

Select Committee on Community Safety and Community Services – 9th June 2011

Report of the Chief Executive

safe and sound Dudley's Community Safety Partnership – Annual Report 2010/11

Purpose of Report

1. This report gives an overview of the work of the Community Safety Partnership (safe & sound) and includes information in respect of the performance of the partnership for the 2010/11. Partnerships priorities for 2011/12 are also highlighted as reflected in the Community Safety Annual Plan for 2011/12.

Background

2. The work of the Partnership is overseen and directed by safe & sound Strategic Board through quarterly Board Meetings. (There is a statutory requirement for Community Safety Partnerships to have a governing body. safe & sound Strategic Board fulfils this role). Details of Board members are contained within Appendix 1

The work of the Partnership is carried out through the Crime Reduction Implementation Group (CRIG), the Substance Misuse Implementation Group (SMIG) and their sub-groups. There are links also to the Children's Trust, for example through the Children's and Young Peoples Substance Misuse Group, and the Youth Offending Service Management Board

3. Strategic Board receive reports from the chairs of CRIG, SMIG and the Head of the Youth Offending Service detailing performance and initiatives undertaken to address partnership priorities.
4. Strategic Board also receive reports in respect of changing requirements for the Partnership. Examples for 2010/11 include
 - Development and publication of Anti-Social Behaviour Minimum Standards
 - Approval of Strategic Assessment to inform 2011/12 priorities
 - Approval of Community Safety Annual Plan to direct the work of the partnership
 - Development and approval of the Hate Crime Strategy

Planning and Identifying Priorities

5. The safe and sound partnership has previously worked to a three-year plan, which, by law, had to include an annual strategic assessment and the publication of an annual summary of performance, together with refreshed priorities for the following year. The last three-year plan came to an end on 31st March 2011.

As we are awaiting new guidance, the 2011/12 Community Safety Plan is for one year only.

6. To further inform work in respect of the substance misuse agenda annual Needs Assessments are undertaken in respect of Adults and Children and Young People to inform planning, commissioning and the setting of priorities for the year ahead.
7. **Performance 2010/11**
Overall the performance of the partnership has remained strong. At the end of the three year (2008/2011) Local Area Agreement we were rated as green.

However, there have been some challenges for the partnership during 2010/11. For example, the 3 year goal for Serious Acquisitive Crime was to achieve a rate of no more than 15 crimes per 1000 population by the end of 2010/11. Over the 3 years this equates to a limit of approximately 14315 offences. At the end of March there had been 13261 serious acquisitive crimes recorded, equivalent to 14.4 offences per 1000 population. Whilst this is successful, it should be noted that serious acquisitive crime has increased compared to last year by over 200 offences, driven up by increases in both burglary dwelling and robbery.

The Partnership have worked closely to address the increase in acquisitive crime and I am pleased to report that during the first quarter of 2011/12 we have begun to see a decrease in serious acquisitive crime particularly in respect of burglary

Partnership performance for the last two years is summarised in Appendix 2

8. **Crime and Disorder - Initiatives**

Operation Spotlight – This partnership activity was aimed at reducing repeat burglaries. 269 households received property-marking kits. There have only been 6 repeat victims (a rate of 2.2%). Partners that played a significant role in this initiative were West Midlands Police Service and Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust

Operation Staysafe – This is a partnership response to reducing Anti-Social Behaviour and the risk to young people of to being victims of crime. Key partners in this initiative are West Midlands Police Service, the Youth Offending Service, DMBC Children's Services and Connexions.

Both Operation Spotlight and Operation Staysafe are currently under going evaluation.

9. **Substance Misuse - Provision**

Good quality treatment provision is commissioned to underpin the reduction of harm to individuals, families and communities both in respect of health related harm and the harm caused by crime and disorder. Initiatives include the Drug Intervention Programme, the Alcohol Arrest Referral Scheme and provision through the Young Persons Substance Misuse Service – The Zone who work closely with the Youth Offending Service and take referrals from Operation Staysafe

10. **Priorities 2011 – 2012**

There are six Strategic Priorities for 2011/12 : -

1. Improve town centre safety
2. Improving quality of life in key neighbourhoods
3. Tackle reoffending
4. Reduce repeat Victims
5. Safeguarding vulnerable groups, including increasing access to drug treatment and other services
6. Manage Community tensions and improve Community Cohesion

11 Looking to the Future

During 2011/12 the safe & sound Strategic Board will need to consider the following:-

- Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill – including the introduction of elected Police and Crime Commissioners
- New Crime Strategy

As information becomes available the Select Committee will be updated at an appropriate point in their work programme

Finance

12. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report at this stage. There has been a reduction in funding available to the Partnership for 2011/12. This was anticipated and has been managed accordingly

Law

13. Section 2 Local Government Act 2000 enables the council to do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of the borough.

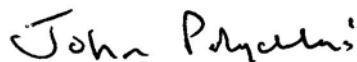
The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent amendments as well as the Police and Justice Act 2006 are of particular relevance to the Community Safety Partnership

Equality Impact

14. Young people as well as adults were consulted in respect of setting partnership priorities for 2010/11 and 2011/12.

Recommendation

15. It is recommended that the committee note the content of this report.



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Appendix 1 - safe and sound board members (15)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Position in Organisation</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| John Polychronakis (Chair) | DMBC | Chief Executive |
| Kimara Sharpe (Vice-chair) | Primary Care Trust | Director |
| Cllr. Adrian Turner | DMBC | Lead member Community Safety |
| Cllr. Judy Foster | DMBC | Police Authority representative |
| Liam Ward | Youth Council | Chair of Youth Council |
| Dennis Hodson | DMBC | Director of DCP |
| Geoff Thomas | DMBC | Head of Policy |
| Keith Baldwin | West Midlands Police | J1 OCU Commander |
| Andrea Pope-Smith | DMBC | Director DACHS |
| Mark Wyatt | DMBC | Director Children's Services |
| Paul Mctague | Aquarius | Regional Director |
| Peter Glass | Craunston | Director of Services |
| Chris Kelly | CRI | West Midlands Area Manager |
| Andy Grosvenor | Fire and Rescue Service | Operations manager |
| Bronwen Elphick | Probation Service | Head of Local Delivery Unit |

Members who attend as accountable representatives to the board (5)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Reason for attending</u> |
|----------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Supt. Stuart Johnson | West Midlands Police | Chair of CRIG |
| Richard Carter | DMBC – Assistant Director DACHS | Chair of SMIG |
| Pauline Sharratt | DMBC – Assistant Director Children's services | Vice-chair of CRIG |
| Supt. David Jobbins | West Midlands Police | Vice-chair of SMIG |
| Mike Galikowski | DMBC | Head of Youth Offending Service |

Members who attend in an advisory or support capacity (8)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Position in Organisation</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Dawn Hewitt | DMBC | Head of Community Safety |
| Sue Haywood | DMBC | DAAT manager and Deputy Head of Community Safety |
| Andy Winning | DMBC | ASBU Development Manager |
| Lorna Prescott | DCVS | Senior Development Officer |
| Louise Kavanagh | DMBC | Marketing & Comms Officer |
| Insp. Chris Dower | West Midlands Police | Police Liaison Officer |
| Rosina Ottewell | DMBC | Community Cohesion |

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| | | Manager |
| Jill Dixson | DMBC | Community Safety - Admin. |

Performance – Appendix 2

Crime and Disorder – 2009/10 and 2010/11

| Measure | | Apr – Mar 2010/11 | Apr – Mar 2009/10 | Variance Actual | Variance % | Direction |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Serious Acquisitive Crime | | 4397 | 4186 | 211 | 5.0% | ↑ |
| | Burglary Dwelling | 1490 | 1203 | 287 | 23.9% | ↑ |
| | Robbery | 544 | 424 | 120 | 28.3% | ↑ |
| | Vehicle Crime | 2363 | 2559 | 196 | 7.6% | ↓ |
| Assault With Injury | | 1575 | 1841 | 266 | 14.4% | ↓ |

Substance Misuse – Adults - Adults Effective Numbers in Treatment

| | 2009/10 Performance | 2010/11 Target | 2010/11 Performance (Provisional) |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Problematic Drug Users | 984 | 922 | 1234 |
| All drugs | 1092 | 1012 | 1394 |

Young People – Planned Exits – Information to Quarter 3- 2010/11

86% of young people exited treatment in a planned way, which maintains Dudley as one of the best performers in region and significantly above the national average of 73%