

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee **Community Protection Overview And Scrutiny Committee**

Date of Committee **3rd July 2007**

Report Title **Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships Performance Report**

Summary Summary of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships' performance against targets

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No.

Background papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s)
- Other Elected Members Cllrs Richard Chattaway, Sarah Boad, Chris Davis and Michael Doody
- Cabinet Member Cllr Richard Hobbs
- Chief Executive
- Legal Sarah Duxbury
- Finance Sally Bentley, Oliver Winters
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils Community Safety Officers
- Health Authority
- Police

Other Bodies/Individuals

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FINAL DECISION

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by
this Committee

To Council

To Cabinet

To an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

Agenda No

Community Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3rd July 2007

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships Performance Report

Report of the Director of Community Protection

Recommendation

That the Community Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee;

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

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The performance report attached outlines the recorded crime performance against Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) strategy targets for each 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 Local authorities are also 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 A benchmarking report (item 7) which demonstrates Warwickshire's performance against Most Similar Police Forces, is also attached and shows that Warwickshire is in the middle range for similar force areas.
- 1.4 Recently there has been a substantial increase in crime across most areas of the county, which partners are addressing. There has been a turnaround in performance in some local areas and for some crime types and less for other crime types, but results across the county have been patchy.

- 1.5 The Home Office is concerned about the latest figures and is seeking further work to ensure a swift reduction. There is particular concern about Warwick CDRP, who are currently putting together an Improvement Plan to focus on improving their crime reduction performance.

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 ‘Gold’ meetings of partners across the county are targeting this increase, and there is evidence that these plans are beginning to have an impact in some areas.
- 2.2 The reasons behind the increase are complex and are the result of a number of problems – different in different areas of the county. Part of the increase has been unprecedented levels of theft from vehicles – principally satellite navigation systems. Part of the increase is down to some persistent and prolific offenders who are being dealt with through a number of routes. Changes in police recording of incidents is also thought to be affecting some figures.
- 2.3 Theft from vehicles has featured across the county as a problem - so a number of CDRPs have put in place actions to target that upturn, which are now showing some success. However, the theft from vehicles figure indicates that we now need to achieve a reduction of 18.5% if the LPSA2 target is to be met.
- 2.4 Criminal damage is still a problem across the county and a number of CDRPs are developing plans to tackle this.
- 2.5 There has also been an upturn in violent crime in recent months. Increased reporting of domestic violence, increased reporting of incidents in the night-time economy and a general increase in violence, often linked to alcohol are all contributory factors. The LPSA2 violence figure is now considerably off target and would require a reduction of 14.6% to hit the LPSA2 target.
- 2.6 The domestic burglary figure could meet the LPSA2 target, if the focus on reduction across the county is maintained.

3. Area Performance

- 3.1 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, especially in violence. Plans are in place to tackle the levels of crime in Rugby.
- 3.2 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.

- 3.3 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 in place to tackle the increased crime levels. These have seen reductions over the year in vehicle crime and domestic burglary.
- 3.4 Warwick are also not on target to achieve their targets by 2007/8 and have been requested by Government Office for the West Midlands to develop an Improvement Plan to demonstrate their plans in place to deal with issues. However, there has been a substantial decrease in domestic burglary. These improvement plans are all now in place and a downturn in May's figures (since quarter end) is encouraging.
- 3.5 Stratford have also seen an increase in some types of crime and have developed action plans to deal with them, but there has been a 19% reduction in domestic burglary

4. Future Plans

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 CDRPs have also worked with partners across the county to develop the Safer block of the LAA and its delivery plan.
- 4.3 Working together on the Safer block and the delivery plan, has ensured that partners are signed up to meet the targets within the LAA Safer block for 2007/8 and for the next 3 years.
- 4.4 Work is being developed to ensure that there is a smooth transition from existing targets, to those of the LAA. Resourcing and performance systems are also developed to meet the LAA Safer block targets.

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2006 – 2007 Year End Performance Monitoring Report

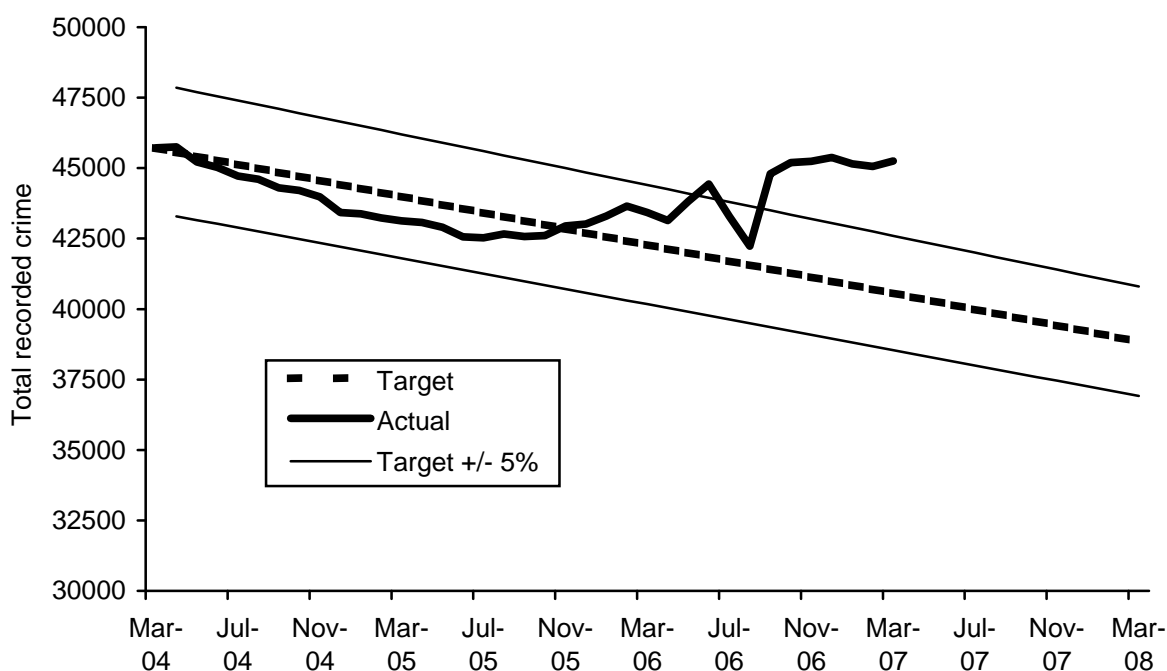
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This report presents the latest available performance figures for Warwickshire's community safety targets relating to LPSA2, British Crime Survey (BCS) Comparator Crimes and other local priorities. Where labelled as 'last 12 months', crime statistics relate to the period April 2006 to March 2007.

1. Total Recorded Crime

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 and September 2006 are inaccurate due to delays in entering data on to the Police crime recording system. This target is very unlikely to be met.

Total recorded crime, Warwickshire, 2003/04 – 2006/07



CDRP	2003/04 Baseline	2004/05 Actual	2005/06 Actual	2006/07 Actual	Change on Baseline
North Warwickshire	5,552	4,555	4,875	4,844	-12.8%
Nuneaton & Bedworth	12,821	12,780	12,313	12,568	-2.0%
Rugby	9,046	8,325	8,700	9,229	2.0%
Stratford-on-Avon	7,534	7,127	7,429	7,474	-0.8%
Warwick	10,761	10,344	10,142	11,139	3.5%
Warwickshire	45,714	43,131	43,459	45,254	-1.0%

2. British Crime Survey (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	1,696	1,749	-20.2%	Green
Theft from a vehicle	5,132	5,200	4,229	1.3%	Red
Vehicle interference	1,003	754	873	-24.8%	Green
Domestic burglary	3,193	2,850	2,620	-10.7%	Amber
Theft or unauthorised taking of a cycle	1,077	1,028	940	-4.5%	Red
Theft from person	359	408	308	13.6%	Red
Criminal damage	9,301	10,240	7,671	10.1%	Red
Common assault	1,869	1,739	1,597	-7.0%	Amber
Woundings (serious and other)	4,098	3,794	3,506	-7.4%	Amber
Robbery of personal property	365	367	312	0.5%	Red
Total BCS Comparator Crime	28,519	28,076	23,805	-1.6%	Red

3. LPSA2

The table below illustrates countywide performance against the four crime reduction LPSA2 targets and the reduction now required for the targets to be achieved.

LPSA2 Target	2003/04 Baseline	Reduction Target	2007/08 Target	Last 12 Months	Change on Baseline	Status	% Reduction still required
Theft of vehicle	2,122	-21.51%	1,666	1,696	-20.1%	Green	-1.8%
Theft from a vehicle	5,132	-17.46%	4,236	5,200	+1.3%	Red	-18.5%
Violent crime (exc. Harassment)	7,031	-17.35%	5,811	6,803	-3.2%	Amber	-14.6%
Domestic burglary	3,193	-20.92%	2,525	2,850	-10.7%	Amber	-11.4%

Commentary:

Total recorded crime

Theft of a vehicle targets can be met if the present trend continues (reward 25%), but theft from vehicles looks very difficult and the reward is the smallest (5%). Violent crime will require a sustained effort if the target is to be achieved (reward 36%). Domestic burglary is achievable with effort maintained over the year (reward 34%). An urgent meeting next week will plan the spending of £40,000 of remaining pump priming money to try to bring these targets back on track.

Vehicle crime:

Theft of a vehicle is on target at the moment and only needs to keep reductions down by 30 ie 1.8% over the coming year to achieve the target and gain 25% reward
Theft from a vehicle has gone above the baseline figure and will need to achieve a reduction of just under 1,000 ie 18.5% to achieve the target and gain the reward of 5%

Violent crime

The reduction in violent crime of 3.2% on the baseline is still around a 1,000 off target and will need to achieve a substantial reduction of 14.6% in the next year to gain the reward of 36%. The trend has been downwards until last year.

Domestic burglary

Domestic burglary has been reduced by 11.4% and is now only 325 ie 10.22% off the target to gain the reward of 34%

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	Last 12 Months	2007/08 Target	Status
Reduce Criminal Damage	9,318	10,222	-	-
Reduce, by 6%, the percentage of residents worried about...				
Having their home broken into and having something stolen	66%	61%	60%	Green
Being physically attacked by a stranger	44%	41%	38%	Green
Having their car stolen	54%	47%	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	4,844	-12.8%	Amber
	Nuneaton & Bedworth	12,821	10,577	12,568	-2.0%	Red
	Rugby	9,046	7,462	9,229	2.0%	Red
	Stratford-on-Avon	7,534	6,404	7,474	-0.8%	Red
	Warwick	10,761	9,147	11,139	3.5%	Red
Vehicle crime	North Warwickshire	1,177	979	875	-25.7%	Green
	Nuneaton & Bedworth	2,044	1,686	1,878	-8.1%	Red
	Rugby	1,467	1,173	1,556	5.9%	Red
	Stratford-on-Avon	1,089	907	1,039	-4.6%	Red
	Warwick	1,479	1,231	1,548	4.7%	Red
Violent Crime	North Warwickshire	849	706	749	-11.8%	Amber
	Nuneaton & Bedworth	2,447	2,018	2,587	5.8%	Red
	Rugby	1,282	1,057	1,563	22.0%	Red
	Stratford-on-Avon	1,186	987	1,232	3.9%	Red
	Warwick	1,907	1,792	2,172	13.9%	Red
Domestic burglary	North Warwickshire	402	334	286	-29.9%	Green
	Nuneaton & Bedworth	1,015	812	972	-3.9%	Red
	Rugby	619	510	620	0.2%	Red
	Stratford-on-Avon	374	311	303	-19.0%	Green
	Warwick	782	651	669	-14.5%	Amber
Criminal Damage	North Warwickshire	1,021	850	989	-3.4%	Red
	Nuneaton & Bedworth	2,705	2,252	2,739	1.0%	Red
	Rugby	2,212	1,770	2,363	6.6%	Red
	Stratford-on-Avon	1,320	1,099	1,479	12.0%	Red
	Warwick	2,043	1,701	2,670	30.6%	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:

At year-end across the county compared with the baseline of 2003/04, there has been an increase in crime with total crime on red for all CDRPs (except North Warwickshire which is amber). North Warwickshire is on target for vehicle crime and domestic burglary and amber for violent crime. Otherwise, all targets are not on course to be met, except for domestic burglary in Stratford. Criminal damage is not on target for any area.

North Warwickshire has made good progress against targets. Nuneaton and Bedworth has put good interventions in place which have impacted positively on total crime over the last year especially in vehicle crime and domestic burglary. Rugby figures are still disappointing especially in violent crime which has seen a 22% increase. Stratford's total crime figures have been stable except for a 19% decrease in domestic burglary. Warwick's total crime has increased by 3.5% but with a decrease in domestic burglary of 14.5%

However, the benchmarking graph shows that Warwickshire is now fourth against most similar forces over the last 3 months – an improved position suggesting that crime increases are not unique to Warwickshire.

North Warwickshire CDRP:

The year-end positions show a green status against the 3 year crime reduction targets in the majority of cases and overall crime approximately 1% lower than 2006/07. This is a very positive position in the context of increasing crime levels across Warwickshire. There have been increases in specific crimes in North Warwickshire including 9% increase in violent crime, 5% increase in vehicle crime and 11% increase in criminal damage. The reductions in domestic burglary by 5% and business crime by 11% are significant successes to note. With sustained effort and resources, we can be optimistic that further reductions will be achieved during 2007/08 and that 3 year reduction targets will be met.

The Partnership will continue to work proactively to sustain the crime reduction levels and look to apply the problem solving methodology promoted by the Jill Dando Institute wherever possible. Our focus will continue to be on promoting positive good news, developing Safer Neighbourhoods, addressing the fear of crime and tackling anti social behaviour.

Nuneaton & Bedworth CDRP:

Vehicle Crime

Satellite navigation systems and number plate thefts continue to be a high priority. Public awareness has been raised through promotional material. Tri signage and talking signs in areas of high footfall. N&B has received 6 park mark awards for secure car parks. Offender management has effectively stemmed an upward trend in Auto-Crime in one of the worst hit wards. Police Bait car is ready for deployment.

Criminal Damage

Although still above target, there has been a significant reduction in Criminal Damage on the previous year. Further analysis has informed multi agency working in hot spot areas. The mobile CCTV scheme will continue to be evaluated throughout the coming year.

Violence

End of year force detection figures are 4.91% above target. Head cams for police officers are proving successful in the town centre, and also for nuisance youth incidents. Close working with the Police and Borough Council ensure tight controls on late night refreshment licences are maintained. The Enhanced Policing Initiative continues to impact on the control of the night time economy in Nuneaton town centre.

Burglary

Street level priority locations are being provided by County Analyst to inform target hardening work, the scope of which has been reviewed. A hot spot area for Plasma screen thefts was identified and successfully addressed by the Offender Management and Safer Neighbourhood Teams in conjunction with Smart watering.

Theft from the person

A partnership community safety day was organised in response to an increase in purse thefts in the Town Centre. PCSOs and Town Centre wardens engaged with the community and gave security advice and information packs.

General

The change in status of the local approved premises has impacted on the volume of burglary dwellings and distraction burglaries in the borough.

The Community Engagement officer is a pivotal link between Safer Neighbourhood teams, PCSOs, Neighbourhood Watch and community groups.

Offender Management resource is seen as a key issue in reducing crime.

Problem solving models will be introduced as a result of recent GOWM training, with more effective use of analysts.

Rugby CDRP:

The latest figures are disappointing as the CDRP was anticipating that the trend in crime would be heading in the right direction. The review and re-organisation of the CDRP sub groups is ongoing. Good progress has been made with a multi-agency initiative to reduce criminal damage (graffiti) offence. In addition a more robust policy towards licensees is being implemented to reduce violent crime.

Stratford-on-Avon CDRP:

The CDRP continues to work closely with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams to ensure action plans to tackle the high volume crimes are embedded and effective. The first complete round of PACT meetings has taken place jointly with partners. While the figures show that there is good progress on reducing thefts from vehicles since January, work on criminal damage is yet to be evidenced in reductions. The CDRP has identified the priorities for this last year of the current strategy based on high volume crimes and awareness of the impact required to achieve our targets. Work on the development of joint action plans with Warwick CDRP, as part of the process of merging the two CDRPs, continues.

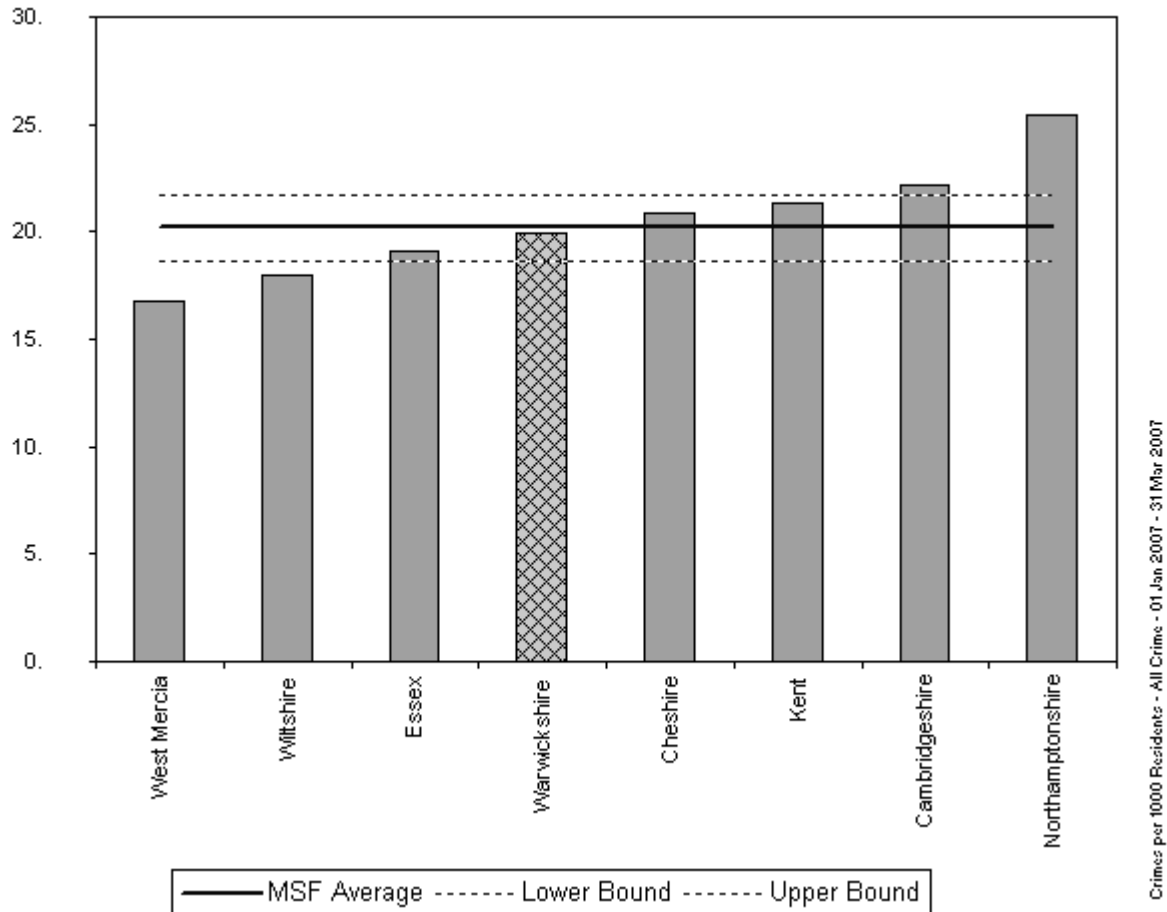
Warwick CDRP:

British Crime Survey Comparator Crimes are up 8.1% and total Recorded Crime is up 3.5% on the baseline year. For the first time the Home Office have required an intervention plan. Partnership Action Plans were produced for Theft from Vehicles and Criminal Damage (25% of all crime) as a result of the significant increases. The last quarter performance for Theft from Vehicles was impressive with 40 convictions and detections running at 92%. There were only 257 vehicle crimes in the last quarter compared to an average of 431 per quarter. To date there has been little impact on criminal damage (+30.6%). Violent Crime is up 14.0% across the district despite significant localised improvements following 12 months of the new licensing legislation. Domestic Burglary increased considerably in the period April to December but also improved significantly from an average 176 a quarter to 131 and only 18 burglaries off target. Considerable effort is going into engaging all responsible authorities and key partners in the design and delivery of new action plans being drafted for the four new agreed priorities of Theft from Vehicles, Violent Crime, Domestic Burglary and Criminal Damage. The violent crime requires detailed analysis; all Robbery is up 5.5% on the baseline with a poor last six months but the big number violent crime type is Woundings, which is down 7.3%. The next highest category, Common Assaults, is up 7.4%. Business Crime is down 20.6%. There is considerable success in the perceptions of fear of crime with the fear of being physically attacked and the fear of having your car stolen at lowest ever levels, 35% and 39% respectively. Also the percentage of people surveyed who did not believe anti-social behaviour was a problem in their area increased from 19% to 30%.

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	19.9	20.2	4 th
Domestic burglary	3.3	2.4	8 th
Theft from vehicle	1.9	1.8	7 th
Theft of vehicle	0.7	0.7	5 th
Violent crime	3.9	3.9	5 th
Criminal damage	5.0	5.1	3 rd
BCS Comparator Crime	12.7	12.4	4 th