

REPORT NO. 2

**REPORT TO THE SCRUTINY PANEL FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
MEETING OF 15th May 2014**

Status: For Discussion
Title: Community Safety Partnership – Annual Review
Report of : Community Partnerships Manager
Portfolio Holder: William Liquorish Portfolio, Holder for Regulatory and Safety
Where from: Harborough District Community Safety Partnership
Where to next:

Objective: to review the Community Safety Partnerships contribution to reducing crime and disorder in Harborough as set out in the Community Safety Plan.

1. Outcome sought from Panel

- 1.1 To review and make recommendations that supports the work of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in reducing crime and disorder.
- 1.2 To receive a presentation on the Journey Away from Domestic Abuse (JADA) service commissioned by the CSP and Harborough Sure Start Children Centres in partnership with Melton Borough.

2 Background

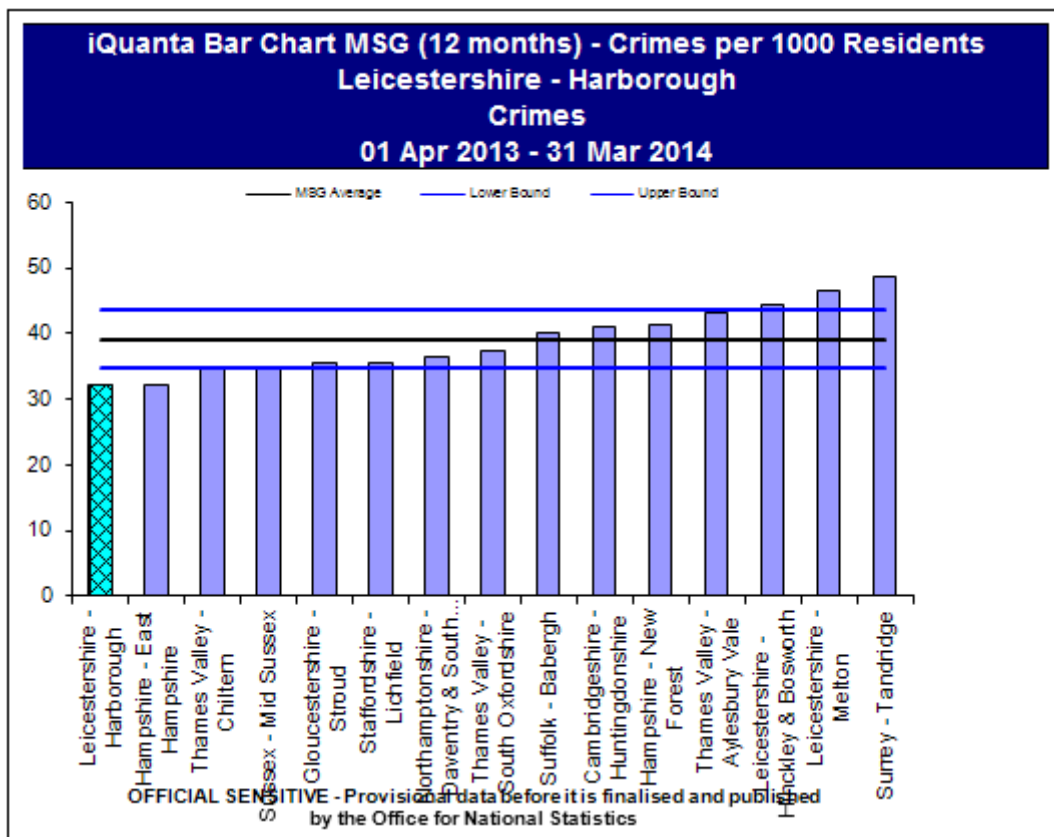
2.1 The CSP was set up under [Sections 5 -7 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998](#) and is made up of statutory services who need to work together to protect our local communities from crime and disorder, and to help people feel safer. They are;

- Harborough District Council
- Leicestershire Constabulary
- Leicestershire County Council
- Leicestershire Fire & Rescue
- Leicestershire Probation Trust
- Public Health

2.2 The CSP works together to tackle local issues such as antisocial behavior, protecting victims and reducing reoffending. The CSP annually assesses local crime priorities and consults partners and the local community about how to deal with them. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the performance of the CSP in reducing crime and disorder in 2013/14.

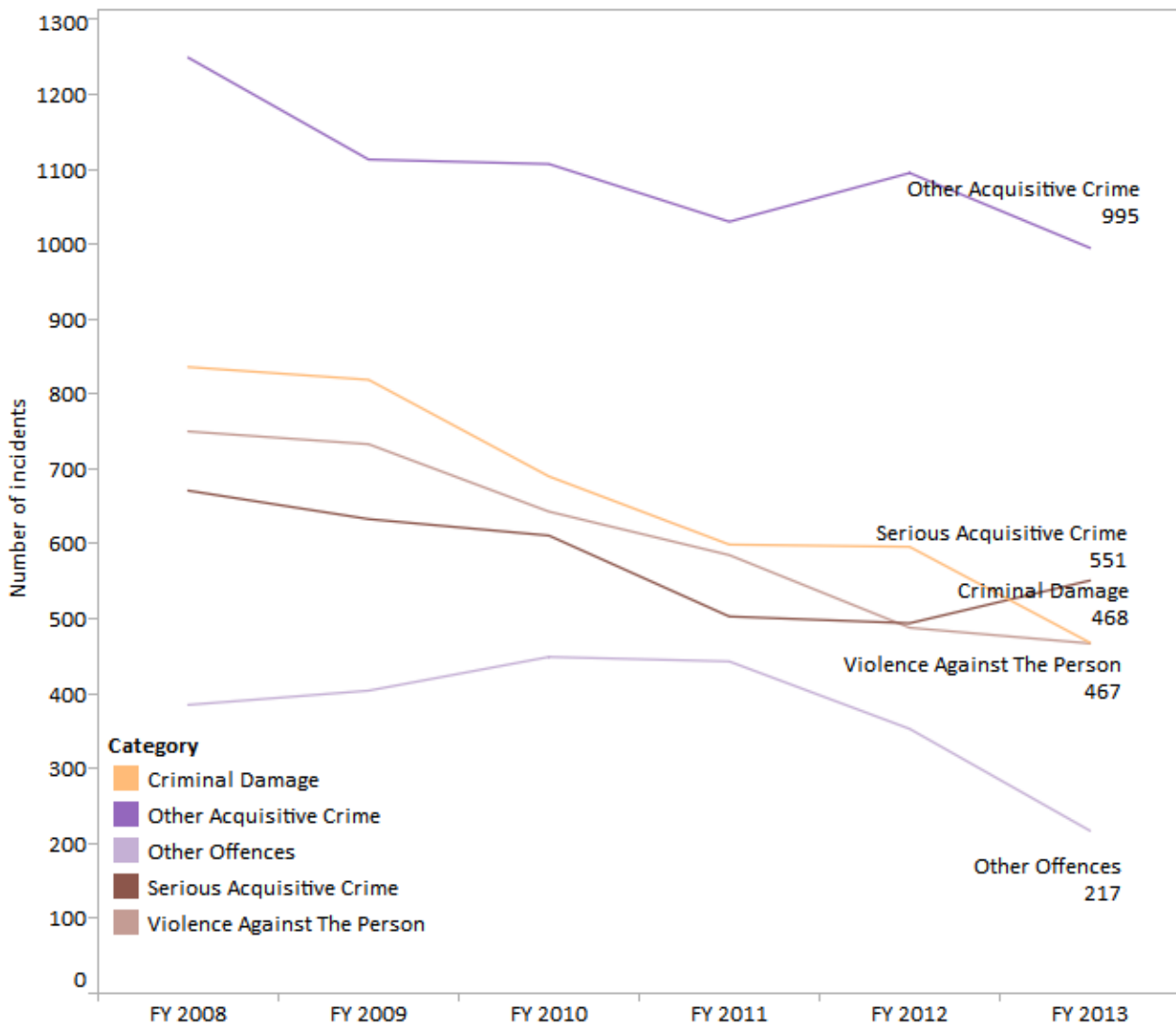
2.3 The overall trend for Community Safety in Harborough is positive and Harborough compares well with other districts in Leicestershire and similar districts across the country as figure 1 below indicators. There is also confidence that services are addressing community concerns.

Figure 1. Crime rate comparison between Harborough and to most similar areas



2.4 However indications locally and nationally are that reductions seen over the last few years cannot be maintained indefinitely. Crimes such as burglary, which is the top community concern and has a high impact on people and their perception of safety, has been on the increase lately and will be an increasing focus of the partnership. Figure 2 below indicates crime trends over the last 6 years for key areas of crime.

Figure 2. 6 year crime trends



2.5 The reduction of funding to public sector organisations and the need to identify substantial savings over the next few years is still of considerable concern. It is inevitable that some services will cease or be reduced, structures will change and there needs to be greater collaboration across service areas to reduce the impact on communities as far as possible.

2.6 The CSP needs to ensure that services to communities remain targeted at the crimes that cause the most harm and concern and where local agencies and frontline services can make a real difference.

2.7 Harborough District Community Safety Partnership (HDCSP) had 5 key aims for the 2013/14 period and these are outlined below. Attached as appendices are Highlight Reports covering work on each priority. These each provide a summary of performance in comparison with last year, a position statement and a summary of activity. In line with other CSPs in the County, the targets set reflect policing targets set by the Police & Crime Commissioner in the Police and Crime Plan.

1. To tackle anti-social behaviour

Prevention and enforcement of ASB
Maintaining high satisfaction levels in the way we deal with ASB
Reduce the amount of primary and secondary fires

2. To reduce serious acquisitive crime

Reduce domestic burglary by 13%
Reduce theft of motor vehicles by 10%
Reduce theft from motor vehicles by 14%

3. To reduce violence against the person

Focus on violence in the night time economy

4. To improve road safety

Improve road safety through education

5. To identify and support vulnerable people to reduce risk of harm

Increase the reporting and support for Domestic Abuse
Increase the reporting of Hate Crime
Support vulnerable Victims of anti-social behaviour

Cross cutting priorities

Support work to prevent and tackle effects of substance misuse
Support work to reduce reoffending

Figure 3. **Harborough District CSP Performance against targets**

1st April 2013 - 31st March 2014				
Performance Measure	Target	Current Position	YTD Difference (Numerical)	YTD % Change
Total Crime	-5%	2778	5	0.2
Domestic Burglary	-13%	253	100	65.4
Commercial Burglary OTD		106	-1	-0.9
Theft From Motor Vehicle	-14%	284	-51	-15.2
Theft Of Motor Vehicle	-10%	54	16	42.1
Violence With Injury	-2%	176	13	8.0
Domestic Violence With Injury		68	9	15.3
Criminal Damage		412	-78	-15.9
ASB Reported (Police Data)		1159	-110	-8.7
User Satisfaction	85%	88%	This is 3% over target	

2.8 A key challenge and opportunity for the CSP in 2014 will be the introduction of the new Anti-Social Behavior Police and Crime Act 2014. The Act has stream-lined the current Anti-Social Behavior toolkit (reducing the number of enforcement orders from 19 to 6) so that the remedies are more flexible and potentially faster at stopping ASB. The Act also focuses on giving better witness satisfaction and making agencies more accountable to witnesses and communities when agencies fail to act. The Act will come into enactment in September/October 2014 and preparing for it is a standing item on the CSP Agenda.

3 Points for discussion

- Discussion of key achievements for 2013/14 in context of reducing resources and long term crime trends.
- Discussion on Journey Away from Domestic Abuse (JADA) service.
- Are there any areas for improvement?

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.

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.
- 6.2 The new Anti-social Behaviour, Police and Crime Act 2014 will consolidate and simplify the powers available to the Police and Local Authorities and in some cases Registered Social Landlords. HDC has established an internal Officer Group to scope out the opportunities and resource implications of the new powers due to come into force after September 2014.

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 Work of the CSP is resourced mainly through aligning and targeting mainstream resources of statutory partners; mainly the Police and Crime Commissioner, Harborough District Council, Leicestershire Police and Leicestershire County Council. The CSP has a small annual budget of around £15k to £30k to commission services though this has reduced significantly in recent years.

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 Overall reductions in resources for the CSP and within CSP partners.

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):

Information Issued Under Sensitive Issue Procedure: *N*

Appendices:

A. Highlight Reports

- a. Anti-social behaviour**
- b. Acquisitive Crime**
- c. Violent Crime**
- d. Road Safety**
- e. Vulnerable people**