottinghamshire Board will be seeking to repeat this approach for 2013/14, which will link with the draft Police and Crime Plan.

Financial details

5. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. 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.

7. Recommendation

- 7.1 Members are asked to note the report.

Background Papers Available for Inspection

Nottinghamshire County Strategic Assessment 2013/14

Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement Plan 2011/14

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner Police and Crime Plan 2013-18

(www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Public-Information/Police-and-Crime-Plan.aspx)

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Appendix 1
Police and Crime Plan 2013-18