

**REPORT OF GROUP MANAGER, SAFER AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES,  
POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES****COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

- 1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Committee performance in relation to crime in 2011/12 and targets for 2012/13, outline the impact of the new Police and Crime Commissioner following their election in November 2011 and to highlight some of successful community safety initiatives undertaken during the past year.

**Information and Advice****2 Crime Reduction Performance 2011/12**

- 2.1 Overall crime levels in the county are at their lowest level for thirty years. The following crime figures relate to 2011/12 compared to the previous twelve months:
  - All Crime is down by 9%
  - Serious Acquisitive Crime is down 17%
  - Domestic Burglary is down 11%
  - Theft from Vehicle is down 11%
  - Theft of vehicle is down 17%
  - Robbery is down 21%
  - Criminal Damage is down 13%
  - Violence Against the Person is down 1%
- 2.2 The number of All Crime incidents recorded has reduced from 48,078 to 43,843. Continued reductions in burglary offences are bucking the national trend which has seen other parts of the country experience an increase.
- 2.3 Activities undertaken in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour range from initiatives in specific areas (15 Partnership Plus Areas) to countywide interventions, such as Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences to tackle domestic violence.

### 3 Targets for 2012/13

3.1 At the SNB on 17 February 2012, it was proposed that a single set of targets be adopted between the Police and the Community Safety Partnerships. These have now been agreed with all the Community Safety Partnerships and are as follows:

- **Target 1: Reduce all crime by 8.3% by 31 March 2013**
- **Target 2: Reduce household burglary by 9.8% by 31 March 2013**
- **Target 3: Reduce robbery by 9.5% by 31 March 2013**
- **Target 4: Reduce violent crime 8.2% by 31 March 2013**
- **Target 5: Reduce vehicle crime by 8.7% by 31 March 2013**
- **Target 6: Reduce Anti-social Behaviour by 8% by 31 March 2013**

It has also been agreed that the stretch target for the Partnership Plus Areas will be as follows:

<b>Target</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Ashfield</b>	<b>Mansfield</b>	<b>BNS</b>	<b>South Notts</b>
All crime	8.3%	8.4%	8.4%	8%	7.9%
All crime in Partnership Plus Areas	18.3%	18.4%	18.4%	18%	17.9%

In 2012/13 each of the 15 PPAs will receive £27,600 from the SNB to support crime and reduction initiatives targeted to tackle local problems.

### 4 Police and Crime Commissioner

4.1 The event which will have the greatest impact on partnership working in relation to community safety in 2012/13 will be the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012. This may bring some fundamental changes to way that partnerships operate and are funded. Much work is currently underway to ensure that the transition to the PCC is as smooth as possible and the successful candidate will be suitably briefed on how community safety is currently being delivered both in the County and the City and to ensure that all key organisations can work effectively with the PCC to continue to reduce crime and to social behaviour. It is suggested that the PCC is invited to attend a Community Safety Committee at the earliest opportunity, to enable Members to ascertain the priorities that the PCC will be addressing during his/her term of office.

### 5 Highlighted Community Safety Initiatives

#### **I Pledge Project**

5.1 Nottinghamshire County Council commissioned the "I Pledge Project", to work with 1000 pupils across 20 schools during 2011. The I Pledge Project focuses on the contemporary criminal justice system and consists of two visits to the National Centre for Citizenship and the Law (NCCL) at the Galleries of Justice Museum, together with project work to be undertaken back in class. Pupils are asked to identify a "pledge" to their

community not to commit crime. The winning entries were St Patrick's Primary (a project to tackle anti social behaviour involving motorcycles), Robin Hood Primary (a project to tackle general anti social behaviour) and Priory Junior (a project to tackle criminal damage/graffiti). It is intended to continue to focus the 'I-Pledge' project in the Partnership Plus Areas across the county. A DVD outlining the project in more detail is available to Members on request.

### **Car Cruising**

5.2 A car cruise is defined as "an event at which any of the following activities occur:

- motor vehicles are driven at excessive speed
- motor vehicles are raced against one another
- stunts are performed in motor vehicles
- music is played on stereo equipment in a motor vehicle which is audible outside the vehicle

so as to cause:

- excessive noise
- danger to other road users
- a risk to of injury to any person
- a risk of damage to property"

5.3 A number of specific areas in Nottinghamshire have been subject to car cruising, especially Junction 27 of the M1 and more recently on the Colwick loop road at Netherfield. A combination of CCTV cameras, ANPR cameras and targeted Police activity has greatly reduced the problem in Ashfield and more recently a significant partnership approach has been required in Gedling to tackle the issue there.

5.4 The County Council was successful in its application for a court injunction to prevent vehicle nuisance and anti-social behaviour in the Netherfield and Colwick area. Persons found gathering for this activity will be deemed to be acting unlawfully and risk prosecution, ranging from a penalty fine up to the confiscation and crushing of their vehicle. The injunction remains in force until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014. The injunction is backed up with environmental works to reduce the likelihood of car cruising and CCTV coverage.

### **Dragons' Den**

5.5 Based on the entrepreneurial programme 'Dragons' Den', Ashfield Community Safety Partnership has developed it's own Dragons' Den approach, with schools presenting their ideas on how they would tackle a crime or anti social behaviour issue to a panel of experts. Five schools made high quality presentations to the panel (including the Chair of the Community Safety Committee) illustrating the dangers of alcohol in impairing judgement and leading to violence. The successful school won funding (£1,000) to implement a local project relating to this issue. The overall winner was Selston Arts and Community College. It is intended all information presented to the panel will be circulated countywide.

### **Financial details**

- 6 There are no financial implications arising from this 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.

### **9 Background Papers Available for Inspection**

- “I Pledge” Evaluation
- Car Cruising Injunction
- Safer Nottinghamshire Board’s County Strategic Assessment 2012

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