

Scrutiny Committee



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Community Safety Performance Report 2015/16

PURPOSE

1. To provide an update to the Scrutiny Committee of Burnley's Community Safety Performance.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Scrutiny Committee notes the detail of the review

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Pennine Area Group has agreed the community safety priorities for the next three years in the 2015 strategic assessment. The Strategic priorities are as follows; (Not in any ranked order)

- **Anti-Social Behaviour (youths and vehicles),**
 - **Domestic Burglary,**
 - **Domestic Abuse,**
 - **Violent Crime (including serious assaults, sexual offences, and alcohol harm)**
 - **Child Sexual Exploitation,**
 - **Road Safety,**
 - **Reoffending (in particular prolific shoplifters).**
 - **Hate Crime.**
3. Local delivery in Burnley remains the responsibility of the Multi Agency Tasking and Coordinating Group (MATAC) and continues to work well locally.
 4. Local activities will also take into account emerging threats identified through the Partnership Analyst and/or data provided by partner agencies and the community at monthly MATAC meetings.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

Community Safety Projects and Activity in Burnley

Over the last 12 months the Council and MATAC partners have delivered the following;

5. Optimal Forager continues to be delivered in Burnley. The process is an analysis directed way of addressing high impact acquisitive crime (HIAC), primarily burglary and reducing re-offending in high risk areas. The aim of Forager is not to introduce additional resources but to identify and coordinate those resources already in place in identified areas to reduce crime.
6. Pennine Reconnect initiative, in partnership with Calico Housing, with the key outcome of the project to provide intensive support over a set period of time to a cohort identified due to offending behaviour, previous substance misuse, but abstinent, or working toward abstinence, in a temporary tenancy, to convert over the course of the intervention, to secure accommodation and independent living.
7. The MEAM Project works intensively with males in Burnley that are leading chaotic lifestyles. The project works intensively with individuals who have issues stemming from homelessness, risk of eviction, poor standard of living if in their own property, substance misuse, mental health issues and risk of, or actual offending behaviour.
8. CAP – Community Alcohol Partnership is being launched in Burnley. The initiative is a joint enterprise between community safety agencies and partners to tackle the effects of alcohol on our communities. The CAP will encompass all the work we do with licensed premises, schools and the community. The CAP will cover the whole of Burnley and Padiham but will focus on Gannow as an initial pilot.
9. 13 new alleygate schemes have been identified and consultation has begun with residents under the new legislation. If after consultation, all the schemes proceed to completion, they will provide additional security to nearly 400 homes in Burnley and Padiham.
10. Burnley continues to deliver the Reflect project. Based on the concept of a speed awareness course, first time offenders arrested for Drunk & Disorderly in the town centre, are invited to the course and receive awareness raising information on the effects of alcohol. In total 110 individuals have attended the course.

11. The Accommodation Panel was established in August 2013 to support the reducing reoffending agenda by identifying appropriate accommodation for individuals being released from prison and engaging with intervention services, but struggling to find somewhere to live. To date 69 offenders have been referred into the panel in an effort to source suitable accommodation.
12. A Multi-agency working group is targeting commercial properties that are involved in illegal activity, for example selling illegal tobacco, persistent offenders of environmental infractions, risk of fire due to illegal connection to electricity. Links have also been established between some of these businesses and Organised Crime Groups.
13. Burnley council officers are now signed up to PAM – a multi-agency information sharing resource run by the Organised Crime Gang team in Lancashire. This will enable local agencies to share information regarding known organised criminal gangs much more easily and co-ordinate responses within and across district boundaries.
14. All local activities are agreed through the Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating meeting (MATAC) and emerging and predictive threats, such as alcohol related crime in the run up to Christmas are considered. In addition informing the community of our actions and their responsibilities in reducing crime are a key element in all local activities undertaken.

Community Safety Performance, November 2015 – October 2016

15. All crime in Burnley has increased by 10% over the last 12 months. This level of increase has also been experienced across East Lancashire (+11.3%) and pan-Lancashire (+10.6%) during the 12 month period highlighted.
16. Overall there has been a slight increase in ASB of 0.2% over the 12 month period. This relates primarily to a rise in 'Nuisance' and 'Environmental' ASB, as 'Personal' ASB has shown a 4.6% reduction. Matic are considering a number of initiatives to address these issues.
17. There has been an increase in domestic burglary of 9% over the year. This has been replicated across a number of boroughs in East Lancashire, with an increase of 10.3% across a pan-Lancashire footprint. Entry through insecure premises, although significantly reduced as a result of a number of awareness campaigns, continues to be an issue.
18. There has been a recorded increase in reported domestic abuse incidents to the police of 12.7%. This pattern has been replicated across East Lancashire and pan-Lancashire. In terms of performance, the increase in reported domestic incidents

relates more to an exceptional level of reported incidents during the summer (June to August), some of which coincided with the Euro football tournament, rather than a long term increasing trend.

19. All violent crime has seen an increase in reports of 22%; however performance in relation to violent crime has been skewed in recent years due to the nationwide change in recording practices, which followed on from the HMIC inspection into crime recording in November 2014. The effects of these changes are still being experienced across all areas of pan-Lancashire, which is why increases are being seen year to date in all violent crime categories.
20. There is no performance data in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation. CSE remains a county-wide priority, and in July 2015 a pan-Lancashire Partnership Intelligence Assessment was produced which highlighted common vulnerabilities in relation to social care, education, and child health as key contributory factors associated with victims. A CSE task and finish group that sits across all Districts in East Lancashire has developed an action plan in response to identified issues.
21. The Burnley reoffending rate is currently tracked on a quarterly basis through the quarterly Pennine Lancashire Reoffending Board. The most recent rate of 28.2% in September 2016 is the lowest seen over the last 12 months.
22. Hate crime has shown a reduction of 6.1% in the last 12 months. Furthermore, local analysis in July 2016 showed that there was no increase in hate crime/incidents in Burnley following the 'Vote to Leave' the EU in June (as seen in other areas of the country).
23. All vehicle crime has shown a reduction of 33% over the last 12 months, with all categories recording a decrease during that period. Local analysis has identified common vulnerabilities around motorcycle theft, and the targeting of commercial vehicles / vans.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

24. Community Safety delivery has remained pro-active over recent years despite reduced funding to support initiatives. It is important that we are able to demonstrate efficient services that are relevant which have the desired outcome.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

25. The Strategic Priorities will be reviewed on a yearly basis until 2018/19 when a full assessment will be carried out.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

26. None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

24. None

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