

REPORT NO. 1

**REPORT TO THE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL (IN ITS CAPACITY AS CRIME
AND DISORDER COMMITTEE)
MEETING OF 30th September 2021**

Status: For Discussion

Title: Community Safety Partnership – Annual Review

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Portfolio Holder: Cllr Whelband, Communities Cabinet Member

Where from: Harborough District Community Safety Partnership

Where to next: Harborough District Community Safety Partnership

Objective: To review the Community Safety Partnership's contribution to reducing crime and disorder in Harborough as set out in the Community Safety Plan.

1. Outcome sought from Panel

1.1 The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the performance of the Community Safety Partnership in reducing crime and disorder in 2020/21.

2 Background

2.1 The CSP was set up under [Sections 5-7 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998](#) and is made up of statutory services who need to work together to protect our local communities from crime and disorder, and to help people feel safer. These include:

- Harborough District Council
- Leicestershire Constabulary
- Office of the Leicestershire Police & Crime Commissioner
- Leicestershire County Council
- Leicestershire Fire & Rescue

2.2 The Responsible Authorities work together to protect their local communities from crime and to help people feel safer. They work out how to deal with local issues like anti-social behaviour, drug or alcohol misuse and hate incidents. They annually assess local crime priorities and consult partners and the local community about how to deal with them.

- 2.3 CSPs were set up under Sections 5-7 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998. There are about 300 CSPs in England and 22 in Wales.
- 2.4 Leicestershire is a two tier area which means there is one CSP for the County (Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board) and one for each of the 7 District/ Boroughs. Harborough district's CSP is called 'the Harborough District Community Safety Partnership' (which can be found on Twitter @HarbCSP). Harborough District Council leads and administrates the CSP on behalf of the 'Responsible Authorities' listed in 2.1.

CRIME & DISORDER UPDATE

- 2.5 There was a decrease in overall crime during 2020/21 of -14.1 % (- 691 incidents to 4203) and the District remains a very safe pace to live.
- 2.6 Crimes such as burglary, theft from motor vehicles and violence against a person, remain a focus for Leicestershire Police and the CSP as they have a high impact on people and their perception of safety. However burglary was down significantly in 2020/21 by -48.3% and vehicle crime was down -48.7%. Shoplifting decreased by - 51.2%

Largest percentage increases were in Violence with injury (up 26% to 494) and Public Order (up 36.9% to 475) and also drug possession (up 62.3% to 86) and drug trafficking (up 38.1% to 29) although for these two offences actual numbers remain small.

Of the Violence with injury figures 207 of these are recorded as domestic abuse incidents.

Anti-social Behaviour increased by 45.81% (up to 783) with peaks in April and June and then decreasing to throughout the year.

1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021				
ASB Type	Total ASB YTD	Previous ASB YTD	YTD ASB Volume Change	YTD ASB % Change
ARE	134	62	72	116.13%
ARN	594	416	178	42.79%
ARP	55	59	-4	-6.78%
Total	783	537	246	45.81%

ARE – Environmental
ARN – Nuisance
ARP - Personal

In Qtr 1 of 2021/22 ASB has continued to fall YTD by -22.38% with 62 less incidents that in same period in 2020/21. Decreases are in both environmental and nuisance incidents.

Three year crime comparison

Performance Measure	Year 2020/21	Year 2019/20	Year 2018/19
Total Crime	4203	4894	4689
Burglary	280	513	484
Vehicle Crime	365	712	519
Violence with injury	494	392	337
Domestic Violence with injury	207	93	108
Criminal Damage	481	479	484
Shoplifting	176	361	512
Hate Crime	114	61	49
ASB reported (Police Data)	783	537	687

2.7 Harborough District Community Safety Partnership (HDCSP) produced a new 3 year plan with 3 key aims for the 2020-23 and these are outlined below.

People

Understanding underlying causes of violence and coercive behaviour to provide support and interventions for vulnerable individuals and families.

Focussing on:

- Domestic Abuse
- Exploitation*
- Financial Fraud
- Serious Violent Crime

Places

Working with communities to reduce incidents by utilising available powers and resources in a targeted way.

Focussing on:

- Road safety
- Anti-social behaviour
- Public order incidents
- Criminal Damage

Property

To help support and advise our communities on taking personal responsibility, by promoting good practices and using partnership resources to reduce property based crime. Focusing on:

- Domestic burglary within the district
- Theft from motor vehicles
- Cybercrime
- Retail theft
- Rural theft
- Heritage crime

Cross cutting priorities

- To prevent and raise awareness of the effects of substance misuse
- To increase Community Engagement across the District.
- Encourage the legitimate sharing of information between agencies.

- 2.8 To support the delivery of priorities, the CSP secured £36,073 from the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Commissioner for 2021/21

Quarter 4 monitoring report has been attached – Appendix A.

- 2.9 We are currently working on a new action plan for 2021/2022 that sits under the three year plan with revised priorities following a Strategic Assessment which included community consultation and takes into account rise of Domestic Abuse and Hate crime.

This year we received £36,073 from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, £7101 which has gone directly to fund a new Domestic abuse perpetrator programme.

New Action Plan for 2021-2022 with updates attached – Appendix B

3 Points for discussion

- To discuss the performance of the CSP,
- For Members to ask questions of HDC officers and partners on work areas

4 Equality Impact Assessment Implications/Outcomes

- 4.1 The partnership actively considers equalities when developing priorities and commissioning services to ensure support for most vulnerable in the community. Supporting vulnerable people is also a key priority as per the Highlight Report. An equalities impact assessment would be completed for any key decision making

5 Impact on Communities

5.1 Crime, disorder and road safety issues are consistent concerns for communities. Harborough District Council and its partners are therefore working to keep the areas we live in both safe and harmonious. This is an ongoing priority of the Partnership and individual agencies.

6 **Legal Issues**

6.1 The Police and Justice Act 2006 introduced a requirement for local authorities to have a crime and disorder committee with the power to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken by Responsible Authorities in relation to the discharge of their crime and disorder functions. The responsibilities of the Crime and Disorder Committee are delegated to the Communities Scrutiny Panel (Part 3 Section B of the Constitution), which has a duty to review or scrutinise decisions of an actions by the Community Safety Partnership.

6.2 The new Anti-Social Behaviour, Police and Crime Act 2014 have consolidated and simplified the powers available to the Police and Local Authorities and in some cases Registered Social Landlords. HDC has established a Corporate ASB Officer Group to ensure consistency and proactive use of powers available

6.3 Local Authorities now have a Statutory Duty as part of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”. The Prevent strategy is a key part of the Government’s counter-terrorism strategy and aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

7. **Resource Issues**

7.1 Administration of the CSP is carried out by the Community Partnerships Team with HDC being the lead authority.

7.2 The work of the CSP is resourced mainly through a £36,073 grant from the Police & Crime Commissioner as well as aligning and targeting mainstream resources of statutory partners; mainly the Police, Harborough District Council, Leicestershire Police and Leicestershire County Council.

7.2 In partnership with the OPCC we have also recently received funding through the Government Safer Streets fund.

8. **Community Safety Implications**

8.1 Delivery against the Three Year Plan is having a positive impact on reducing crime and disorder within the Harborough area.

9. **Carbon Management Implications**

9.1 No direct implications. The partnerships consultation strategy places more emphasis on electronic communications and less on printed leaflets/ promotional material etc. This reduces paper, postage etc. Less crime will reduce the number of visits to sites of reported incidents.

10 Risk Management Implications

10.1 There are risks around increases to ASB and domestic violence as a result of Covid. In addition the team are experiencing increased workload due to implications from Covid-19, in particular formation for Night Time Economy Cell which is run by the Community Safety Team.

11 Consultation

11.1 The Three Year plan is subject to a consultation period with all responsible authorities on the Community Safety Partnership having the opportunity to contribute.

Previous report(s):

Community Safety Partnership: 2014/15 Annual Review, Scrutiny Leadership, 11 June 15

Community Safety Partnership:2015/16 Annual Review, Scrutiny Leadership 30 June 2016

Community Safety Partnership:2016/17 Annual Review, Scrutiny Leadership 6 July 2017

Community Safety Partnership:2017/18 Annual Review, Scrutiny Leadership 28 June 2018

Community Safety Partnership:2018/19 Annual Review, Scrutiny Leadership June 2019

Community Safety Partnership:2019/20 Annual Review, Scrutiny Leadership October 2020

Appendices:

A. Action plan report Q4 20/21

B. Action plan and report Q1 21/22