

SUBJECT:	WEST LINCOLNSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE
REPORT BY:	WEST LINCOLNSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To scrutinise the delivery of the West Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership in respect of reduction of crime, disorder and anti social behaviour within Lincoln City.

2. Background

- 2.1 The West Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership (WLCSP) is the partnership that has the statutory responsibility for the reduction of crime, disorder and anti social behaviour within Lincoln City.

The City of Lincoln Council is one of seven statutory partners (Lincs Police, Lincs County Council, West Lindsey District Council, Lincs Fire & Rescue, NHS Lincolnshire and the Lincs Police Authority).

The Partnership has a strategic group, a performance group and a number of thematic delivery groups.

As a result of the Police and Justice Act 2006, the Home Office placed a responsibility of District Councils to scrutinise the work of the community safety partnerships. This was brought into force from the 30th April 2009 and the partnership will therefore report to the City Council overview and scrutiny on a yearly basis.

- 2.2 Each year the partnership undertakes a strategic assessment of Community Safety in order to identify its strategic priorities. The partnership has identified the following strategic priorities for 2011-12 and 2012-13.

2011-12

- Anti Social Behaviour
- Violent Crime (Including domestic abuse)
- Domestic Burglary
- Offender Management
- Substance Misuse – cross cutting priority

2012-13

- Anti Social Behaviour
- Violent Crime (Including domestic abuse)

- Acquisitive Crime (domestic burglary and vehicle crime)
- Offender Management
- Substance Misuse – cross cutting priority

3. Main Body of Report

3.1 The Partnership sets a number of performance indicators against its strategic priorities to measure its performance. Below is an overview of how the partnership is performing:

Data for April 2011 – December 2011:

Anti Social Behaviour

- Primary Arson – Incidents reduced by 27% (13 incidents).
- Secondary Arson – Incidents reduced by 22% (26 incidents).
(Both reductions greater than the County average).

Violent Crime

- Violence against the person – Offences increased by 2% (27 offences).
- Assaults with less injury – Offences increased by 3% (17 offences).
(Both have seen slight increases. Significant reductions have been seen in recent years with ABH and public order offences reduced by almost 50% since 2006-07).

Domestic Abuse

- MARAC Domestic Abuse repeat victimisation rate of 31.7% which is above the County target of 27%. Overall the West MARAC is considered to have the most robust data and performs well in relation to the number of referrals and repeat referrals – highlighting that the MARAC process is well established in the West with the required flagging and tagging of MARAC cases ensuring repeat incidents are identified and brought back to the MARAC.

Domestic Burglary

- Domestic Burglary offences reduced by 30% (146 offences).

During the past year, the partnership has carried out the following actions through its theme groups to deliver against its targets and priorities:

Anti Social Behaviour

- Development of diversionary activities sub group to co-ordinate and develop diversionary activities within the city and secure joint resources to deliver a long term co-ordinated activity.
- Community engagement projects and events such as the Abbey week of action, meet the street events and the Fire & Rescue and ASB Bike Patrols.
- Enforcement of ASB is also provided by the following multi agency teams: ASB Team, Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Arson Task Force and the City Centre Wardens.
- Development of Sentinel ASB case management system.

Violent Crime

- Development of the evening economy team including Operation Hornet, Street Pastors and Evening Safety Wardens. Funding secured for 2012-13.
- Development of Purple Flag application for the city centre. Formal assessment held on the 3 March and decision expected early April.
- Continued promotion of the Evening Economy Codes of Practice.
- Educational and awareness messages and information delivered through the Freshers fayre.
- Development and implementation of the City Centre DPPO.

Domestic Abuse

- Development of West Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) to deal with domestic abuse high risk cases.
- Delivery of domestic abuse and substance misuse training.
- High profile publicity campaigns.

Domestic Burglary

Domestic Burglary action plan implemented by the sub group including the following:

- Delivery of Operation Fusion directly tackling domestic burglary.
- Publicity camping in partnership with Crimestoppers.
- Educational and awareness messages and information delivered through the Freshers fayre.
- Promotion of Immobilise property registration scheme.
- Deployment of wireless intruder alarms.

4. Resource Implications

- 4.1 (i) Finance (including impact on Savings Targets and whole life costs where applicable)
- 4.2 (i) Staffing
- 4.3 (ii) Property/Land/Accommodation Implications
- 4.4 (iii) Procurement

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 (i) Legal
- 5.2 (ii) Contractual
- 5.3 (iii) Constitutional Issues

6. Policy Implications

- 6.1 (i) Strategic Priority

- 6.2 (ii) S.17 Crime and Disorder
- 6.3 (iii) Equality and Diversity
- 6.4 (iv) Environmental Sustainability
- 6.5 (v) Community engagement/ communication

7. Recommendation

7.1 That the contents of the report be noted.

Access to Information:

Does the report contain exempt information, which would prejudice the public interest requirement if it was publicised? No

Key Decision No

Key Decision Reference No.

Do the Exempt Information Categories Apply No

Call In and Urgency: Is the decision one to which Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply? No

Does the report contain Appendices? No

If Yes, how many Appendices?

List of Background Papers:

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