

Norwich City Council

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

REPORT for meeting to be held on 18 June 2009

Safer Norwich Partnership – Half Year Performance Update

Summary:

As part of the committee's role in scrutinising the Safer Norwich Partnership this is the six monthly opportunity for members to gain an overview, and to ask is the Safer Norwich Partnership achieving its commitments?

Members are provided with a copy of the Delivery Boards paper - SNP performance to 31 March 09 - appendix 1, which gives a breakdown of performance for the year compared to the previous twelve month period. Also provided are the Safer Norwich Area Priorities for each of the areas covered for Norwich - appendix 2 and a list of the members of the Safer Norwich Partnership - appendix 3.

At the November 2008 meeting of scrutiny the Community Safety Manager explained that the National Indicators in the partnership plan are new and as yet not base-lined. This means that figures for comparison will not be available until March 2010. However, the exception to this is NI17 which is the measure of people's perception of anti-social behaviour in their area. The NI actually started as the respect indicator which means that the question had been asked twice before this year in March 2004 and in June 2006.

In **2003 – 04**, 38%, **2006 – 07**, 23% and **2008 – 09**, 19.9% felt that ASB is a problem. Please see the next page of this report for explanation as to how this question is asked.

Recommendation:

For the scrutiny committee to ask – is the Safer Norwich Partnership achieving its commitments and if not to consider if more detailed scrutiny work is required.

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1. Annex A: British Crime Survey methodology for aggregating 7 strands of anti-social behaviour perception measure

Target Element	Source	Elements of aggregate measure	Measure	Calculation
Anti-Social Behaviour	BCS	<p>Vandalism graffiti and other deliberate damage to property</p> <p>Teenagers hanging around on the streets</p> <p>Rubbish or litter</p> <p>Drug use and dealing</p> <p>Drunk or rowdy behaviour</p> <p>Noisy neighbours</p> <p>Abandoned or burnt out cars vehicles</p>	<p>For each of these anti-social behaviours respondents are asked the following type of question:</p> <p>For the following things I read out, can you tell me how much of a problem they are in your area. By your area I mean within 15 minutes walk from here.</p> <p>How much of a problem are....</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very big problem 2. Fairly big problem 3. Not a very big problem 4. Not a problem at all 	<p>The combined measure of ASB is calculated by allocating scores to the responses to the questions about the seven anti-social behaviours, whereby:</p> <p>0=not a problem at all 1= not a very big problem 2 = fairly big problem 3= very big problem</p> <p>A total score for each respondent is calculated based on the responses to the seven questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum possible score is 21. • High perception of ASB is a score of 11 or above.



Meeting of: CoNP Delivery Board

Meeting date: 2nd June 2009

Report of: Safer Norwich Partnership

Subject: **Safer Norwich Partnership performance to 31st March 2009**

Link to Sustainable Community Strategy themes, strategic objectives and key priorities:

Theme 4 - City of Safe and Strong Communities:

Link to LAA priorities: Public reassurance
Reduction in crime

Executive summary: The Safer Norwich Partnership has continued to reduce crime.

Key messages for communication to partners/public:

- The Safer Norwich Partnership has continued to reduce crime

Action required from board: To note the report.

Action required from partners: To note the report

Resource implications: None

Recommendation/s: That partners note the continued good progress of the Safer Norwich Partnership in reducing crime and increasing public reassurance

Report: (please number all paragraphs)

1.0 Safer Norwich Partnership performance

The LAA local indicator to reduce “all crime” includes a target for Norwich of an 8.25% reduction across all crimes (a total of 16414 offences overall) the crimes are broken down into categories so that action can be taken to resolve trends.

Figures from 1st April 2007 (iQuanta)

	1st April 07 -31 st March 08	1st April 08 -31 st March 09	% Change
Criminal Damage	4294	3755	13%
Violent crime	3594	3400	5%
Theft (other than vehicle)	5303	4828	9%
Vehicle crime	1831	1571	14%
Domestic Burglary	614	537	13%
Non domestic	957	756	21%
Drugs	714	722	-1%
Cheque/Credit card Fraud	80	39	51%
Other Frauds and Forgery	293	327	-12%
total	17890	16192	9%

Breakdown of Violent Crime 2008-9 – Norwich CDRP area

1039	Assault less serious
854	Assault without injury
52	Harassment
964	Other violence
9	Robbery business
167	Robbery of personal
217	Sexual offences
98	Most serious violence

As can be seen from the above figures Norwich CDRP has met its overall in crime reduction target in most crime types. Three categories have underperformed, explanations given below.

Explanations

Violent Crime

Violent crime in Norwich is mainly linked to the night-time economy in the Prince of Wales road area. Although the trend is down we may not reach the target of 8.25% reduction this is why the chart shows up as amber. The drop in incidents over the past year is partially due to the implementation of a trial taxi marshalling service; funding for the Marshalling scheme is due to run out around Christmas time and is likely to be discontinued unless further funding is available. The Police have also identified a major shift in the pattern of activity where the busy days are now Thursday to Saturday. A working group is being formed between police, council, residents and users to address the issue.

Drugs offences

There has been an increase of reported drug related offences over the past year, whilst this is a concern it should be remembered that quite small numbers are reported and therefore a large percentage increase can be generated by one or two arrests. Therefore these figures should be taken as more an indication of police activity rather than an increase in drug availability at 'street level'. This availability is impossible to calculate with these figures and requires highly specialised research.

Other Fraud and Forgery

This category is above target and will probably get further away from the LAA requirement in the short to medium term. The present economic climate may deepen this trend especially around 'Shoplifting' and 'Theft from Person'. Although several initiatives have been run of late against professional gangs coming into the area the problem is likely to remain with us for the foreseeable future.

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Background documents: none

Is this report (or are any background documents) confidential? No

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Appendix 2

Safer Neighbourhood Priorities Norwich FY 2008/9

Bowthorpe and Costessey

Community Engagement with Minority groups	22/01/2008 – 06/05/2008
Peverall Road ASB and crime	28/04/2008 - 21/01/2009
Engagement with youth	31/07/2008 – 29/07/2008
Parking issues in Attlesey Way	26/01/2009 – 21/01/2009
Environmental & ASB improvements Waldergrave & Humbleyard	21/01/2009 – 13/05/2009
New Costessey (OOA) ASB	03/03/2009 - ongoing
Parking and neighborhood issues Beaumont Rd and New Costessey	01/04/2009 – 31/03/2009
Bowthorpe walkways and cyclepaths	13/05/2009 – ongoing
Cloverhill Road – Fly tipping	13/05/2009 – ongoing

City Centre

To tackle (aggressive) begging in Norwich	28/02/2008 – 12/05/2008
City Centre ASB General	28/02/2008 – 12/05/2008
Prince of Wales road area – General ASB	28/02/2008 – 12/05/2008
Max Power Users	12/05/2008 - 11/08/2008
City Centre Litter	12/05/2008 - 11/08/2008
Market and Guildhall area - General ASB	12/05/2008 – 11/08/2008
Guildhall and rear of Market Place ASB- General	11/08/2008 - 07/11/2008
Rose Lane and Prince Of Wales Road ASB- General	12/08/2008 - 07/11/2008
Castle Gardens and Moat - Youth ASB	12/08/2008 – 25/02/2009
Guildhall and the Covered Market Area - ASB general	03/11/2008 – 18/02/2009
ASB St Andrews Plain, Georges Street, Princes Street and Friars Quay	03/11/2008 – 18/02/2009
ASB Castle Gardens and moat	02/02/2009 – 27/04/2009
ASB Drug abuse	02/02/2009 - 27/04/2009
Castle Gardens and Moat	28/04/2009 – ongoing
Norwich Market – General ASB	28/04/2009 – ongoing
King Street – General ASB, alcohol, drugs, parking	28/04/2009 – ongoing

Earlham, Marlpit and Larkman

Earlham High School – ASB	07/05/2008 – 08/04/2009
Vehicle Crime – Ivy road	07/05/2008 – 09/07/2008
Hellesdon Mill – Seasonal youth related ASB	09/07/2008 – 08/10/2008
General parking issues	09/07/2008 – 08/10/2008
Vehicle crime – Freed Man PH area	08/10/2008 – 14/01/2009
Parking – Rockingham Road	08/10/2008 – 14/01/2009
ASB/Crime Roe Drive	14/01/2009 – 08/04/2009
Criminal Damage Cadge Road	14/01/2009 – 08/04/2009
Motum Road Youth ASB	08/04/2009 - ongoing
Roe Drive/Bowthorpe Park – Youth ASB	08/04/2009 - ongoing
West Earlham – ASB/Criminal damage	08/04/2009 - ongoing

Heartsease and Thorpe Hamlet

Vehicle Drive Traffic issues	10/03/2008 – 16/06/2008
Blyth Jex truancy	10/03/2008 – 16/06/2008
Heartsease Youth Venue	10/03/2008 – 15/09/2008
Ketts Cave-Youth ASB	16/06/2008 – 15/09/2008
Barclay Green Youth ASB	16/06/2008 – 15/09/2008
Mousehold Street – Drugs	15/09/2008 – 10/03/2009

Prostitution	15/09/2008 – 10/03/2009
Sprowston Road ASB	15/09/2008 – 08/12/2008
Barclay Green Youth ASB	08/12/2008 – 09/03/2009
Lionwood Road ASB – Alcohol	08/12/2008 – 09/03/2009
Hearhgate – drugs/fly tipping/ arson	10/03/2009 – ongoing
Shipfield - ASB	10/03/2009 – ongoing
Engaging with young people	10/03/2009 – ongoing

Lakenham and Tuckswood

Speeding & minor traffic offences	20/01/2008 – 15/09/2008
Prostitution	30/01/2008 – 21/05/2008
Fly Tipping	21/05/2008 – 08/12/2008
Theft of pedal cycle and associated ASB	15/09/2008 – 02/12/2008
Lakenham Way – Fly tipping and littering	15/09/2008 – 04/03/2009
Op Summer – ASB and Criminal damage – providing youth activities	15/09/2008 – ongoing
Operation Break – burglary dwelling over Christmas	02/12/2008 – 04/03/2009
Prostitution	07/03/2009 - ongoing
Lakenham Way - Criminal Damage	03/03/2009 – ongoing

Mile Cross, Catton and Fiddlewood

Pointers Field – ASB and alcohol consumption	18/02/2008 – 19/05/2008
Lidl's Copenhagen Way – ASB – Youth drinking	18/02/2008 – 04/08/2008
Cycling on the pavement	19/05/2008 – 04/08/2008
ASB in Waterloo Park – Summertime	19/05/2008 – 04/08/2008
Inappropriate Motorcycle use Penn Grove	04/08/2008 – 12/11/2008
Woodcock Road area ASB, drugs & alcohol abuse	04/08/2008 – 12/11/2008
Mile Cross crossing – abuse of attendants	10/11/2008 – 09/02/2009
Valpy Ave – Attacks on allotments	10/11/2008 – 09/02/2009
Pointers Field - ASB, dog fouling, litter, lighting	10/11/2008 – 09/02/2009
Youth activities	12/05/2009 – ongoing
Speeding on George Pope Estate	12/05/2009 – ongoing
Hunter road – Speeding	12/05/2009 – ongoing
Shornccliffe Ave – youth and neighbour ASB	09/02/2009 – 13/05/2009
Dog fouling – Mile Cross primary school	09/02/2009 – 13/05/2009
Speeding on Suckling Ave – parking on verges	09/02/2009 – 13/05/2009

University and Eaton

Bluebell Road and UEA – ASB and violence	17/01/2008 – 05/02/2009
Graffiti University and Eaton	17/01/2008 – 15/05/2008
Colman road/The Avenues – General ASB	15/05/2008 – 02/10/2008
North Park Avenue – ASB General	15/05/2008 – 01/10/2008
Colman Rd, Avenues, Elizabeth Fry, Corie and Kinghorn ASB	02/10/2008 – 05/02/2009
Cycle Priority	02/10/2008 – 05/02/2009
Earlham Road – parking	05/02/2009 - 28/05/2009
Theft of cycles	05/02/2009 – 28/05/2009
Elizabeth Fry Road – General ASB	05/02/2009 – 28/05/2009
Eaton Park & De Hague Road – Violence and ASB	28/05/2009 – ongoing
Hurd Road – Youth ASB	28/05/2009 – ongoing
Bluebell Road – road traffic issues	28/05/2009 – ongoing

West Centre

Clifton Street – ASB, Drugs misuse	21/01/2008 – 12/05/2008
Barnards Yard – drugs	21/01/2008 – 15/05/2008
Dereham Road – Youth related ASB after school	21/01/2008 – 15/05/2008
West End Park – drugs	12/05/2008 – 30/09/2008

Motorcycle noise nuisance	12/05/2008 – 30/09/2008
Barnards Yard – drugs	12/05/2008 – 30/09/2008
Mancroft Walk – street drinking	06/04/2009 – 26/04/2009
Guildencroft- Youth ASB	09/09/2008 – 26/01/2009
Northumberland Street – drugs	09/09/2008 – 26/01/2009
Distillery Square – alcohol consumption and ASB	27/04/2009 – ongoing
Belvoir Street – Criminal Damage around Belvedere Centre	27/04/2009 – ongoing
Barnards Yard – drugs misuse and ASB	26/01/2009 – ongoing

Members of The Safer Norwich Partnership

This section lists the agencies that make up the Safer Norwich Partnership.

Please follow the links for more information.

Norwich City Council

www.norwich.gov.uk

Norfolk Constabulary

www.norfolk.police.uk

Norfolk County Council

www.norfolk.gov.uk

Norfolk Youth Offending Team

www.norfolk.gov.uk/consumption/idcplg?IdcService=SS_GET_PAGE&nodeId=3640

Norfolk Drug and Alcohol Action Team

www.nordat.org.uk

Norfolk Primary Care Trust

www.norfolk-pct.nhs.uk

National Probation Service

www.probation.homeoffice.gov.uk

<http://www.norfolkprobation.org.uk/>

Norfolk Fire Service

<http://www.norfolkfireservice.gov.uk>

Norfolk Police Authority

<http://www.norfolk-pa.gov.uk/index.cfm>