

- Health Authority
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FINAL DECISION

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

Community Protection Overview And Scrutiny Committee

16 January 2007

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships Performance Report

Report of the Strategic Director of Community Protection and County Fire Officer

Recommendation

That the Community Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee;

- Note the crime reduction performance across the county and the targets set for 2007/8.
- Note the benchmarking against most similar force areas for last three months

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The performance report attached (Appendix A) outlines the recorded crime performance against CDRP strategy targets for each Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) (item 1 and 5) and the countywide targets of the LPSA2 agreed this year (item 3). In addition, there are requirements from the Home Office to report on performance through the Safer and Stronger Fund Agreement, on targets from the British Crime Survey basket of indicators (item 2).
- 1.2 Additionally, local authorities are required to report on Best Value Performance Indicators – one of which is the fear of crime, included in the attached report (item 4).
- 1.3 CDRPs have been working over the last year to reduce crime at local level in order to achieve the recently agreed new targets from the LPSA2 and the existing targets from the CDRP strategies and action plans.
- 1.4 Recently there has been a substantial increase in some types of crime which partners are addressing. However, there has been successful performance in some local areas but less success in others. There has been substantial success for some crime types and less for other crime types. The results across the county have therefore been patchy. Maintaining successful results will also require a continued focus.

- 1.5 A benchmarking report (item 7) which demonstrates Warwickshire's performance against Most Similar Police Forces, is also attached and shows that for the first time in the last six years, Warwickshire crime is above the average for similar force areas and also above the upper level, along with other counties.
- 1.6 The Home Office will be concerned about the latest figures and will be seeking further work to ensure a swift reduction.

2. Performance Overview

- 2.1 The data shows a significant increase in crime across the county – across most areas of the county except for North Warwickshire. The Police have called extraordinary 'Gold' meetings of partners across the county to put action plans in place to deal with the increase, and there is evidence that these plans are beginning to have an impact in some areas. Part of the increase is down to unprecedented levels of theft from vehicles – principally satellite navigation systems- and part down to some persistent and prolific offenders who are being dealt with through a number of routes.
- 2.2 Theft from vehicles has featured across the county as a problem - satellite navigation systems in particular - so a number of CDRPs have put in place actions to target that upturn.
- 2.3 Criminal damage is still a problem across the county and a number of CDRPs are developing plans to tackle this.
- 2.4 Both domestic burglary and violence have seen upturns in recent months – much of the increase in violence is down to increased reporting of domestic violence – which is what we want. But the upturn in domestic burglary is part of the general upturn in crime generally which is being addressed.
- 2.5 Rugby CDRP is aware, that, although they have reviewed the structures and processes of the CDRP, there is still much work to do in order to achieve targets. Plans are in place to tackle the levels of crime in Rugby
- 2.6 North Warwickshire have maintained a substantial reduction in crime across most crime types but are still not yet on target to achieve a reduction in total crime.
- 2.7 Nuneaton and Bedworth have always had the biggest problem to tackle in terms of the volume of crime and are not on target to achieve the target. But there are plans being put in place to tackle the increased crime levels.
- 2.8 Warwick are also not on target to achieve by 2007/8 and are putting plans in place to deal with issues.
- 2.9 Stratford were on target to meet some of their targets but have also seen an increase in some types of crime and have developed action plans to deal with them.

3. Future Plans

- 3.1 All CDRPs are developing plans to tackle the recent crime increase and in addition, there are plans to work together across the county on agreed priorities through the LPSA2 pump priming funds in order to meet targets.
- 3.2 Further work is being developed to ensure that targets are met at both at local level and across the county. Additional performance indicators have been identified and are stated within the Safer Block of the LAA.

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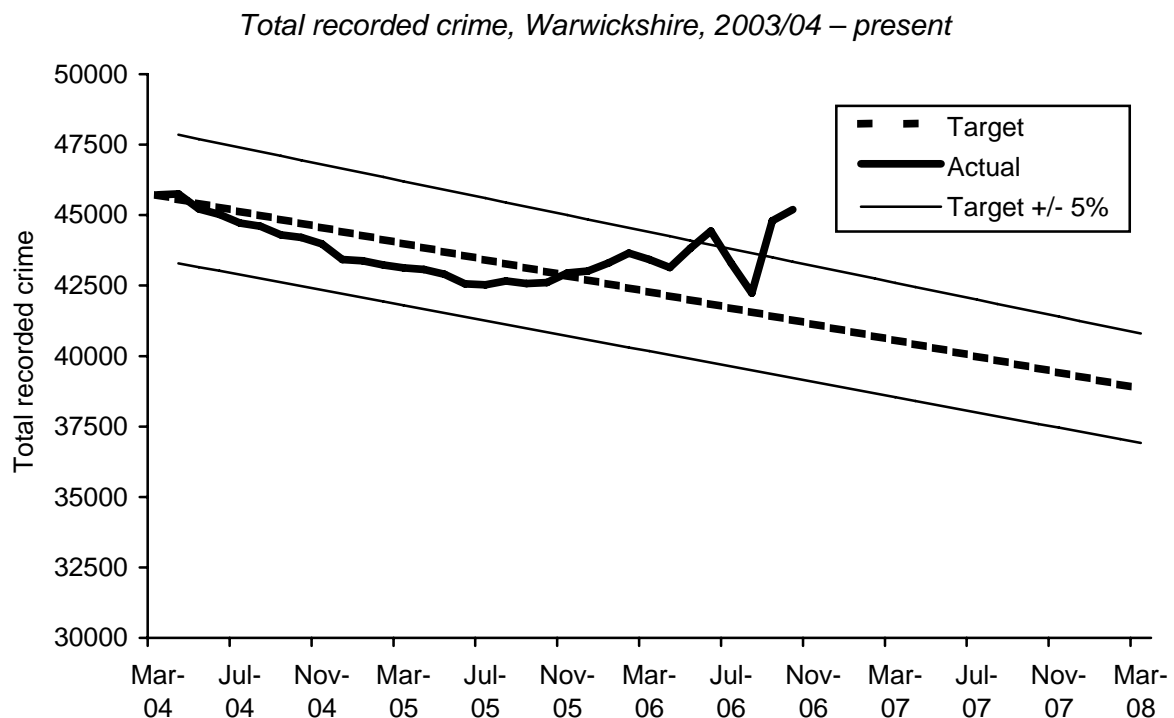
Community Safety Performance Monitoring Report

November 2006

This report presents the latest available performance figures for Warwickshire's community safety targets relating to LPSA2, British Crime Survey (BCS) Comparator Crimes and other local priorities. Where labelled as 'last 12 months', crime statistics relate to the period November 2005 to October 2006.

1. Total Recorded Crime

The County Strategic Plan states that Warwickshire has a target to reduce total recorded crime by 15% by 2007/08. The graph below illustrates current progress towards that target. Please note that figures for August 2006 are inaccurate due to delays in entering data on to the Police crime recording system.



CDRP	2003/04 Baseline	2004/05 Actual	2005/06 Actual	Last 12 Months	Change on Baseline
North Warwickshire	5,552	4,555	4,875	5,032	-9.4%
Nuneaton & Bedworth	12,821	12,780	12,313	12,798	-0.2%
Rugby	9,046	8,325	8,700	8,885	-1.8%
Stratford-on-Avon	7,534	7,127	7,429	7,488	-0.6%
Warwick	10,761	10,344	10,142	10,992	2.1%
Warwickshire	45,714	43,131	43,459	45,195	-1.1%

2. BCS Comparator Crime

Although Warwickshire as a whole does not have BCS Comparator Crime reduction targets, the table below illustrates performance against the aggregated CDRP targets.

Target	2003/04 Baseline	Last 12 Months	2007/08 Target	Change on Baseline	Status
Theft or unauthorised taking of vehicle	2,122	1,791	1,749	-15.6%	Amber
Theft from a vehicle	5,132	5,659	4,229	10.3%	Red
Vehicle interference	1,003	816	873	-18.6%	Green
Domestic burglary	3,193	2,768	2,620	-13.3%	Amber
Theft or unauthorised taking of a cycle	1,077	1,014	940	-5.8%	Amber
Theft from person	359	429	308	19.5%	Red
Criminal damage	9,301	10,106	7,671	8.7%	Red
Common assault	1,869	1,393	1,597	-25.5%	Green
Woundings (serious and other)	4,098	3,641	3,506	-11.2%	Amber
Robbery of personal property	365	331	312	-9.3%	Amber
Total BCS Comparator Crime	28,519	27,948	23,805	-2.0%	Red

3. LPSA2

The table below illustrates countywide performance against the four crime reduction LPSA2 targets.

LPSA2 Target	2003/04 Baseline	Reduction Target	2007/08 Target	Last 12 Months	Change on Baseline	Status
Theft of vehicle	2,122	-21.51%	1,666	1,791	-15.6%	Amber
Theft from a vehicle	5,132	-17.46%	4,236	5,659	10.3%	Red
Violent crime (exc. Harassment)	7,031	-17.35%	5,811	6,241	-11.2%	Amber
Domestic burglary	3,193	-20.92%	2,525	2,768	-13.3%	Amber

Commentary:

Total recorded crime

Due to the recent increase in crime, Warwickshire is not on target to meet the 2007/8 target for total crime. Plans in hand to address the issues and get partnerships back on track.

Vehicle crime:

There has been a substantial reduction in theft of vehicles across the county which should result in the target being met. However, theft of satellite navigation systems from vehicles has become a problem which could result in difficulties in achieving the reduction target.

Violent crime

Violent crime has been reduced and could achieve the 2007/8 target, but requires partners to not only maintain this level of reduction, but also deal with the slight upturn at the moment.

Domestic burglary

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4. Local Priorities

The targets listed below are not included in the previous tables but are recognised as important local issues.

Target	2003/04 Baseline	2004/05 Actual	Last 12 Months	2007/08 Target	Status
Reduce Criminal Damage	9,318	9,728	10,106	-	-
Reduce, by 6%, the percentage of residents worried about...					
Having their home broken into and having something stolen	66%	62%	61%	60%	Green
Being physically attacked by a stranger	44%	45%	50%	38%	Red
Having their car stolen	54%	52%	50%	48%	Green

5. CDRP Reporting

	CDRP	2003/04 Baseline	2007/08 Target	Last 12 months	Change on Baseline	Status
Total crime	North Warwickshire	5,552	4,719	5,032	-9.4%	Amber
	Nuneaton & Bedworth	12,821	10,577	12,798	-0.2%	Red
	Rugby	9,046	7,462	8,885	-1.8%	Red
	Stratford-on-Avon	7,534	6,404	7,488	-0.6%	Red
	Warwick	10,761	9,147	10,992	2.1%	Red
Vehicle crime	North Warwickshire	1,177	979	921	-21.8%	Green
	Nuneaton & Bedworth	2,044	1,686	2,017	-1.3%	Red
	Rugby	1,467	1,173	1,618	10.3%	Red
	Stratford-on-Avon	1,089	907	1,153	5.9%	Red
	Warwick	1,479	1,231	1,741	17.7%	Red
Violent Crime	North Warwickshire	849	706	670	-21.1%	Green
	Nuneaton & Bedworth	2,447	2,018	2,429	-0.7%	Red
	Rugby	1,282	1,057	1,390	8.4%	Red
	Stratford-on-Avon	1,186	987	1,114	-6.1%	Red
	Warwick	1,907	1,792	1,964	3.0%	Red
Domestic burglary	North Warwickshire	402	334	311	-22.6%	Green
	Nuneaton & Bedworth	1,015	812	824	-18.8%	Green
	Rugby	619	510	614	-0.8%	Red
	Stratford-on-Avon	374	311	348	-7.0%	Amber
	Warwick	782	651	671	-14.2%	Amber
Criminal Damage	North Warwickshire	1,021	850	940	-7.9%	Amber
	Nuneaton & Bedworth	2,705	2,252	2,918	7.9%	Red
	Rugby	2,212	1,770	2,302	4.1%	Red
	Stratford-on-Avon	1,320	1,099	1,345	1.9%	Red
	Warwick	2,043	1,701	2,601	27.3%	Red

Green = current levels at least 5% below extrapolated target

Amber = current levels within +/- 5% of extrapolated target

Red = current levels at least 5% above extrapolated target

6. Commentary

Countywide Overview:

There has been a substantial increase in a number of crimes across the county - Theft from vehicles (satellite navigation systems in particular); Theft from person; and Criminal damage and a number of problem crimes: Domestic burglary, woundings and robbery of personal property

Police have called partnership meetings to work together with CDRPs put in place actions to target that upturn, and early indications would suggest that those plans are beginning to work

North Warwickshire CDRP:

Although there has been a period of significant reductions there are concerns regarding recent upturns in crime levels which may put at risk the achievement of our crime reduction targets. There have been some recent increases in vehicle crimes associated with satellite navigation thefts. This is being addressed through continued target hardening at the identified hot spot locations and by carrying out operations using a tracker device.

Analysis of our particular criminal damage problems has been carried out with more detailed analysis being requested. Actions to address the identified problem locations and types are being planned. Pro-active policing operations to prevent low level violence has helped minimise more serious violent crime. Cross border offenders continue to impact on our area with displacement from West Midlands Police operations being a significant factor.

The Partnership is also focusing on promoting positive good news through the North Talk newsletter and the community information email alerts and other methods. Implementing Safer Neighbourhoods, addressing the fear of crime and tackling anti social behaviour continue to be priorities for the partnership. A recent development has seen the introduction of a Nuisance Co-ordinator, which is helping establish a systematic basis to help co-ordinate partnership activity to tackle anti social behaviour. The partnership has real concerns that our future ability and capacity to reduce crime and disorder will be at risk with the emerging changes from the preparation of the Local Area Agreement.

Nuneaton & Bedworth CDRP:

Vehicle crime -Satellite navigation systems have been identified as a problem for theft from vehicles – warning signs have been purchased to prevent such thefts. Theft of number plates from vehicles is being tackled as part of a countywide approach. In addition, a Christmas publicity campaign aims to reduce theft from vehicles

Criminal damage - Although here has been a reduction in criminal damage from the last quarter, there is still cause for concern about meeting targets – research fed into an action plan has led to interventions such as additional mobile CCTV cameras, improved lighting in problem areas and proactive leisure activities

Violence: has been tackled through the Enhanced Policing Initiative and Finger print Recognition technology into town centres to identify potential and persistent offenders.

Burglary: capital work is channelling good practice into priority areas. Alleygating is being directed to burglary hotspot wards

General: Links have been established with local bail hostel and intelligence shared about persistent offenders. All work links into the objectives of reducing overall crime.

Rugby CDRP:

Rugby CDRP has undergone a major review of its membership, structures and processes with the support of GOWM. After a year of steady growth in crime, the latest figures suggest that we may have begun to turn the corner. Nevertheless, it is too early to say whether a significant downward trend can be maintained and there must remain concern over whether Rugby will achieve its overall 17.5 % reduction target by the required deadline.

Stratford-on-Avon CDRP:

Action plans to tackle the priority volume crimes of theft from vehicles and criminal damage are now being embedded geographically into the Safer Neighbourhood Team action plans. The CDRP will be working with the SNTs to ensure that these plans are robust, and that there is sufficient evidence of community engagement and involvement in their delivery. The CDRP is monitoring performance on a monthly basis at the Responsible Authorities Group, which is taking the lead in ensuring the action plans are effective.

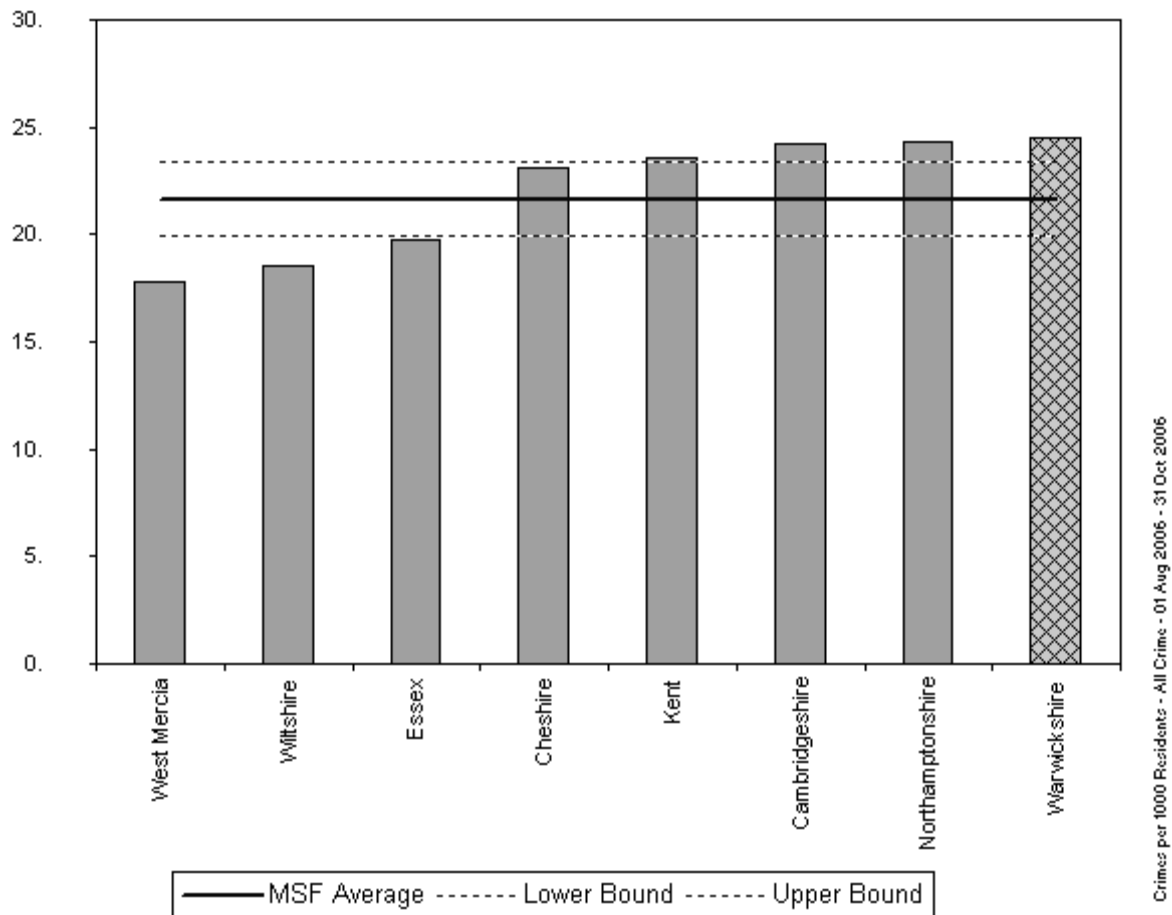
Warwick CDRP:

Vehicle Crime was not an identified priority from the last CDRP audit, but recently has featured in Warwick. The RAG agreed an action plan balanced between enforcement and prevention, with a clear geographic focus. Criminal damage has been difficult to pinpoint in terms of locations, times or property type which are robust enough to formulate a specific action plan. However, the perception is that much is alcohol fuelled and requires more work as enforcement alone will have a limited impact.

7. Benchmarking

This section compares recorded crime levels in Warwickshire with those in our Most Similar Forces (MSF) group.

Total recorded crime per 1000 residents, Warwickshire and MSF, Last 3 Months



Recorded crime per 1000 residents, Warwickshire and MSF, Last 3 Months

Crime Type	Warwickshire	MSF Average	Position in Group (1=best, 8=worst)
Total recorded crime	24.52	21.66	8 th
Domestic burglary	3.81	2.64	8 th
Theft from vehicle	3.02	1.96	8 th
Theft of vehicle	0.94	0.78	7 th
Violent crime	4.33	4.38	5 th
Criminal damage	5.05	5.12	4 th
BCS Comparator Crime	15.03	13.25	7 th