



Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel

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6.30 pm

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Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs:

Matthew Dormer (Chair)
Pattie Hill
Gareth Prosser

Paul Swansborough
Nina Wood-Ford

1. Apologies and named substitutes

2. Declarations of interest and of Party Whip

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and / or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests, and any Party Whip.

3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)

4. North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership - Update Report (Pages 7 - 26)

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, during the course of the meeting to consider excluding the public from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged, it may be necessary to move the following resolution:

“That, under S.100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs (to be specified) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act”.

These paragraphs are as follows:

Subject to the “public interest” test, information relating to:

- Para 7 – the prevention, investigation or

prosecution of crime;

and may need to be considered as ‘exempt’.

6. Report Concerning Anti-Social Behaviour in Redditch Borough (Pages 27 - 44)

7. Report on Preventing Violent Extremism (Pages 45 - 54)

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MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Matthew Dormer (Chair), and Councillors Gareth Prosser, Paul Swansborough and Nina Wood-Ford

Also Present:

Councillor Yvonne Smith (Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Regulatory Services)

Officers:

Bev Houghton and Judith Willis

Democratic Services Officer:

Jess Bayley

1. APOLOGIES AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Jane Potter and it was confirmed that Councillor Gareth Prosser was attending as her substitute.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of interest nor of any party whip.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel held on 15th September 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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Chair

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4. NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - UPDATE REPORT

Officers presented a briefing note which outlined the work of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership in Redditch in 2016/17. During the delivery of this presentation the following points were highlighted for Members' consideration:

- Since May 2013 there had been a single Community Safety Partnership for the whole of north Worcestershire, covering Redditch, Bromsgrove and Wyre Forest districts.
- The Safer Redditch Group took an operational lead on behalf of the partnership in respect of the Borough of Redditch.
- There was a statutory duty for the partnership to produce a three year rolling plan outlining how partners would address key crime and community safety priorities during the period.
- The partnership had links to the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). Although not a statutory partner, the PCC had a duty to co-operate with the Community Safety Partnership and vice versa.
- The West Mercia PCC provided funding to the Community Safety Partnership. The funding process was due to be reviewed and it was anticipated that this would lead to a more robust, outcome based framework in future.
- There was a typographical error in the total figure that had been quoted in Appendix 2 to the report in respect of funding requests by the partnership to the PCC for 2017/18; this should have been recorded as £199,950.
- The partnership had proposed a series of projects to be funded using grants from the PCC. These had been identified based on available data.
- During the period the Safer Redditch Group had received a referral from Councillor Brunner requesting action to address anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Matchborough district centre.
- A decision had been taken to allocate £10,000 to targeted youth intervention work that aimed to address youth ASB.
- Based on available data Appendix 3 had been developed to enable Members to assess the frequency of particular crime types in Redditch. Data had been provided for previous years and for both Bromsgrove and Wyre Forest for comparative purposes.
- The Safer Redditch Group had been working to address an increase in shoplifting in Redditch revealed by the data. This would involve identifying targeted retailers, persistent offenders and options for intervention that could help to address the problem.

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- The Safer Redditch Group was also encouraging retailers to utilise an online platform called Facewatch. Local authorities and retailers could share information about offenders such as shoplifters and people who had been banned from premises on this platform as well share information about possible threats or goods being targeted.
- The Police managed Facewatch and could use this system to warn retailers about persistent offenders and the license conditions for those leaving prison.
- The figures indicated an increase in hate crimes. However, it was noted that these statistics mainly reflected numerous reports made by and against a single household, and did not represent an overall increase in this area.

Following presentation of the report Members discussed a number of points in detail:

- The definition of violence without injury. Members were advised that this was generally any type of violent incident which did not result in a physical injury breaking the skin, such as a pushing or shoving.
- The issues underpinning violence with injury and violence without injury cases. Partners were finding that there were often links to the night time economy, particularly in respect of alcohol consumption.
- The extent to which domestic abuse was recorded. Members were advised that these cases would be recorded as crime types such as violence with injury and the Police would then provide a further flag on their system when a particular case was connected to domestic abuse.
- The decline in vehicle crime and the reasons for this. Officers explained that this appeared to be due to improvements to technology for vehicles, though this had been accompanied by increases in burglaries linked to the theft of car keys.
- The potential for data to be provided to enable Members to assess which cases had resulted in successful prosecutions. Officers explained that figures for prosecutions at Magistrate and Crown Courts were not provided at a district level, however work was continuing with Criminal Justice agencies to access county level information.
- The possible reasons for a slight rise in the number of Business Crimes. The Panel was informed that this could be due to multiple businesses reporting a spate of crime in a particular location, possibly by the same offender. This would impact on the overall figures.
- The purpose of the £10,000 to tackle youth ASB. Members were advised that this would be allocated to commissioning a

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positive activity that would target specific young people at risk of committing ASB.

- The County Council's arrangements for commissioning positive activities as youth services and whether this met local need.
- The provision of leisure services as positive activities for young people and the extent to which this diverted young people from ASB. Officers explained that the young people targeted through the positive activity to address ASB levels were unlikely to be engaging with existing leisure and cultural activities.
- The need for positive activities to tackle the attitudes of young people committing ASB in order to address the problem.
- The need for parents to be involved in any initiatives designed to reduce ASB committed by young people and the role of Connecting Families in helping to achieve this.
- The extent to which ASB was any greater in Matchborough than in other parts of the Borough. Officers explained that the problems that had led to this matter being raised related to the actions of a small number of identified young people.
- The potential for the funding to be used to commission projects that would tackle youth ASB in other parts of Redditch. Members were advised that the funding could be used wherever a need was identified in the district.
- The potential impact of a permanent police presence in Winyates on the ASB levels in that ward.
- The extent to which all partners regularly attended partnership board and operational group meetings. Officers explained that the majority of partners regularly attended meetings, though further work was being undertaken to more actively engage the Clinical Commissioning Groups.

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

5. WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the Panel's work programme and noted that, as requested at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14th February 2017, there would be two meetings of the Panel in 2017/18. At the first of these meetings, scheduled to take place in September 2017, a more detailed update would be provided in respect of ASB in the Borough. However, there were no items scheduled for consideration at the subsequent meeting of the Panel due to take place in March 2018.

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The Panel discussed potential items for consideration at the meeting in March. The possibility of inviting the West Mercia PCC to attend a meeting was raised. However, Members were advised that, in line with legislative requirements, the Panel could only hold the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership to account and not individual partner organisations. Furthermore the PCC was not a member of the partnership and he was already held to account by the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel (WMPCP). The Council's representative on the WMPCP, Councillor Y Smith, could highlight any concerns on behalf of Members and would be providing an update about the work of this Panel for Members' consideration in a future edition of the Members' Bulletin. In the meantime copies of the minutes from meetings of the WMPCP could be viewed on Worcestershire County Council's website.

RESOLVED that

- 1) Members notify officers of any items in respect of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership that they would like the Panel to scrutinise further; and**
- 2) the Panel's work programme be noted.**

The Meeting commenced at 6.30 pm
and closed at 7.10 pm

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Elected Member BRIEFING NOTE

To: Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel From: Bev Houghton
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Tel: Ext No: 3194

CC: Cllr Joe Baker – Portfolio Holder for Community Services
Sue Hanley – Deputy Chief Executive
Judith Willis – Head of Community Services

North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership 2017/18

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the progress of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership (NWCSP) during 2016/17.

2. Background

- 2.1 NWCSP has been in existence since May 2013 and delivers the statutory community safety requirements for the three district areas of Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest.
- 2.2 Local representation on NWCSP is fulfilled through a number of positions. Redditch Borough Council's Elected Member representative is the Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Councillor Joe Baker. Sue Hanley, Deputy Chief Executive is the Council's Responsible Authority representative and is also Chair of NWCSP. The Community Safety Manager, Bev Houghton manages the Council's community safety team, provides officer support to NWCSP and is also Chair of the Safer Redditch Group.
- 2.3 Scrutiny arrangements for the CSP remain unchanged with local authorities having a statutory duty to scrutinise the work of its local CSP, under Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.
- 2.4 Alongside the relationship the Council has with the CSP, there is also a direct role in holding the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to account through the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel (PCP). Redditch Borough Council's representative on the PCP is the Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Councillor Joe Baker.

3. Current Position

3.1 Partnership Structure

Local operational activity is delivered via the Safer District Groups, as Safer Bromsgrove, Safer Redditch and Safer Wyre Forest.

There are also a number of other partnership sub-groups as illustrated below.

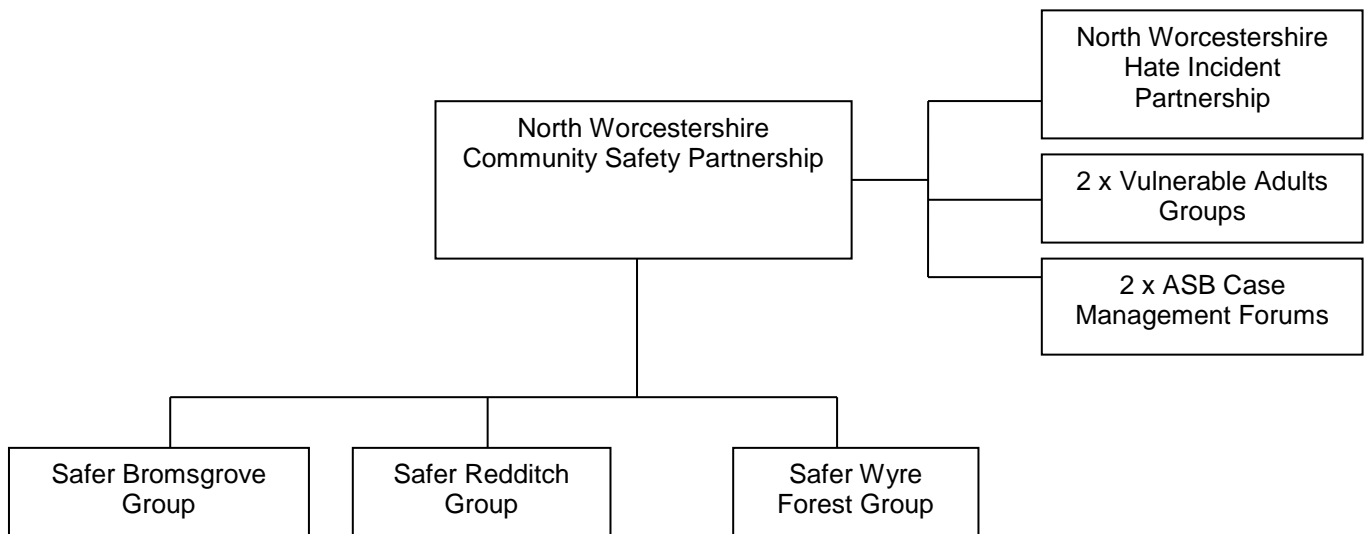


Diagram 1: Structure of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership

3.2 Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan

NWCSP has a statutory duty to produce a three year rolling plan outlining how the Partnership intends to address key crime and community safety priorities, as identified through its annual Strategic Assessment.

In December 2016, NWCSP agreed its strategic priorities for 2017-20 as:-

- I. Reducing Violence and Abuse: including sexual offending, domestic abuse and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- II. Reducing Theft and Acquisitive Crime: including shoplifting, thefts and burglaries
- III. Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour, Damage and Nuisance: including criminal damage, environmental issues and deliberate fires

Protecting vulnerable communities from being specifically targeted by crime and ASB (including hate crime, harassment and threatening behaviour) is a cross cutting theme which impacts on all three CSP priorities.

Reducing Re-offending and Drug and Alcohol Misuse are also cross cutting themes which impact on all three CSP priorities

3.3 John Campion, West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner

John Campion was elected as the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for West Mercia on 5th May 2016. The PCC has a duty to co-operate with CSPs to reduce crime and disorder and there is a reciprocal duty on CSPs to collaborate with the PCC. The PCC and the CSP must have regard to each other's priorities within their respective plans. The PCC's Safer West Mercia Plan was published in October 2016 and his vision is reflected within the NWCSP Strategic Priorities.

Tracey Onslow, appointed as Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner in July 2016, has a brief to represent the PCC in communities across West Mercia. Her portfolio includes cyber, rural and business crime; victims' services and commissioning. CSPs have been advised that the PCCs commissioning model is still in development and a key area being considered is a review of funding provided to CSPs. The review focuses on funding provided to CSPs for analytical support, CCTV funding and funding for reducing re-offending activities. Outcomes of the review into these particular areas of community safety funding are expected toward the end of September 2017.

3.4 Grant Funding from the PCC 2017/18

Although CSPs in West Mercia had been advised of their respective grant allocations for 2017/18 based on previous levels of funding, partnerships were asked to apply to the PCC providing details of how CSPs would like to use their allocations.

Following the NWCSP grant submission in Feb 2017, the PCC rejected a number of the funding requests put forward and also made some suggestions of projects that he would like to see delivered. This was a significant change to how CSP funding had previously been allocated and reflects the PCCs move to a commissioning model for CSPs rather than the allocation of a grant.

The funding amount originally ring fenced for NWCSP initiatives totalled £155,950; however the final amount of funding provided to NWCSP for community safety activities in 2017-18 was £139,950. The table below details the projects that NWCSP has agreed to deliver using their funding allocation.

NWCSP Funding Allocation – 2017-18

| Project Name | Allocated Amount |
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| NWCSP Research & Information Officer | £35,000 |
| Bromsgrove Town Centre Management Group | £10,000 |
| Bromsgrove Youth ASB Outreach Services | £8,000 |
| Bromsgrove Young Citizens Challenge/Crucial Crew | £2,000 |
| Redditch Town Centre NTE Improvements | £10,000 |
| Redditch Youth ASB Outreach Activities | £8,000 |
| Redditch Young Citizens Challenge/Crucial Crew | £4,000 |
| Team Wyre Forest | £10,000 |
| Wyre Forest Youth ASB Outreach activities | £4,000 |
| Wyre Forest Community Ambassadors and Citizenship Event | £4,000 |
| Wyre Forest Young Citizens Challenge/Crucial Crew | £4,000 |
| North Worcestershire Personal Safety Campaigns:- | |
| Sexual Violence Campaign | £2,000 |
| Protect Your Property Campaign | £1,250 |
| No Rogue Trader Campaign | £4,000 |
| CSE Awareness Campaign | £2,000 |
| Cyber Crime Awareness Campaign | £1,000 |

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|---|-----------------|
| North Worcestershire – Domestic Abuse/Sanctuary Schemes | £10,000 |
| North Worcestershire Hate Crime Awareness | £9,000 |
| North Worcestershire Street Pastors | £11,000 |
| Total | £139,250 |

By invitation from the PCC and on behalf of the three District Councils, NWCSP also submitted an application to the PCC for funding towards CCTV improvements. This application was also submitted in Feb 2017, for a capital contribution to modernise the CCTV infrastructure and would be separate funding to NWCSP's annual grant allocation. The CSP has been advised that decisions regarding CCTV funding applications have been put on hold whilst the PCC conducts a 'review' of CCTV provision across West Mercia. The PCC aims to have more information available on the outcome of his review and the status of the funding applications in September 2017.

Progress of all grant funded projects is reported to the PCC and at the end of the financial year there is a requirement to provide a comprehensive report to the PCC reviewing all project activity, outputs and outcomes. The 2016/17 final report to the PCC is available on request.

3.5 PCC Grants to Voluntary Sector Organisations

Alongside providing funding to CSP's across West Mercia, the PCC also provided grants to a number of voluntary sector organisations via a separate application process. This funding was directed toward larger voluntary sector organisations working across wider geographical areas. The table at **Appendix One** shows the list of PCC funded voluntary and community organisations that include North Worcestershire in their area of delivery. The CSP is making links with these organisations, and vice versa to ensure that duplication is minimised and all opportunities for closer working are explored.

3.6 District Delivery, Key Projects and Progress

The Safer Redditch Group meets on a 6 weekly basis to monitor district delivery and review local operational activity on behalf of the CSP. This group is the first point of contact for any district crime and community safety issues or concerns that may require a multi-agency response.

Below is an update on a number of current community safety/crime reduction projects that have been delivered from April 2017 to the current date:-

Shoplifting Problem Profile

Crime and ASB data presented at Safer Redditch identified that shoplifting was one of the most frequent offences recorded by the police. As the police data only provided a "snap shot" of these offences, the Community Safety Project officer carried out a comprehensive survey of stores within the Town Centre to find out more information.

A total of 68 stores were visited and initial findings indicate that there is significant under reporting of shoplifting by the stores affected. This is an ongoing project which will later include further surveys to gather information from outlying shops such as retail parks and supermarkets.

The surveys were delivered to stores in the week commencing 17th July and were introduced to store managers with an explanation of the plans for the project. The stores were given a two week period in which to complete the questionnaire before them being collected in the week commencing 31st July.

In order to capture maximum information, store managers where available, were “interviewed” upon collection of the surveys to clarify their findings and a significant amount of additional qualitative detail was captured at that point. Although time consuming, this was beneficial in terms of the additional information that otherwise would not have been captured.

Out of the 69 surveys delivered, 40 were completed and 19 were not; of the completed surveys, 7 stores stated that they had no issues with thefts and 23 shops were not members of BARC with and some unaware of its existence. BARC is a ‘Shop Watch’ type group called Businesses against Redditch Crime and for a monthly fee shops sign up to share information and expertise about retail crime and members also receive shop watch radios. A meeting has been arranged with the Town Centre manager and the Kingfisher Centre Security manager to discuss these findings further.

The Shoplifting project is at the Scanning and Analysis stage in the SARA problem solving model adopted by the CSP, with Responses and Assessment to follow in due course. Once the surveys have been fully analysed, a strategy of responses to reduce the number of thefts will be progressed and PCC funding has already been allocated to support crime reduction activities in the Town Centre.

In the meantime, the Police have agreed to bring forward their high profile Christmas foot patrols in and around the Town Centre to October to coincide with Christmas goods being displayed in stores. Crime data indicates that October is a peak month for shoplifting offences.

Nominated Neighbour Scheme

Concerns were raised with Community Safety Project Officers following a number of doorstep crimes reported in Redditch and Bromsgrove; these included an elderly resident in Redditch who was tricked into withdrawing £8,000 by thieves pretending to carry out work at the resident’s property. In response to this issue Project Officers are piloting a Nominated Neighbour scheme.

The scheme works by identifying a Nominated Neighbour of a resident referred as vulnerable, where the neighbour is available to check the identity of any cold callers to vulnerable resident’s address. The cold caller will be directed by a pre-printed card to the nominated neighbour’s address, for their identity and purpose of visit to be confirmed thereby removing the need for the vulnerable resident to open the door. A window sticker will also be in place advising any callers that their identity will be checked, providing another deterrent to any would be offenders.

An information pack has been produced and the scheme will be launched in October. Funding has been allocated to this area of work at the request of the PCC and the scheme is initially being piloted in Redditch and Bromsgrove. In

addition to press and media releases, visits to various older person forums and groups across Redditch and Bromsgrove are being arranged in order to promote the scheme.

ASB in Matchborough

Since Jan 2017 Community Safety Project Officers have worked with Cllr Brunner, the local Resident and Business Task Group and the Safer Neighbourhood Team to address the ASB issues in the area.

Crime risk surveys have been carried out in the Shopping Centre, at Christchurch and Noah's Ark Nursery. Environmental changes and landscaping works have been carried out and further, more long term capital works are planned to improve the whole area and reduce the likelihood of ASB.

With regard to direct work with the young people engaging in the ASB in Matchborough Centre, West Mercia Police have led on providing sporting diversionary activities alongside the Sports Partnership and more recently Redditch United Football Club. The Police SNT was also successful in securing internal funding to support Hair and Beauty training for young people in the area.

Safer Redditch had previously allocated 10K from its reserves to support youth crime/ASB reduction initiatives in the area. In order to avoid duplication of diversionary activity already underway, it was proposed that the funding be used to pilot a detached youth work project to attempt to engage with the harder to reach young people in the local community.

A commissioning proposal was circulated to all local Positive Activities Providers but unfortunately, none felt they were in a position to deliver the brief. A further meeting has been scheduled to work with local providers to identify the best way to respond to youth related ASB issues in neighbourhoods. This meeting will be supported by the County Council's Youth Services Commissioning Manager to identify opportunities for future commissioning in the long term.

An alternative project has been identified, using the Safer Redditch funding, which will see specific work carried out with the young women in area. Due to the absence of key officers from the SNT, this Girls Work project will now take place later in the autumn. The police have advised that fortunately the ASB problems predicted to take place over the summer holiday did not arise and there is now time to plan a more long term sustainable project.

In the development of this project, a new volunteer has been identified who is keen to support the work with young women. This female volunteer is now 27 but in her teenage years engaged in ASB to the extent that she was issued with a Criminal ASB Order (CRASBO). This local resident now volunteers at a community youth club and is very keen to get involved in supporting the young women identified in Matchborough to deter them from following a similar path to her.

ASB in Other Areas

The Redditch Community Safety Project Officer has supported local communities experiencing ASB in a number of Redditch Districts including:-

Winyates Shopping Centre and the Craft Centre:

The Project Officer met with shop keepers and residents to discuss their concerns and carried out crime risk surveys, to identify ways to improve the environment and reduce opportunities to commit ASB. A telephone kiosk that had been identified as being used by drug dealers has been decommissioned. The kiosk was encouraging groups of people to congregate, which in turn was causing fear of crime in the community. Local residents have advised that the situation has improved and further, more long term works are planned to improve security in the area and reduce opportunities for ASB.

Oakenshaw:

Following reports from a concerned resident, the Project Officer liaised with neighbours and the Police regarding groups of youths congregating and alleged drug dealing in a residential area. The Project Officer wrote to every resident in the surrounding area asking for more information about the problems and the Police have increased patrols. Residents have advised that the situation has improved and the teams continue to monitor the location.

Disused Railway Tunnel – Southcrest:

Following reports from several concerned parents advising that young people were accessing the disused railway tunnel, the Project Officer conducted a site visit. The location presented a risk of serious injury and also revealed a hidden fly tipping problem. A crime risk survey was completed and Highways England removed the rubbish and secured the tunnel prior to the school summer holidays.

Astwood Bank:

After an increase in community concern regarding incidents of ASB and evidence of drug dealing in a local park and wooded area, the Project Officer liaised with residents and the Police and completed a crime risk survey. Capital works to install secure fencing and lighting has been requested, which will assist in reducing opportunities for criminal activity and ASB.

Mount Pleasant:

A concerned resident visited the Town Hall to raise issues about large numbers of adults congregating and consuming alcohol in a residential street, at various times of day and night. The Project Officer conducted a site visit and wrote to every resident in the street to request feedback and ensure that all reports could be captured. Officers are awaiting responses from other residents and the situation is being monitored.

Following a dispute at a separate address, the Project Officer has provided advice and assistance to a family who felt intimidated by their neighbour. Window alarms have been fitted and crime prevention advice has improved security at the property and improved the well-being of the family.

Redditch Town Centre:

In addition to the shoplifting issue, there have been a number of ASB/crime incidents involving “homeless” adults who have been using various sites to beg, sleep rough and use drugs. A number of crime risk surveys have been carried out and environmental changes made to reduce opportunities for drug taking and ASB. For example, the removal of a large number of shrubs at the side of Hughes Electrical Store, where over 300 used syringes were discovered at the rear of the building. As a result of the crime risk survey being completed, Hughes agreed to pay RBC to remove the litter and shrubs. This has opened up sight lines and removed the opportunity for criminal and ASB activity in busy Town Centre location. Similar work has been carried out at the Palace Theatre car park and around Hemmings Entry.

Bentley Close:

The Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for the close contacted the Community Safety Team to request landscaping work in an area where ASB had been reported as an issue for the residents. The environmental works were carried out and a note of appreciation was received from the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator on behalf of the residents.

Bordesley:

An abandoned house in the area is attracting a large number of ASB incidents, with multiple calls for service to the Police and Fire Service. The Project Officer has co-ordinated activity between partners and following a joint meeting Local Government legislation is to be used to force remedial works to be carried out. This will prevent opportunities for ASB and reduce the risk of injury at the site.

Lodge Park:

A home security survey was carried out for a family who were having youths/intruders in their rear garden causing them significant distress and anxiety. The Project Officer fitted alarms to the windows and recommended a number of works to make the property more secure.

Bromsgrove Road:

The Project Officer has been assisting residents who have had a long running dispute with a neighbour who is constantly lighting bonfires in their garden, following a request from a Ward Member for assistance. The Project Officer has liaised with the relevant partner agencies, who have taken action and residents have advised that the situation has improved. The residents have forwarded an email of thanks to the team for their assistance.

Batchley:

The Project Officer has carried out a home security survey following an incident where a lit object was thrown through a first floor window. The resident is a single mother with a young child and was extremely distressed by the incident. The fire service also carried out independent home safety check and smoke alarms were fitted at the property.

St David's House, Batchley:

The Project Officer has liaised with staff and residents following issues of ASB and in particular a nearby alleyway with old iron gates. Crime risk advice has recommended removal of the gates and the project is ongoing.

Phillips Terrace:

The Project Officer has met with residents in the sheltered scheme who have been experiencing ASB. A crime risk survey has been completed and letters have been sent to other residents by Locality Team to gather more information. The project is ongoing.

Home Security / Domestic Abuse Sanctuary Scheme

Crime risk surveys have been carried out in Abbeydale, Smallwood, Matchborough, Winyates, Headless Cross, Mount Pleasant and Oakenshaw. Many of the properties have had children present so additional time and sensitivity has been taken to provide appropriate reassurance.

Redditch & Bromsgrove Schools Respect Programme

The Respect programme continues to be successful providing whole day awareness sessions as part of school drop down days, it also provides bespoke classroom sessions on a number of subjects such as recognising and reporting hate crime, understanding healthy relationships and domestic abuse, the dangers of substance misuse and promoting respect and community responsibility. The project also provides one to one mentoring sessions to individual students who are felt to be at risk of becoming involved in crime and ASB or are at risk of becoming victims of crime.

Last school year (Sept 16 – July 17) the project saw 625 students receive community safety information during PHSE lessons and whole school Drop Down Days across Redditch and Bromsgrove. 97 students were referred for one to one support through therapeutic mentoring sessions and 44 students received information via targeted small group workshops.

38 students took part in the nationally recognised CRUSH Programme, a young people's Domestic Abuse awareness course created and accredited by Women's Aid. Numbers for the project across the board were lower this year due to the Community Safety Project Officer accredited to deliver many of the sessions being on maternity leave during the year.

Redditch Travel Ambassadors Project

Initially the project worked with 15 HOW College students from Redditch, who have a disability and travel independently on public transport. Their experiences of using public transport were recorded and evaluated over a 12 month period. Some of the students did not feel able to continue with the project for a variety of reasons and 10 young people have now completed the programme.

Their recommendations will now be used to work with travel companies to develop a better experience for disabled people using public transport. The project delivered monthly group community safety awareness sessions, alongside one to one weekly mentoring with each of the participants where

their thoughts and experiences of public transport were recorded. This information will be used to write training materials for bus companies and to help influence permanent service changes by public transport providers. The remaining Travel Ambassadors will now be supported to take this educational work into the community working with other support and advocacy groups.

Safe Place Scheme

The Safe Place Scheme is a CSP funded project which was set up by Our Way Self Advocacy in Wyre Forest in 2014 and has now been rolled out across Worcestershire. It offers vulnerable people a safe place to go if they have a problem or concern when out and about in district town centres. All Safe Places are identified by a Safe Place sticker and employees/volunteers receive training so that they are able to give reassurance and help people contact appropriate support, if needed.

A directory of the Safe Places in Redditch and across the county is available at www.ourway.org.uk/safe-place-scheme/ and there is a free Safe Place Scheme app available for mobile phones. Downloads of "My Town Worcestershire" from the App Store, will show you your nearest "Safe Place" and can guide you to it through Google Maps.

Community Safety teams in Worcestershire are working in partnership with West Mercia Police and Our Way Self Advocacy to support, develop and maintain the scheme across the county. A Redditch Community Safety Project Officer is instrumental in supporting Our Way Advocacy to co-ordinate the scheme and led on the development of the Safe Place Mobile Phone App. In the first quarter of the app being launched, there were 217 downloads.

Hate Crime Awareness Week 2017

As in previous years, the Partnership has allocated some of its PCC funding to host a number of events across Hate Crime Awareness week from 16th to 20th October 2017. North Worcestershire Hate Incident Partnership (HIP) has organised a number of community engagement events across the three districts.

In Redditch, an awareness stand will be held in the Kingfisher Town Centre on the 18th October and a Street Theatre Company has been commissioned to engage with residents using a number of thought provoking performances. The HIP will also be holding a re-launch event on the 20th October. The event will see the introduction of a new Chair, revised protocols and new terms of reference.

This year, the HIP has also made funds available to local community groups to host their own events during hate crime awareness week.

Young Citizens Challenge

The Young Citizen's Challenge is a weeklong event that engages with pupils in Year 6 from schools across Redditch and Bromsgrove. The event is held at Bromsgrove Police & Fire Station and pupils take part in workshop sessions with community safety partners during the day, such as Fire Service, Western Power, Road Safety, West Mercia Police, the Community Safety team and

SARA. 1000 pupils took part in the project in May 2017 and received key Community Safety messages.

Community Engagement

Project Officers have attended a number of community events at Arrow Valley Lake, Morton Stanley Park, Sidemoor and Charford during the summer. Further community engagements were carried out at Redditch College and to various community groups to promote the Nominated Neighbour Scheme.

3.7 Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Data

In the new Partnership Plan, NWCSP will be assessed on its performance by how it achieves its desired outcomes. CSPs are moving away from the traditional method of considering police recorded crime and ASB data as performance indicators and are moving more toward focusing on delivering agreed partnership outcomes and improving mainstream provision. This is partly being driven by the PCC and his outcomes-based commissioning framework that is currently in development. This is a different way of assessing the work of CSPs and the Research and Information Officer will be instrumental in assisting partners to ensure performance measurement and evaluation are carried out in the best way to evidence that partnership activities are making a difference.

Currently levels of crime and disorder across North Worcestershire are presented using a limited range of data sources (police recorded crime, anti-social behaviour incidents, deliberate fire data) and this information is used at a range of groups at varying geographical and decision-making levels.

Appendix Two shows year to date figures for total recorded crime, key crime types and anti-social behaviour from April to July 2017. The North Worcestershire CSP met on 6th September and these figures were discussed in further detail.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That the report from North Worcestershire CSP be noted.

5. Appendices

Appendix One: West Mercia PCC Grants to Voluntary Organisations (NW)

Appendix Two: North Worcestershire Crime and ASB Data (Apr17 - July17)

6. Background Papers

- North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership Plan 2017/20 (Draft)
- West Mercia PCC's Safer West Mercia Plan 2017/21

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| Applicant Organisation | Project Name | Project Start Date | Project End Date | Amount awarded | Description of project/initiative | South Worcestershire | North Worcestershire | Herefordshire | Shropshire | Telford & Wrekin |
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| Magistrates Association Worcester Branch | Magistrates Court Mock Trial Competition | 01/02/2017 | 01/07/2017 | £250 | To provide a contribution towards the running costs of the Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition. This competition teaches children about the criminal justice system in England and Wales by actually working on a specially-written case and presenting it in a real court of law. | X | X | | X | |
| Harper Adams University | Reducing farm crime: farmer behaviour and crime prevention decision making | 01/04/2016 | 31/08/2017 | £5,000 | Funding research into reducing rural property crime | X | X | X | X | X |
| Aspire Free School Academy Trust | Aspire Plus | 11/04/2016 | 31/08/2017 | £20,000 | To target young vulnerable people in Worcestershire and involve them in a project(s) that will engage them in positive community based, social capital developing activities that develop leadership, teamwork, employability, independence, communication skills and lifelong learning habits skills. | X | X | | | |
| Bluestone CIC | Referral and Mentoring Pathway for Young People | 01/12/2015 | 30/11/2017 | £110,000 | Referral and Mentoring Pathway for Accessing Educational and Leisure Activities to Promote Training, Employment and Personal Development of Young People | X | X | X | X | X |
| Bluestone CIC | Transport to support funding for "Referral and Mentoring Pathway for Young People" | 01/04/2016 | 30/11/2017 | £20,000 | Transport to support Tier 2 Funding for "Referral and Mentoring Pathway for Accessing Educational and Leisure Activities to Promote Training, Employment and Personal Development of Young People". To lease a minibus in order to provide much needed transport service for cohorts of 8 to 16 year olds. | X | X | X | X | X |
| West Mercia Women's Aid | West Mercia Domestic Abuse Point of Referral and Waiting List relief project | 01/02/2016 | 31/01/2018 | £180,189 | The initiative aims to increase capacity on the 24hr West Mercia Domestic Abuse Point of Referral (Helpline), in order to reduce waiting time for callers and increase the number of calls that are answered at the first attempt. | X | X | X | X | X |

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| Worcestershire County Council | Arrest referral service (DIP) | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2018 | £106,000 | Swanswell workers delivering a service in a police custody setting. The Arrest Referral project aims to provide early intervention and prevention by educating, reducing alcohol and drug related harm and offending, improving wellbeing, re-engaging offenders with treatment services and facilitating new referrals into treatment. | X | X | | | |
| Barnardos | West Mercia Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)Team – Barnardo's Support Workers | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2018 | £86,093 | Barnardo's CSE support workers will work alongside the statutory services (Police, Social Care and Health) dealing with CSE. | X | X | X | | |
| WMRSASC | 17-18 WMRSASC Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) Services and SELFIE Programme | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2018 | £444,000 | This grant application is for funding to maintain the current key frontline ISVA, Male ISVA, Family ISVA and Children & Young Peoples (CHISVA) service provision within WMRSASC and to support continued delivery of the SELFIE and SELFIE Plus training and awareness raising programme. | X | X | X | | |
| North Worcs CSP | Core Funding | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2018 | £139,950 | Several of the statutory requirements placed on CSPs are aligned to several of the key objectives set out in the Safer West Mercia Plan. In order to facilitate, enable and drive enhanced outcomes the PCC has decided to use funds from the Community Grant scheme to provide CSPs with funds designed to support the delivery of projects and activities to support. | | X | | | |
| Mentor Link | Protective Behaviours and Mentoring project | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2018 | £23,602 | To run a series of 5 week Protective Behaviours training programmes offered for free to young people in schools and community venues across the West Mercia, which will teach them the right to feel safe at all times and how to recognise, understand and inform others about possible unsafe situations. To use training and resources received from the Protective Behaviours Consortium to deliver the programme, which includes the creation of a 'Helping Hand', depicting a network of trusted adults they can turn to should they feel unsafe. | X | X | X | X | X |

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| Worcestershire Arts Partnership (WAP) | Inspiring Futures through the Arts (13-16) | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2018 | £11,000 | <p>1. Provide programme of arts activity for young people 13-16 at risk of offending in areas where crime profile is high. Provide practical and personal development skills to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide diversionary activity - develop confidence - help young people into training/work <p>2. Develop artists working in this field, and deliver on WAP's 1000 days Arts Strategy.</p> <p>3. Provide evidence that arts in preventing offending works and use this to raise the profile of the arts in Worcestershire</p> | X | X | | | |
| Worcestershire Arts Partnership (WAP) | Inspiring Futures through the Arts | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2018 | £20,000 | To provide a co-ordinated programme of arts activity for Worcestershire offenders/those at risk of offending/those vulnerable to being a crime victim to provide practical and personal development skills to develop confidence, help people into work and reduce crime. | X | X | | | |
| YSS | Employment Support Programme | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2018 | £24,780 | ESP is a holistic approach offering practical and emotional support for those aged 18 plus who are in, or at risk of being in, the criminal justice system with mental health issues, in order to break down barriers towards employability (real or perceived) and move them closer towards sustainable employment. | X | X | | | X |
| Young Solutions Worcester | CSE Awareness | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2018 | £42,320 | Coordinate and implement CSE awareness raising in West Mercia | X | X | X | X | X |
| Kidderminster District Youth Trust (KDYT) | Increasing Responsibility Promoting Opportunity (IRPO) | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2018 | £15,144 | To deal with the causes of ASB & work with young people in a rehabilitative way, providing longer term diversionary solutions to benefit communities and the young people themselves. To reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour by young people in target areas through a project designed to address the causes of ASB, reassure communities and provide opportunities to young people. | | X | | | X |
| West Mercia Women's Aid | Children and Young People's Project | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2018 | £35,234 | The employment of a Children and Young People's Worker to engage with those between the ages of 5 – 19 who are identified as at risk of suffering significant negative outcomes as a result of domestic abuse within their family / home environment. Age-appropriate activities promote knowledge and understanding of domestic abuse and its impact on children and young people, and help them to understand how to avoid or conclude unhealthy relationships themselves. The Project Worker will also visit schools, raising awareness of domestic abuse with both staff and pupils. | X | X | X | X | X |

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| West Mercia Youth Justice Service | Diversion and Themed Programmes | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2018 | £70,000.00 | To develop and deliver the range of interventions to support youth caution and conditional cautions and support the joint decision model for young people committing offences. | X | X | X | X | X |
| West Mercia Youth Justice Service | Substance Misuse | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2018 | £110,293 | To provide timely and effective specialist substance misuse assessments and interventions to young people in the criminal justice system or who are at risk of entering the youth justice system with the intention of reducing the harm caused by substance misuse, assist young people to recovery and reduce the likelihood of offending and re-offending. | X | X | X | X | X |
| Crimestoppers Trust | Crimestoppers Anti-Crime Initiative For West Mercia. | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2018 | £19,602 | To contribute towards funding a Regional Manager and a part-time Fearless Youth Worker to help to detect, reduce and prevent crime across West Mercia. This forms part of a combined grant request of £109,700 from West Mercia, Staffordshire, West Midlands, West Mercia and Warwickshire PCCs. | X | X | X | X | X |
| Energize STW | West Mercia: Right On Track | 16/05/2016 | 15/05/2018 | £60,000 | To work in partnership with Sports Partnership Hereford and Worcester (SPHW) to use the power of sport to engage, inspire and support local ex-offenders and people at risk of offending into changing their behaviours, assisting them into a more positive way of life. | X | X | X | X | X |
| SPHW | West Mercia: Right On Track | 16/05/2016 | 15/05/2018 | £60,000 | To work in partnership with Energize STW to use the power of sport to engage, inspire and support local ex-offenders and people at risk of offending into changing their behaviours, assisting them into a more positive way of life. | X | X | X | X | X |
| The Aspire Academy | Aspire Plus | 31/08/2017 | 31/08/2018 | £22,085 | The project aims to engage vulnerable young people at risk of offending behaviours and anti-social behaviours in an out of school programme of activities to boost social skills, employability skills and acquiring accreditation. It aims to support children affected by imprisonment of significant family members by offering support and focus. | X | X | | | X |
| YSS | ARC (Accessing Resources in the Community) | 01/04/2016 | 31/03/2019 | £342,240 | To use workers/mentors to give 121 support to referred 17-24 year olds, in, or at risk of being involved in, the criminal justice system to access community based activities | X | X | X | X | X |

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| West Mercia Search and Rescue | Support of Operational Search and Rescue | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2020 | £51,000 | To provide enough funding to support the costs of existence of the operational team, reduce the burden on members to fundraise so much and allow us to concentrate on growing the team to provide more support to the police and community. | X | X | X | X | X |
| Willowdene Rehabilitation & Training | West Mercia Women's LINC (Local Initiatives Nurturing Change) project | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2020 | £130,000 | To use a SPOC (Single Point of Contact) and LINC (Local Initiatives Nurturing Change) workers to facilitate multi-agency engagement and partnership working to underpin a rehabilitative and diversionary pathway to lead women in, or at risk of entering, the Criminal Justice System towards developing purposeful use of time and, ultimately, a purposeful, working lifestyle | X | X | X | X | X |
| YSS | Divert | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2020 | £358,100 | Divert will create a single point of contact referral system for statutory and non-statutory organisations working with 13-16 year olds in, or at risk of being involved in the criminal justice system across West Mercia. Divert will match keyworkers/ volunteer mentors to those referred in order to build a relationship, give 121 support, motivate them to reach their potential and encourage them to engage with sustainable community based activities across West Mercia. The purpose of Divert is to build a more secure West Mercia, by diverting young people away from the Criminal Justice System, through enhanced intensive support in their local communities. | X | X | X | X | X |
| Energize Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin | Youth ACTIVation | 01/04/2017 | 31/03/2020 | £30,000 | To offer mentoring alongside the additionality of developing a well-equipped sporting infrastructure. It is vital that young people are able to access sport in the community, in an environment and with personnel who meet their needs. The funding will invest in upskilling the workforce in areas such as managing challenging behaviour and mental health awareness, ensuring they are an appropriate environment to signpost young people to. The funding will be used alongside match funding from Sport England to deliver insight-led activities for young people aged 13-16 in WMPCC priority areas. | X | X | X | X | X |
| U17 Drivers Pathfinder Limited | The Pathfinder Project | 01/04/2017 | 30/04/2020 | £90,000 | This volunteer run project is designed to reduce the number of road traffic collisions, casualties (KSIs) and convictions amongst vulnerable novice drivers, i.e. 17-24 year olds. Our experience shows that the best means of addressing this challenge is through effective pre-licence driver development. That means engaging young people before they are 17 and working with them AND their parent or appropriate adult in a partnership environment where they develop understanding of road risk, a positive attitude to road safety and technical driving skills. | X | X | X | X | X |
| Warwickshire & West Mercia Police | West Mercia & Warwickshire Retired Police Dog fund | 01/04/2017 | Ongoing | £1,000 | To provide assistance to police dogs that retire from the alliance, with regards to veterinary treatments and medications of dog retiring from active service. Help and Advise also given to adoptees of the dogs. | X | X | X | X | X |

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| | PREV YTD (Apr-Jul) 2016/17 | YTD (Apr-Jul) 2017/18 | Change | % Change | PREV YTD (Apr-Jul) 2016/17 | YTD (Apr-Jul) 2017/18 | Change | % Change | PREV YTD (Apr-Jul) 2016/17 | YTD (Apr-Jul) 2017/18 | Change | % Change | PREV YTD (Apr-Jul) 2016/17 | YTD (Apr-Jul) 2017/18 | Change | % Change |
| Total Recorded Crime | 6,211 | 7,511 | 1,300 | <div></div> 21% | 1,701 | 2,374 | 673 | <div></div> 40% | 1,916 | 2,310 | 394 | <div></div> 21% | 2,593 | 2,827 | 234 | <div></div> 9% |
| All Other Theft Offences | 700 | 863 | 163 | <div></div> 23% | 220 | 324 | 104 | <div></div> 47% | 186 | 236 | 50 | <div></div> 27% | 294 | 303 | 9 | <div></div> 3% |
| Bicycle Theft | 49 | 97 | 48 | <div></div> 98% | 14 | 15 | 1 | <div></div> 7% | 15 | 40 | 25 | <div></div> 167% | 20 | 42 | 22 | <div></div> 110% |
| Criminal Damage & Arson | 786 | 893 | 107 | <div></div> 14% | 197 | 267 | 70 | <div></div> 36% | 262 | 298 | 36 | <div></div> 14% | 327 | 328 | 1 | <div></div> 0% |
| Domestic Burglary | 222 | 335 | 113 | <div></div> 51% | 92 | 163 | 71 | <div></div> 77% | 55 | 76 | 21 | <div></div> 38% | 75 | 96 | 21 | <div></div> 28% |
| Other Crimes Against Society | 622 | 831 | 209 | <div></div> 34% | 186 | 274 | 88 | <div></div> 47% | 198 | 272 | 74 | <div></div> 37% | 237 | 285 | 48 | <div></div> 20% |
| Other Sexual Offences | 164 | 183 | 19 | <div></div> 12% | 36 | 40 | 4 | <div></div> 11% | 68 | 65 | -3 | <div></div> -4% | 62 | 78 | 16 | <div></div> 26% |
| Business Robbery | 14 | 7 | -7 | <div></div> -50% | 5 | 3 | -2 | <div></div> -40% | 8 | 1 | -7 | <div></div> -88% | 1 | 3 | 2 | <div></div> 200% |
| Personal Robbery | 50 | 45 | -5 | <div></div> -10% | 12 | 17 | 5 | <div></div> 42% | 20 | 19 | -1 | <div></div> -5% | 18 | 9 | -9 | <div></div> -50% |
| Rape | 78 | 96 | 18 | <div></div> 23% | 10 | 27 | 17 | <div></div> 170% | 38 | 39 | 1 | <div></div> 3% | 28 | 30 | 2 | <div></div> 7% |
| Shoplifting | 545 | 685 | 140 | <div></div> 26% | 116 | 191 | 75 | <div></div> 65% | 159 | 187 | 28 | <div></div> 18% | 270 | 306 | 36 | <div></div> 13% |
| Theft from Person | 58 | 57 | -1 | <div></div> -2% | 15 | 14 | -1 | <div></div> -7% | 15 | 24 | 9 | <div></div> 60% | 28 | 19 | -9 | <div></div> -32% |
| Vehicle Offences | 515 | 672 | 157 | <div></div> 30% | 178 | 268 | 90 | <div></div> 51% | 89 | 156 | 67 | <div></div> 75% | 248 | 248 | 0 | <div></div> 0% |
| Violence With Injury | 783 | 874 | 91 | <div></div> 12% | 185 | 228 | 43 | <div></div> 23% | 318 | 284 | -34 | <div></div> -11% | 318 | 362 | 44 | <div></div> 14% |
| Violence Without Injury | 1,205 | 1,525 | 320 | <div></div> 27% | 278 | 418 | 140 | <div></div> 50% | 445 | 549 | 104 | <div></div> 23% | 481 | 558 | 77 | <div></div> 16% |
| Violence With Injury - Alcohol Related | 312 | 311 | -1 | <div></div> 0% | 66 | 65 | -1 | <div></div> -2% | 103 | 99 | -4 | <div></div> -4% | 144 | 147 | 3 | <div></div> 2% |
| Violence With Injury - Drug Related | 47 | 53 | 6 | <div></div> 13% | 14 | 13 | -1 | <div></div> -7% | 16 | 13 | -3 | <div></div> -19% | 17 | 27 | 10 | <div></div> 59% |
| Violence With Injury- Domestic Abuse Related | 246 | 285 | 39 | <div></div> 16% | 54 | 63 | 9 | <div></div> 17% | 91 | 94 | 3 | <div></div> 3% | 101 | 128 | 27 | <div></div> 27% |
| Rape- Domestic Abuse Related | 24 | 20 | -4 | <div></div> -17% | 11 | 3 | -8 | <div></div> -73% | 11 | 9 | -2 | <div></div> -18% | 12 | 8 | -4 | <div></div> -33% |
| Other Sexual Offences- Domestic Abuse Related | 5 | 7 | 2 | <div></div> 40% | 1 | 1 | 0 | <div></div> 0% | 2 | 3 | 1 | <div></div> 50% | 2 | 3 | 1 | <div></div> 50% |
| Hate Offences & Crimed Incidents | 107 | 139 | 32 | <div></div> 30% | 21 | 35 | 14 | <div></div> 67% | 58 | 69 | 11 | <div></div> 19% | 28 | 35 | 7 | <div></div> 25% |
| Business Crime | 1,152 | 1,479 | 327 | <div></div> 28% | 336 | 505 | 169 | <div></div> 50% | 321 | 371 | 50 | <div></div> 16% | 495 | 603 | 108 | <div></div> 22% |
| ASB Incidents | 3,841 | 3,946 | 105 | <div></div> 3% | 909 | 1,029 | 120 | <div></div> 13% | 1,335 | 1,274 | -61 | <div></div> -5% | 1,596 | 1,643 | 47 | <div></div> 2.9% |

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