

18 June 2013**Agenda Item: 10****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR,
POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES****COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to update Members on key Community Safety matters.
- 1.1 This report also informs members of £1.3M of the Police and Crime Commissioner's funding for community safety work in the County, which will be managed by the County Council's Community Safety Team, on behalf of Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB).

Information and Advice**2. Crime Performance 2012/13**

- 2.1 There has been a significant reduction in crime figures within the county compared to this time last year. Specifically there have been year-to-date (YTD) reductions (2011/12 – 2012/13) in the following crime categories:

Category	% Reduction (2011/12 - 2012/13)	Actual Reduction in Offences
All Crime	14%	6149
Domestic Burglary	10.8%	244
Vehicle Crime	4.6%	207
Robbery	24.3%	89
Violent Crime	4.6%	412
Criminal Damage	23.3%	1994

- 2.2 Positive achievements during 2012/13 are due to all Community Safety Partnership (CSP) areas achieving their reduction targets, thus so has the county. The focus for CSPs was to reduce all crime by 10%, with an 8% stretch in partnership plus areas.
- 2.3 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 in reducing all crime by 8% with a 10% stretch in partnership plus areas.
- 2.4 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 (Newark & Sherwood)
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield East (Ashfield)
- Hucknall East (Ashfield)
- Sutton-in-Ashfield Central (Ashfield)
- Netherfield and Colwick (Gedling)
- Woodlands (Mansfield)
- Hucknall Central (Ashfield)
- Magnus (Newark & Sherwood)
- Eastwood South (Broxtowe)
- Worksop South (Bassetlaw)

2.5 In addition, SNB will be concentrating work in the area of Business Crime, an emerging area of concern, and will be formalising its links to the County Road Safety Partnership in order to maximise actions to tackle and reduce serious and fatal road traffic accidents.

2.6 Further performance reports will be presented to this committee.

3. **Legislative changes to the Anti-Social Behaviour Bill**

3.1 Almost 20 powers to deal with anti-social behaviour would be replaced with six, under government plans outlined in the Queen's Speech May 2013. The proposed changes focus on the rights of victims, with quick action taken to deal with persistent anti-social behaviour.

3.2 In summary, the Bill sets out the following new powers:

- Injunctions to prevent nuisance and annoyance

- Criminal Behaviour Orders
- Dispersal Powers
- Community Protection Notices
- Public Space Protection Orders
- Closure of premises associated with nuisance and disorder

3.3 This Bill is to have its second reading debate on 10 June 2013. It is expected that the Bill will be included in the 2013/14 legislative timetable and not come into force till 2015.

4. **Community Safety Awards**

4.1 The Community Safety Team has been heavily involved in three initiatives which have recently been commended by the National Crimebeat Awards 2012/13, which is sponsored by the High Sheriff's Association of England and Wales. The three projects are:

- Cyber Bullying and E Safety Project (working with Nottinghamshire Police, Ashfield and Mansfield Community Safety Partnership, Ashfield secondary schools)
- In Our Hands Project (working with the Holocaust Centre at Laxton, Mansfield and Bassetlaw District Councils to reduce hate crime and improve community cohesion)
- I Pledge to Keep on Track (working with the National Centre for Citizenship and Law, Experian and the Police to reduce anti social behaviour and promote good citizenship)

4.2 The I Pledge to Keep on Track Project has also succeeded in being formally accredited by the LASER (Learning About Safety by Experiencing Risk) Alliance, which is part of RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents).

4.3 I Pledge has recently received a further national award from the Museums and Heritage Awards for Excellence – Educational Initiative category.

5. **Police and Crime Commissioner Funding**

5.1 From April 2013/14 Home Office funding for community safety and related activity transferred to Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The PCC has been supportive of the current SNB approach to funding local and countywide initiatives, to the extent that the budget for this activity (£392,000) in 2013/14 remains the same as for 2012/13. The split between funding for Partnership Plus Areas and countywide initiatives will also remain the same at 70:30, with the countywide work being led by the SNB thematic delivery groups.

5.2 In addition to funding for community safety work outlined above, a number of areas have been ring-fenced by the PCC for ongoing support in 2013/14. They are:

- Drug Intervention Programme (£633,000)
- Positive Futures (£69,000)
- Youth Justice Grant (£156,000)

The funding process for these areas will also be managed through the Community Safety Team.

Financial Implications

6. The financial implications are set out in the report.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. 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

8. Members are asked to note the report.

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Background Papers Available for Inspection

9. 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)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

10. All