

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

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Summary This report presents progress made against each of the priorities within the 2009-10 Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement.

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Would the recommendation decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? [please identify relevant plan/budget provision]
 No

Background papers Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement 2009-10 (circulated to Members on 6th January 2010)

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Not applicable
- Other Elected Members Councillors Appleton, Davis, Chattaway and Moss
- Cabinet Member Councillor Hobbs
- Chief Executive
- Legal Jane Pollard
Sarah Duxbury – comments received and incorporated
- Finance Chris Kaye

- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION YES

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

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Corporate Services and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2nd March 2010

Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement Progress Report

Report of the Strategic Director for Customers, Workforce and Governance

Recommendation

That members note the progress made against each of the priorities within the Community Safety Agreement and comment on key and emerging issues arising from the report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In two tier areas such as Warwickshire, there is now a requirement to prepare a partnership community safety agreement for the county each year. In Warwickshire, the agreement is developed by the Safer Communities Partnership (WSCP).
- 1.2 The 2009-10 document is the second countywide Community Safety Agreement for Warwickshire. This agreement details how the Local Area Agreement (LAA) Safer Block priorities for 2009-10 were determined and establishes links to the three year LAA targets. This document was circulated to Members for background reading on 6 January 2010.
- 1.3 The document provides a strategic framework for work undertaken by partner agencies at a county level to meet each of the 2009-10 priorities. It draws together work undertaken through a range of more detailed, specific strategies and action plans, all of which are cross referenced within the agreement. Work to be developed at a District / Borough level is not included within the agreement, as this can be found within the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) plans. All work undertaken sits within the overarching partnership vision: 'Protecting our Communities Together.'
- 1.4 This report demonstrates the work undertaken over the course of the year to meet each of the priorities identified in the community safety agreement.

2. Outcomes

2.1 The overall success of the community safety agreement will be measured through the achievement of the six Safer Block LAA targets. These are:

- NI 15 - Most serious violent crime rate
- NI 16 - Serious acquisitive crime rate
- NI 21 - Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime by the local council and police
- NI 30 - Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders
- NI 40 - Drug users in effective treatment
- NI 47 - People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents.

2.2 The table below shows performance against the LAA targets in 2009-10, to the end of quarter 3 unless stated otherwise.

Indicator	2008/09 Actual	2009/10 Target	2009/10 Actual to date	2009/10 Projected year total	Performance vs same period 2008/09	Projected year end status against target
NI 15 - Most serious violent crime	306	294	238	310	+3.9% (amber)	+5.4% (red)
NI16 – Serious acquisitive crime	7,964	7,582	5,370	7,059	-10.5% (green)	-6.9% (green)
NI21 – Dealing with local concerns about ASB and crime ¹	23%	26.3%	25%	25%	+2% (green)	-1.3% (red)
NI30 - Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders	351	285	49 ²	196	-34.7% (green)	-31.2% (green)
NI40 - Drug users in effective treatment	1,111	1,063	1,121 ³	1,120	+9.8% (green)	+5.4% (green)
NI47 - People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	348 ⁴	389	307 ⁵	307	-11.8% (green)	-21.1% (green)

¹ Annual measure, measured in 2009/10 through the Partnership Place Survey

² Figures for quarter 1 only - delay with data as this has to be received from national sources.

³ Figures to end of August 2009 - delay with the indicator caused by definition of 'effective treatment.'

⁴ All data for NI 47 is calendar year data

⁵ This is a provisional end of year figure for 2009 which has yet to be confirmed

2. 3 Alongside the LAA measures, partners also track performance against local priority indicators. The current performance information for anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and business crime is shown below, to the end of quarter 3, and continue the largely positive picture shown for the LAA indicators.

Indicator	2008/09 Actual	2009/10 Target	2009/10 Actual to date	2009/10 Projected year total	Performance vs same period 2008/09	Projected year end status against target
Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents	29,966	29,965	19,882	26,065	-13. 7% (green)	-13% (green)
Criminal Damage	8,002	8,001	4,987	6,715	-16. 9% (green)	-16. 1% (green)
Business Crime	10,386	10,385	6,552	8,424	-18. 9% (green)	-18. 9% (green)

3. Progress on Community Safety Agreement Priorities

3. 1 The 2009-10 Community Safety Agreement contains five priorities and three cross cutting themes. The following sections of the report highlight achievements and progress made at a countywide level under each priority and theme during 2009-10 to date.

4. Priority 1: Violent Crime, with specific focus on Alcohol and Drug related Violence and Domestic Abuse

4. 1 A substantial piece of research into early intervention to prevent violence has been undertaken and a report arising from this work, including recommendations for multi-agency initiatives, was approved by WSCP in September 2009. These recommendations are being taken forward by the Family Centred Intervention steering group (see 4. 2 below).
4. 2 Family Centred Intervention work is underway in Nuneaton and Bedworth and under development for Rugby and Warwick, with countywide and district based steering arrangements established. Funding secured through LPSA2 Reward Grant will enable this project to work with up to 110 families across the county from 2010-11.
4. 3 The Warwickshire Domestic Abuse Strategy 2008-11 is now into its second year. This strategy and accompanying annual action plans show how partner agencies aim to improve the quality of life for people within the county by tackling the causes and effects of domestic abuse. A report on the achievements of the first year was considered by this Committee in December 2009.

5. Priority 2: Criminal Damage and Anti Social Behaviour, with specific focus on tackling damage to vehicle offences, youth related ASB and improving public perceptions

- 5.1 Much work undertaken to meet this priority is carried out at a local level and is detailed in the CDRP partnership plans. Key areas of work undertaken at a county level are set out below.
- 5.2 The Warwickshire Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Strategy is now into its second year and an action plan for 2009-10 has been developed under seven priorities; parenting, education/schools, community factors and environmental improvements, alcohol and drugs, preventative/diversionary interventions, enforcement activity and underpinning countywide issues. A report on progress against these priorities during 2009/10 will be brought to the June meeting of this Committee.
- 5.3 Funding has been secured through the Home Office for work to tackle ASB and improve public confidence in the Police and local councils. This funding will be used to provide a range of interventions in priority areas within each District / Borough, plus training for practitioners and support to victims of ASB.
- 5.4 Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service's Anti Social Fire Intervention Team (ASFIT) has continued to support the reduction of small arson fires and associated ASB in high risk areas. The mainstreaming of this activity is a priority for WFRS and the development of a dedicated small fire team is being planned. Engagement with prolific juvenile fire-setters continues at an increasing rate, as partnership working plays a significant part in highlighting this type of behaviour amongst a proportion of identified young people. In addition, secondary schools continue to receive ongoing targeted education on a range of fire related subjects, including deliberate building fires.
- 5.5 Work continues to implement the Safer Schools programme. There are currently twelve Safer Schools Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) linked to schools around the county, with a thirteenth officer due to go live shortly. Data to the end of quarter 2 for the six original Safer Schools (Hartshill, Manor Park, George Eliot, Harris, Champion and Shipston schools) shows significant reductions in ASB compared to the same period in 2008/09.
- 5.6 Positive about Young People (PaYP) continue to work with young people aged 8-13 at risk of engaging in anti-social or criminal behaviour, as well as provide school holiday provision for all young people in this age range. 102 referrals were assessed by the PaYP Early Intervention/Prevention team between April and October 2009 (78 of which were made through the Common Assessment Framework process). 264 Snax 'N' Sports sessions were provided during the 2009 school summer holidays, achieving 4,442 contacts with young people.

6. Priority 3: Road Safety

- 6.1 A report on the progress in delivering the road safety objectives of the Local Transport Plan is published on the Warwickshire Web. The document is entitled 'Warwickshire LTP2 Progress Report 2008/09' and is available via <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ltp> (the section on road safety starts on pg 7).
- 6.2 The range of road safety activities is too wide to cover in full in this report but a selection of issues and interventions on key road safety policies is given in the summary below.
- 6.3 Policy RS 1 commits to meeting the Government's stretching targets for casualty reduction. Final figures for 2009 are not yet available but the Road Safety Partnership is confident that the Government's stretching targets will be met and exceeded.
- 6.4 Policy RS 4 commits to working in partnership. Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership (whose members are the County Council, the Police, Fire and Rescue, Highways Agency and Health) meets regularly and presents quarterly reports to WSCP. There is less engagement with Health than between other partners. The partnership has contacted the PCT to try and resolve this difficulty.
- 6.5 Policy RS 7 commits to improving communications with local communities. The major road safety issue raised by local communities is excessive and inappropriate speed. A toolkit of measures involving local communities has been devised. These include SpeedAware and Community Speed Watch.
- 6.6 Policy RS 8 commits to give priority to safety issues in disadvantaged areas. Research shows that children in disadvantaged areas are more likely to become road casualties. For this reason priority is given to schools in disadvantaged areas for all educational interventions.
- 6.7 Policy RS 19 commits to combating excessive and inappropriate speed. Warwickshire was the first authority in England to complete and implement a review of A and B road speed limits. This involved changes to 120 speed limits throughout the county. The Police and the County Council believe that educating drivers about the dangers of inappropriate speed is often preferable to penalising them. The criteria have been widened to offer more drivers detected speeding the opportunity to attend a Speed Awareness Workshop as an alternative to prosecution or fixed penalty.
- 6.8 Policy RS 25 commits to regular monitoring and evaluation. Progress against the casualty reduction target is formally monitored quarterly and informally monitored at least monthly. The effect of the review of A and B road speed limits will be monitored and evaluated in the first quarter of 2010. Participants in all activities are asked to evaluate whether and how far they have benefited from them.

7. Priority 4: Counter Terrorism

- 7.1 A partnership 'Prevent' working group for Warwickshire has been established, chaired by the Head of Community Safety and Localities.
- 7.2 A countywide action plan around the national Prevent strategy has been developed and will go to the next meeting of the partnership steering group for approval. This action plan is being developed under seven objectives: challenging the violent extremist ideology, disrupting those who promote violent extremism, supporting vulnerable individuals, increasing the capacity of communities to resist violent extremism, addressing grievances, developing Prevent-related research analysis and strategic communications. Training and awareness raising activity is already underway as is mapping of provisions and a detailed assessment of threat levels in Warwickshire.
- 7.3 A schools plan to prevent violent extremism has also been developed and delivered. This includes: a safeguarding from extremism process, awareness raising through the curriculum, advertising of a confidential phone line and on-line system, engagement with faith and culture groups, the Natural Born Leaders programme for young people and arts and sports programmes targeted at potentially vulnerable groups.
- 7.4 Work to align community cohesion and Prevent work is being developed through the partnership steering group. Reports will be made into relevant groups within the new partnership governance arrangements when these are finalised.

8. Priority 5: Acquisitive Crime

- 8.1 As with criminal damage and ASB, much work undertaken to meet this priority is carried out at a local level and is detailed in the CDRP partnership plans. Key areas of work undertaken at a county level are set out below.
- 8.2 Projects and actions designed to reduce business crime continue through the Warwickshire Business Crime Unit. Business Crime Advisors have completed 766 contacts with businesses, concentrating on commercial robbery and burglary victims. Proactive work has been completed in previous robbery hot spots.
- 8.3 Development of Watch schemes for businesses also continues through the Business Crime Unit. Alongside the main Business Watch scheme sit the more specialised Shop Watch, Rural Watch, Pub Watch, Hotel Watch, Care Watch and Schools Watch, with smaller sub schemes sitting under a number of these. Contact has been renewed with the farming community and SmartWater kits distributed to mark farm machinery. A volunteer county coordinator for Horse Watch (to sit within Rural Watch) has also come forward. 186 new businesses have joined Business Watch and 346 crime alerts have been sent to businesses.

- 8.4 Vulnerable consumers receive 'target hardening' advice devised by Trading Standards and Warwickshire Police, in conjunction with other agencies including PHILLIS and the Crime Reduction Co-ordinators (Warwickshire Police). Home Security and Personal Safety Packs are distributed to help vulnerable consumers reduce the risk of becoming victims of doorstep crime and distraction burglary.

9. Cross Cutting Theme 1: Drug and Alcohol Misuse

- 9.1 Performance against the WSCP and NHS Warwickshire Vital Signs target for drug users in effective treatment has remained robust throughout the year. The combined commitment and contribution made by Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust and other third sector organisations resulted in the target being achieved in August 2009, with 1,121 individuals recorded as being in effective treatment.
- 9.2 Service providers and commissioners have ensured that the treatment system has the capacity to meet any additional demands. For the period April-September 2009 services were accessed by 626 individuals, representing an increase of 19%.
- 9.3 The development of joint working between community safety and health partners is a priority and a specific alcohol reference has now been included within the LAA Healthier Communities and Older People Block's Health Inequalities Strategy. The 2010-11 implementation plan will reflect these important strategic changes. WCC officers are now developing measures to ensure that the Health and Social Care responsibilities for reducing alcohol related harm are addressed within the strategic joint commissioning arrangement.
- 9.4 The investment made by NHS Warwickshire into drug and alcohol services has been confirmed. The recently agreed value will enable commissioners to take forward discussions relating to Pooled Budgets that will enable appropriate action to be taken in order to improve community and in-patient drug and alcohol services through the designated commissioning process.
- 9.5 Working jointly with Warwickshire Police countywide, Trading Standards have carried out 10 test purchasing campaigns using volunteers aged between 14 and 16. 108 test purchases have been made resulting in 16 sales of alcohol. The sellers have received £80 penalty notices. Action taken against the retailers has ranged from prosecution, licence review, formal caution and voluntary amendments to procedural arrangements in store. To date during 2009/10, no retail outlets have been identified as persistently selling alcohol to customers under the age of 18.
- 9.6 Officers based within the Trading Standards Compliance Team provide advice, information and support to businesses. Trader information packs and relevant leaflets are distributed by request and where appropriate when an inspection visit to a business is undertaken. "Age Check 25" is now becoming the industry standard. 16 premises have been provided with information and

literature on this scheme and a further 70 premises around the county have received information via a mailshot. An advisory leaflet on proxy purchasing has also been produced jointly by the WCC Trading Standards and Community Safety teams for distribution to retailers and the general public.

- 9.7 Warwickshire Probation is on course to exceed the target (25) for completions of Community Sentences with Alcohol Treatment Requirements and anticipate that they will achieve the target (46) for completions of Community Sentences with Drug Rehabilitation Requirements.

10. Cross Cutting Theme 2: Offender related interventions

- 10.1 The Warwickshire Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPO) scheme now employs a PPO Manager specifically with responsibility for Cross Border PPOs. This role has significantly increased information sharing between Warwickshire Police and surrounding counties. Warwickshire Police are also nominating 'owners' for those offenders who pose the greatest risk to Warwickshire, ensuring greater accountability and monitoring, with the aim of deterring them from committing offences in our area.
- 10.2 All but five of the eighteen objectives within the 2009/10 PPO Annual Plan have now been completed, and work is ongoing to meet the remaining five. Work is now underway to set the 2010/2011 PPO Annual Plan objectives.
- 10.3 The contribution of partners at local PPO meetings has improved and working relationships have been enhanced through 'specialist' representatives within partner agencies being nominated to work specifically with PPOs. Work continues to further enhance working relationships and to also involve third sector organisations, when possible.
- 10.4 A High Harm Causer (HHC) scheme has been introduced to target the 'critical few' who are causing the most harm to local communities. There are approximately 6-8 HHCs at any one time and extra resource will be deployed where necessary to tackle the harmful behaviour. Updates on current HHCs are made available each day to the Police Force Daily Tasking Meeting.

11. Cross Cutting Theme 3: Fear and Public Perceptions

- 11.1 Work is underway to improve public confidence in the ability of the Police and local Councils to tackle crime and ASB. A partnership strategy and action plan has been developed through a multi-agency Task and Finish Group. A specific communications and marketing plan has also been developed and it has been agreed that all partnership work to improve confidence will be badged under a concept of 'safe in' (e. g. 'safe in warwickshire,' 'safe in rugby,' 'safe in alcester' etc). Work to improve public confidence is the subject of a separate report to this Committee meeting.
- 11.2 Good links with Neighbourhood Watch have been developed and maintained by both Police and County Council Community Safety teams. District and

County Neighbourhood Watch meetings have been attended to establish better links and Neighbourhood Watch now attend all Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership tactical level meetings. A Memorandum of Understanding has been developed to confirm and enhance these working arrangements. 772 crime alerts were sent to residents during the first three quarters of 2009/10.

- 11.3 Enforcement actions, both civil and criminal, are undertaken where appropriate against Rogue Traders. So far in 2009/10, over £20,000 has been saved for Warwickshire consumers either in refunds or non payment to rogue traders.
- 11.4 Trading Standards have rolled out the “Yee Haa” campaign, which plays on the theme of Cowboy Traders. Residents in “hotspot” areas are issued with door stickers and information booklets following the theme of staying safe from cowboy traders. Street signage reinforces the No Rogue Trader message and acts as a warning to rogue traders that they will be reported if they attempt to trade in the area. The campaign currently covers approximately 750 properties.

12. Recommendation

- 12.1 That members note the progress made against each of the priorities within the Community Safety Agreement and comment on key and emerging issues arising from the report.

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