

**NEIGHBOURHOODS & COMMUNITY WELLBEING SCRUTINY
10TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

Report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services

Lead Member: Councillor Deborah Taylor

PART A

ITEM 7 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE REPORT

Purpose of Report

To ensure that the statutory responsibility to scrutinise the Community Safety Partnership, at least every 6 months, is undertaken effectively and to ensure the continued monitoring of incidences of crime in Charnwood.

Recommendations

That the Committee notes the report.

Reason

Neighbourhoods & Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee has been allocated the statutory responsibility to ensure that effective scrutiny of the work of the Community Safety Partnership takes place.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Risk Management

There are no risks directly associated with this report.

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PART B

Community Safety Partnerships

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships are a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. This was amended in 2009 to become a statutory Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The Charnwood CSP is a multi-agency partnership working to make Charnwood safer and draws its membership from a range of key agencies and organisations, (some of which are required by law to be involved) that together have a real impact on reducing crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, drugs and alcohol misuse, thereby increasing public confidence.

Introduction: Charnwood Community Safety Partnership Plan 2017/20

Following the production of the Charnwood CSP Strategic Assessment (PSA) in January 2019, the CSP reviewed its Community Safety Partnership Plan. This annual assessment ensures that the CSP is making intelligence-led and evidence-based decisions. It assists the Partnership to work within defined budgets to address a wide range of community safety issues that are of greatest importance to communities. The CSP fully revised its Community Safety Plan in April 2017, where it amended its three themes and revised its priorities reducing them from 8 to 5 (as listed below).

In seeking to deliver the CSP priorities, the Partnership has implemented an annual Action Plan, focusing upon the key tasks required to create a safer and stronger community, the progress of which is reviewed at each CSP meeting.

The priorities identified for 2019/2020 are set out below:

Theme 1: Making Communities Safer	Theme 2: Protecting Vulnerable People	Theme 3: Improving Community Confidence, Engagement and Cohesion
Priority 1: Prevent and disrupt criminal activity with the aim of reducing 'All Crime'	Priority 3: Protecting Vulnerable Adults and Youths including those at risk of Criminal Exploitation	Priority 5: Build safer and stronger communities with a focus on increasing community confidence
Priority 2: Proactively tackle ASB with a focus on reducing alcohol related violence, substance misuse and street related ASB	Priority 4: Prevent people being drawn into extremism and increase the reporting of Hate Crime	

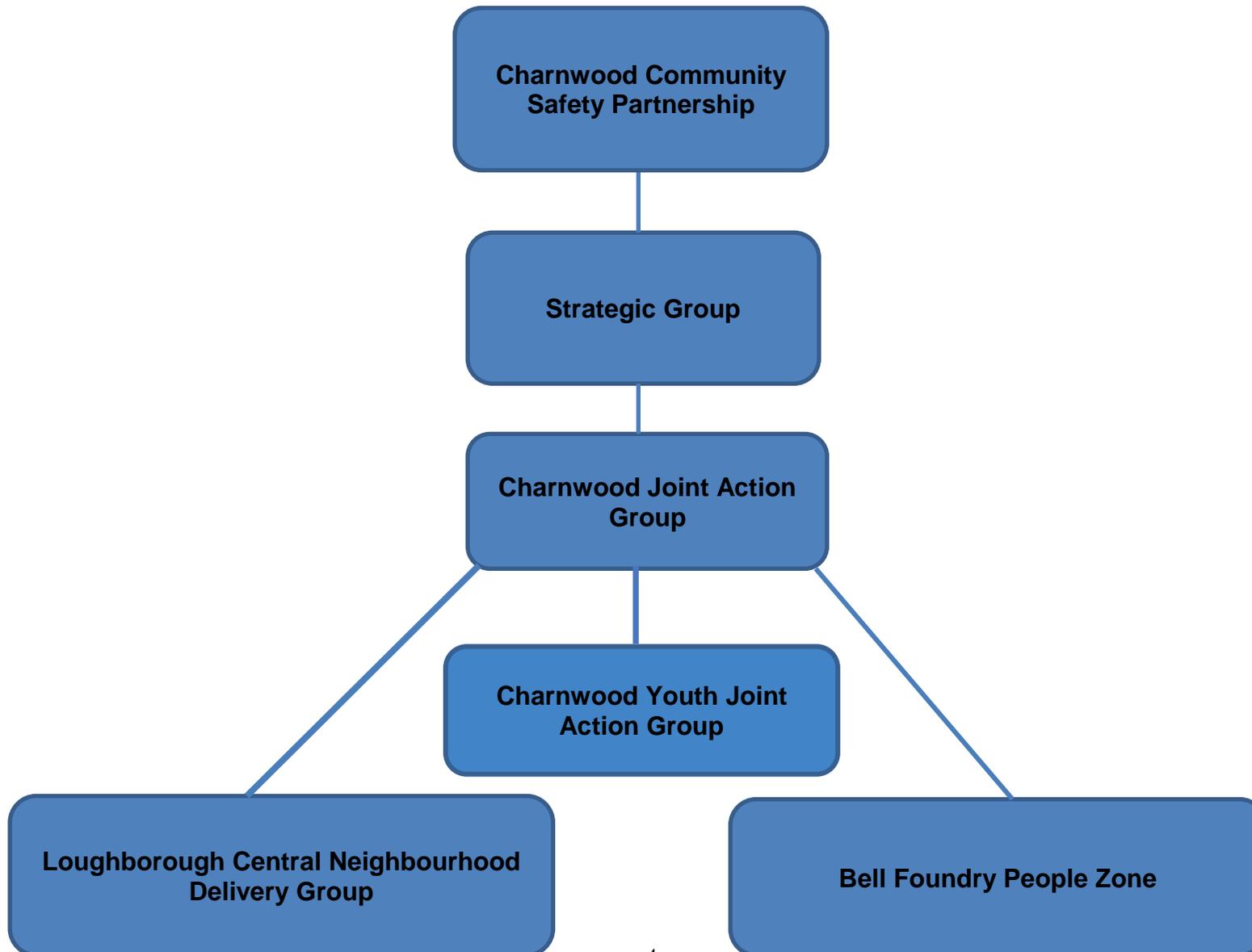
The Partnership Strategic Assessment for 2019/2020 identified several critical areas of business that require action in order to deliver an effective crime and disorder control plan. It was recommended that the focus for the Partnership in the performance year 2019/2020 should be:

- To develop an effective drug strategy with actions that have an impact on the individual and the wider community
- To continue the development of the Joint Action Group and the Youth Joint Action Group to enable early identification of Adults and Young People at risk of criminal exploitation, particularly cases linked to County Lines and locality-based crime groups
- To develop an effective control strategy within our town centres aimed at addressing violence, commercial crime and street related anti-social behaviour.
- To ensure all agencies take an active role in the development and implementation of the Peoples Zone within the Bell Foundry Estate

The Charnwood CSP Plan can be found at Appendix A and was agreed by the Partnership at the January 2019 Meeting.

The governance and operating structure of the CSP is detailed below. Detailed update reports from both the Strategic JAG and the Charnwood JAG and its sub groups is provided for each CSP meeting, to enable the partnership to identify any issues and be aware of the work being undertaken in the locality.

Charnwood Community Safety Partnership Delivery Structure



Context Community Safety Partnership Performance 2018 / 2019

The Partnership finished the 2018/19 performance year with a +12.6% increase in 'All Crime', this increase took place predominantly in Q1 and the Partnership put in measures to address the areas where there had been an increase and were able to ensure no further increases throughout the remainder of the performance year. This increase equated to an extra 1521 crimes. Compared to the other members of Charnwood's Most Similar Family Group (MSFG) we moved in the wrong direction and ended the year positioned 10/15 from 9/15.

Executive Summary Quarter 1 2019 / 2020

This report is focused on the performance of the CSP set against its three Strategic Themes from the 1st April 2019 to the 30th June 2019:

Theme 1: Making Communities Safer

Theme 2: Protecting Vulnerable People

Theme 3: Improving Community Confidence, Engagement and Cohesion

Under each theme there is analysis of each priority, demonstrating the positive actions the CSP has commissioned to achieve its goals. To aid scrutiny, there is evidence of what has worked well to date, under each thematic and commentary on what additional development work is required throughout the rest of the performance year.

In keeping with previous requests, this report includes police data in respect of crime performance per beat area. This data, where possible, has been aligned to Council Wards to enable members of scrutiny to review crime reductions compared to the same period last year (Figure 2). The report will also provide some context in terms of both local and national crime trends and positive actions implemented by the Community Safety Partnership to address crime and disorder patterns.

In terms of the current 2019/20 Quarter 1 performance, the key successes to date show the following significant reductions:

- All Crime -1.8%
- Violence with Injury -13.5%
- Burglary – Residential -17.3%
- Burglary – Business -34.3%
- Theft of Vehicles -7.4%
- Cycle Theft -52.3%
- Shoplifting -39.7%

As with all performance criteria there will be challenges and the following crime domains are currently failing to meet their reduction target:

- Theft from Vehicles +12%
- Robbery +10.3%

Context

The Partnership has seen a reduction in many crime categories, however, it is recognised that there is much work still to be done to maintain this position. There are further challenges and emerging threats such as the criminality linked to “County Lines”- a key feature of the recent Operation Lionheart, an increase in Youth offending, increasing access to weapons – particularly knives and the ongoing supply of controlled drugs within the Borough.

The Partnership is working hard to manage offenders living in the locality, seeking to identify those most persistent and prolific offenders and then working in a multi-agency setting to ensure there is a control strategy in place to mitigate their risk.

The Partnership is also alive to the growing risk of criminal exploitation of adults at risk within our communities, who are being targeted by offenders due to their vulnerabilities. The JAG and sub delivery groups seek to identify such adults at risk at the earliest opportunities and ensure safeguarding referrals are made to address concerns. This is a growing area of business for the Partnership and has a significant impact upon demand for services.

Theme 1: Making Communities Safer

Each year, the CSP completes a Partnership Strategic Assessment (PSA) with the aim of reviewing the previous twelve months performance and identifying emerging threats, risk and harm. The PSA is written in consultation with Leicestershire Police and other key partners, and ultimately prioritises resources for the Partnership and shapes the Community Safety Plan.

Theme 1 of the Community Safety Plan seeks to ‘make our communities safer’ and Figures 1 and 2 below, demonstrates the Quarter 1 2019/2020 crime performance compared to Quarter 1 2018/19:

Fig 1:

Crime Type	Performance to Date	Total Crime as at 30th June 2019	Total Crime as at 30th June 2018	Position in Family Group as at 31st May 2019
All Crime	-1.8%	3289	3350	8/15
Violence with Injury	-13.5%	218	252	2/15
Burglary – Residential	-17.3%	205	248	14/15

Burglary – Business	-34.3%	69	105	12/15
Theft of Vehicles	-7.4%	75	81	11/15
Theft from Vehicles	+12%	252	225	14/15
Robbery	+10.3%	32	29	5/15
Cycle Theft	-52.3%	53	111	14/15
Shoplifting	-39.7%	213	353	8/15

Most Similar Family Groups

Most Similar Family Groups are used with the aim of making effective and meaningful peer comparisons. The Home Office uses areas with very similar geographical, demographic and socio-economic situations that have been shown to have reasonably comparable levels of crime. The Home Office uses 24 variables which are combined using a technique called Principal Component Analysis (PCA). The Most Similar Family Groups are determined by identifying the localities that share the similar variables.

Charnwood's Community Safety Partnership's Family Group is as follows:

- Hampshire – Eastleigh,
- Hertfordshire - North Hertfordshire,
- Thames Valley – Wycombe,
- Hertfordshire – Hertsmere,
- Sussex – Arun,
- Essex – Chelmsford,
- Essex - Epping Forest,
- North Yorkshire – York,
- Kent – Maidston,
- Kent - Canterbury,
- Avon and Somerset – Bath and North East Somerset,
- Avon and Somerset – South Gloucestershire,
- Hertfordshire – Dacorum
- Warwickshire – Rugby

Figure 2: CSP Crime Performance Data by Beat from the 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019:

	All Crime			Burglary- Residential			Theft from Motor Vehicle			Theft of a Motor Vehicle		
Beat Area	Crime as at 30 th June 2018	Crime as at 30 th June 2019	% Variance	Crime as at 30 th June 2018	Crime as at 30 th June 2019	% Variance	Crime as at 30 th June 2018	Crime as at 30 th June 2019	% Variance	Crime as at 30 th June 2018	Crime as at 30 th June 2019	% Variance
Charnwood Borough												
Beat 56 Covers, Woodhouse Eves Newtown Linford, Cropston, , Rothley and Quorn	304	234	-23%	31	31	0%	25	30	+20%	11	4	-63.6%
Beat 57 Mountsorrel	156	160	+2.5%	7	9	+28.5%	4	10	+150%	6	7	+16.6%
Beat 58 Anstey	106	141	+33%	11	6	-45.4%	10	19	+90%	4	2	-50%
Beat 59 Covers Wymeswold, Hoton, Burton on Wolds, Barrow Upon Soar, Sileby, and Seagrave	396	368	-7%	30	27	-10%	28	22	-21.4%	14	8	-42.8%
Beat 60 Covers Birstall and Wanlip	209	229	+9.5%	15	19	+26.6%	24	24	0%	6	9	+50%
Beat 61 Covers, Queniborough, Syston, Thurmaston, Barkby, Beeby and South Croxton	573	663	+15.7%	29	30	+3.4%	29	71	+144.8%	10	17	+70%
Beat 62 Covers Ashby Road Estate, Loughborough University, Storer Road Area, Loughborough Town Centre and Loughborough College	1044	928	-11.1%	80	47	-41.2%	33	31	-6%	12	11	-8.3%
Beat 63 Covers Nanpantan, The Outwoods and Shelthorpe	347	354	+2%	68	44	-35.2%	44	32	-27.2%	14	19	+35.7%
Beat 64 Covers Hathern, Shepshed and the Dishley Road Estate	582	448	-23%	44	30	-31.8%	37	44	+18.9%	9	12	+33.3%
Beat 65 Covers Bell Foundry Estate, Warwick Way estate, Parts of Alan Moss Road, Meadow Lane, Sparrow Hill, Pinfold Gate, Leicester Road	671	697	+3.8%	36	25	-30.5%	47	25	-46.8%	15	16	+6.6%

Figure 2 shows the breakdown of Serious Acquisitive Crime, which includes Burglary and Vehicle Crime.

Priority 1: Prevent and disrupt criminal activity with the aim of reducing 'All Crime'

The 'All Crime' performance as at 30th June 2019 has decreased by -1.8%, this decrease equates to 61 less victims of crime. Compared to the other members of Charnwood's Most Similar Family Group (MSFG) we have moved in the right direction and are now positioned 8/15 from a previous position of 10/15.

The Partnership has delivered a Quarter 1 return of:

- -17.3% reduction in Burglary – Residential (43 less offences)
- -34.3% reduction in Burglary – Business and Community (36 less offences)
- -13.5% reduction in Violence against the person with Injury (34 less offences)
- -7.4% reduction in Theft of Vehicles (6 less offences)
- -52.3% reduction in Cycle Theft (58 less offences)
- -39.7% reduction in Shoplifting (140 less offences)

However, further work will be required to address increases in :

- Theft from Motor Vehicle: +12% (27 additional offences)
- Robbery: +10.3% (3 additional offences)

Context

During Quarter 1 of 2019/2020, there has been significant enforcement activity under Operation Lionheart. This Operation has involved both covert and overt tactics, aimed at tackling criminality, particularly driven by drug supplies here in Charnwood and Leicester City. Phase 1 of the Operation has led officers to execute 144 warrants, make 112 arrests and the Police charged 101 people with drug offences, 53 arrests were from Charnwood and 25 arrest were for crime committed in Charnwood but lived elsewhere. Several key offenders have already pleaded guilty and are currently serving custodial sentences, with other trials pending.

During 2018/19 Charnwood was chosen by the Police Crime Commissioner and the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB) to trial a People Zone within a designated location. A People Zone is modelled upon an Integrated Neighbourhood Management Team focused upon tackling local concerns. The location chosen has been identified as The Bell Foundry Estate within Loughborough East (Hastings Ward):

The Bell Foundry Estate is a Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) and is listed in the national Indices of Multiple Deprivation as being in the top 1% nationally for high crime rates, poor levels of employment/income and poor health factors. The People Zone's vision is to:

Create a Safer & Stronger Community within The Bell Foundry Estate.

A dedicated team has been identified and an action plan under Place and People themes have been developed to address the concerns the community have raised. Targeted action has resulted in the disruption of criminal activity and in several cases, this has been followed up with civil action in the guise of closure orders at the offender's property. This increased enforcement activity, coupled with a more focused drive around preventative measures, has assisted in tackling our crime spikes.

The Partnership is also pleased to report a reduction of cycle thefts standing at -52.3% which equates to a reduction of 53 recorded offences. Not only have officers been proactive in the Town centre, but credit must be given to Charnwood Borough Council CCTV team who have played a significant part in often identifying such offences and highlighting them to police officers. This proactive approach, coupled with preventative measures, including the exchange of cycle locks for more substantial D locks has played its part in the reduction.

Priority 2: Proactively tackle ASB with a focus on reducing alcohol related violence, substance misuse and street related ASB

Preventing and tackling persistent Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) is frequently identified as a key priority by our local communities, not least because of the impact it has on the quality of life for our residents. Within town centres, ASB can also have a negative impact upon local businesses and is particularly damaging to public perceptions in local areas.

There are several significant contributing factors that make tackling ASB a priority in the Partnership plan, namely:

- Loughborough has a vibrant night time economy
- Loughborough has a large student populous
- Urban areas mixed in with rural locations
- Vulnerable victims living within our communities

Context

The Partnership continues to be committed to taking positive action under the Loughborough Town Centre Civil Injunction and legal proceedings were commenced in respect of persistent beggars within the Town Centre. A file was presented to the County Court in June of this year and we were successful in securing a civil injunction against a further 8 named individuals who have, despite offers of support, made the choice to continue to beg within the designated zone. In keeping with our 'Homelessness & Begging' protocol, positive action will now ensue against these individuals, should they choose to continue their behaviour. In a recent breach hearing of the Town Centre Civil Injunction, a persistent beggar received a custodial sentence of 30 weeks, demonstrating the effectiveness of the Partnership's approach.

The Night Time Economy is an area of business where the Partnership has reshaped its focus and redirected some of the work of the Loughborough Central Delivery Group. This has meant that the Police are now working more consistently with the Street Pastors and the CCTV team to provide a more coordinated approach to the Night time economy, with the aim of making the night time safer. The Loughborough Central Delivery Group work with the following groups and organisations to delivery a safer night time economy

- Funding for the Street Pastors to support vulnerable users of the night time economy on a Saturday evening
- Funding for the Student Street Support Scheme, which helps to reduce transient noise on a Saturday and Wednesday evening

- Targeted work around Licensing concerns raised by members of the group
- Proactively working with The BID to tackle issues raised by the local business community.

Theme 1: Making Communities Safer – What has worked well:

The Charnwood Community Safety Partnership has achieved reductions in many crime domains during Quarter 1 2019/20 and the processes in place to identify and respond to threats around crime trends are working well. This has included the following:

- The continuation of the Cocooning Project (crime prevention packs delivered to home owners near identified burglaries), with 100 packs given out in Loughborough, Syston and Sileby
- County Wide social media campaign #SaferSummer, which so far shows 2,569 impressions and 98 engagements
- Cycle Theft events in Loughborough Town Centre. During the events the team engaged with over 30 people and gave out 25 cycle lights and swapped 10 D locks for 10 wire locks.
- Student crime prevention advice stalls in Loughborough University Library and at St Peters on Storer Road. At the events the multiagency team engaged with 75 Students
- A Burglary social media campaign held during Quarter 1, which had 2703 impressions and 115 engagements on Twitter.
- A Vehicle Crime Campaign which included 25 Tweets and received 3152 impressions and 216 engagements
- 462 Key Fob Signal Blockers wallets have been given out to members of the community with the aim of reducing vehicle thefts from burglary dwellings
- Multi-agency Patch walks have been carried out in the following locations:
 - Waterside Close – identification of residents’ concerns and discussed further actions to be carried out.
 - Victoria Street – the patch walk identified actions to improve the green spaces to make them more user friendly
 - Wordsworth Road – this was to reassure the community after OP Lionheart
 - Sharpley Road - to ensure the community aware of how to report ASB and Crime and provide community reassurance
 - Storer Road – to remind student residents regarding noise complaints.
- The CSP Structure ensures that the Partnership focuses on the high crime areas and hotspot locations.
- The Partnership Performance Structure ensure crime trends and emerging issues are identified and actions undertaken

- The Partnership has a targeted approach to prolific and Young offenders through the JAG and Youth JAG.

Theme 1: Making Communities Safer: Areas for Development:

The challenge for the Partnership moving forward will be to maintain this focus, particularly in our hotspot locations of Beat 62 (Loughborough Town Centre) and Beat 65 (Loughborough East). Both these locations have multi-agency delivery groups wrapped around them and must be aware of the future threats, such as the return of international students/Freshers and the impact of youth offenders, particularly the identified Urban Street Gang (USG) active in Loughborough.

Part of that challenge will be to obtain a more consistent approach from significant partners in attending the CSP delivery group meetings. Currently 'Health Agencies' are not regular attendees at the meetings and Adult/Children Social Care often cite a lack of capacity, which often impacts upon their ability to attend meetings. These partner gaps have a detrimental impact upon the Partnership's control plan and Senior Managers continue to raise this at strategic meetings.

Theme 2: Protecting Vulnerable People

Priority 3: Protecting Vulnerable Adults and Youths including those at risk of Criminal Exploitation

Vulnerable, high risk and repeat victims of crime and anti-social behaviour present the highest levels of threat and harm for the Partnership. The JAG continues to monitor ASB reports as recorded on Sentinel for issues such as risk, vulnerability, repeat victims, and hate motivation. All high-risk cases, of which there have been 3 referrals during Quarter One 2019/2020, are reviewed at the JAG and as a matter of course; all high-risk victims of ASB are referred to Victim First to ensure that they have continued support.

Historically Domestic Abuse has been an under-reported crime and organisations have found it difficult to measure the true extent of domestic abuse within Charnwood. An increase in both reported Domestic Abuse and Hate Crime is seen as a positive indicator of a community's confidence in the statutory services, which is in keeping with the CSP's vision. By encouraging victims to report incidents, the Partnership will be in an informed position and be more effective in supporting victims and developing further services.

Context

The following are updated performance indicators from Quarter 1 2019/2020 for the Domestic Abuse Service funded through Charnwood Community Safety Partnership:

- 100% victim satisfaction rate for 2019/2020, with all aspects of service delivery being rated as excellent or good.
- Living without Abuse has supported 31 clients in Charnwood in Quarter One against the target of 80 clients for 2019/2020
- One Freedom Programme session has taken place in Quarter 1. The Freedom Programme is a twelve-week course that explores the beliefs of the perpetrator, the different types of abuse, and how to recognise the early warning signs. The programme also aims to increase self-esteem and confidence.

Protecting vulnerable adults/youths at risk of criminal exploitation has been identified as a priority in the 2018/19 Partnership Strategic Assessment and the CSP has accordingly taken the following steps:

The Partnership implemented a Youth JAG in August 2018 to address the significant threat posed by the offending of several persistent youth offenders. This Youth JAG is a multi-agency team that is Chaired by the Community Safety Manager and meets every 4 weeks. An initial assessment of 35 youths took place back in August last year, with a cohort of 12 children identified as being of the highest risk. Their ages have ranged between 13 – 17 years of age.

The Youth JAG continues to adopt the Youth Offending Services Risk Matrix and each case is assessed on the following criteria:

- Risk of Re-Offending
- Risk of Harm to other
- Risk of Harm to Self

The Charnwood cohort have all been assessed as high risk on all three of the above assessments, hence it can be argued that on the risk matrix, their overall rating is one of 'Extreme Risk'.

The Youth JAG, now that it has been in existence for approaching 12 months, offers the CSP detailed analysis of both the offending history of this cohort and the risk they pose to the community, themselves and to others.

Some of the offences they have committed in the past 12months include:

- Burglary - both dwellings and commercial
- Handling stolen goods
- Theft of motor vehicles
- Theft from motor vehicles
- Serious sexual offences – including rape
- Serious violent offences – including the use of knives
- Supply of controlled drugs - including the supply of class A drugs such as heroin and cocaine

There are many complexities that the Partnership is facing in seeking to control the offending history of some of the most serious youth offenders within the locality. However, the implementation of the Youth JAG demonstrates the proactive stance of the CSP in ensuring it effectively tackles and manages the risk posed by persistent and prolific youth offenders.

Priority 4: Prevent people being drawn into extremism and increase the reporting of Hate Crime

The Prevent Strategy is part of the Government's counter-terrorism strategy, 'Contest' and it aims to prevent individuals being drawn into terrorism and becoming extremists. It is important that the Partnership is proactive in addressing issues that could threaten community cohesion and that partner agencies work collaboratively to demonstrate that hate crime and extremist actions will not be tolerated

Context

Any partner or community concern in respect of an individual who is perceived to be at risk of radicalisation is referred to the JAG for assessment and onward progression to specialist teams. In Quarter 1 there have been no JAG referrals for Prevent. However, to ensure the Partnership facilitates its statutory duty the following activities have been undertaken during Quarter 1:

- Training for New Council Staff to assist them identify possible signs of radicalisation
- Prevent training delivered on 12th June in partnership with LCC to Charnwood College with around 70 staff attending.

- Training delivered to newly elected members in respect of both the Council's Prevent duty and its Hate Incident/Crime Policy
- Delivery against the Prevent Action Plan which the Partnership updates on a quarterly basis.

Theme 2: Protecting Vulnerable People – What is working Well:

The Partnership implemented a Drug Strategy in April 2019 and is the first Community Safety Partnership nationally to have such a detailed plan. There are 3 strategic themes within the Charnwood CSP Drugs Strategy:

- **Theme 1: Prevention and Early Identification** - As a Partnership we will promote positive and responsible behaviours enabling individuals to make informed choices and reduce the negative impacts that can lead to drug misuse.
- **Theme 2: Building Recovery** – the Partnership with local drug support agencies to sign post individuals at risk of exposure to drug misuse, to appropriate treatment services, with the goal of addressing their drug misuse. We will focus our collective response to support individuals in recovery in our communities
- **Theme 3: Safer and Stronger Communities** – the Partnership will work together to share both criminal and community intelligence and implement responses to tackle drug related crime and disorder.

Sitting beneath the strategy is an action plan that has been created to deliver on the key elements of our plan. This will be overseen by the creation of a local drugs forum here in Charnwood. To this end, a meeting took place with local drug support services (Exaireo/Falcon Centre/Turning Point) on 27th June 2019 to discuss terms of reference for the Drugs Forum and to build upon the working practices introduced under the drugs strategy. Below are some of the projects/actions being delivered:

- The Drugs Support Outreach programme through the Falcon Centre and Exaireo
- The development of a Drugs Strategic Advisor Forum, the aims of the forum are :
 - to share intelligence
 - identify local drug trends
 - explore further funding options
 - gather best practice to improve outcomes for the users of the service
- The Partnership has supported partners to achieve 4 Closure Orders under Op Lionheart to improve the outcomes for local residents.
- This Forum will lead on the Recovery Week for Charnwood and will include all relevant agencies and service users
- Targeting of Young Offenders through the multi-agency Youth JAG.
- The current Town Centre Public Space Protection Order and Civil Injunction to help prevent Alcohol Related ASB and Street Related ASB.

Theme 2: Protecting Vulnerable People: Areas for improvement:

The Partnership has a management plan in place via the Youth JAG, focused on those posing the greatest risk within our communities. However, there are many more youth offenders that currently are not discussed in our CSP delivery structures. Therefore, the Partnership has agreed to liaise with partner agencies with the goal of creating a Charnwood CSP Youth Strategy. The strategy needs to take a holistic approach to address the social impact youth offenders are having upon our communities in Charnwood, with a clear escalation plan for those individuals, that despite all diversionary activity from support agencies, continue to commit offences.

Theme 3: Improving Community Confidence, Engagement and Cohesion

Priority 5: Build safer and stronger communities with a focus on increasing community confidence

People's perception of becoming a victim of crime is greater than the actual reality of being a victim of crime, as identified in the previous British Crime Survey. However, the Leicestershire Insight Survey, which comprises of 1,600 telephone interviews throughout the year reported the following:

- 85% felt safe in their local area after dark - this has reduced in the last few months from 89%
- 80% agreed that ASB has got better or stayed the same – this has reduced in the last few months from 83%

Context

The Partnership continues to work with the OPCC to progress the concept of the People Zone. The People Zone project has been separated into two elements; People and Places. These two strands have been established to capture the issues identified by relevant agencies (People Strand) and the local communities (Places Strand).

The priorities that underpin the work of the People Zone complement the vision of the Police and Crime Commission and there is a focus on issues identified by the local community. Each Strand has developed an action plan, which has input from all members and the community, which is reported to the Charnwood Community Safety Partnership. Below are some of the projects being delivered on the People Zone:

- Exaireo's Recovery Support being based at the MTC three times per week to build relationships and encourage people to access support The games nights at the MTC continue to be popular, which brings together residents to combat social isolation.
- The allotment group now runs an additional session each week.
- DWP staff from Loughborough Jobcentre offering to do a monthly litter pick in the area
- The continue development of the Fishing Group, which was recently promoted through BBC Leicester Radio Station.
- The exercise and walking group are well-attended and will continue to be developed
- The MTC is celebrating its Ten-Year anniversary in September, which included a special thanks giving event to say thank you to everyone has been involved in the Centre and a Community Barbeque
- The PACT still meets on a regular basis, with members of the wider community, with concerns raised going to the Place meeting.

The Partnership also carried out the following projects in the wider Borough

- Multi-agency Patch walks have been carried out in the following locations:
 - Waterside Close – identification of residents’ concerns and discussed further actions to be carried out.
 - Victoria Street – the patch walk identified actions to improve the green spaces to make them more user friendly
 - Wordsworth Road – this was to reassure the community after OP Lionheart
 - Sharpley Road - to ensure the community aware of how to report ASB and Crime and provide community reassurance
 - Storer Road – to remind student residents regarding noise complaints.
- The current Town Centre Public Space Protection Order and Civil Injunction to help prevent Alcohol Related ASB and Street Related ASB.
- The continuation of the Cocooning Project (crime prevention packs delivered to home owners near identified burglaries), with 100 packs given out in Loughborough, Syston and Sileby.
- The Town Centre Pubwatch support the “Ask for Angela” scheme, which has been positive received by the local licence’s premises in Loughborough Town Centre. The scheme encourages anybody out on a date, who feels uncomfortable or unsafe to approach the bar staff and “Ask for Angela”. The staff will assist them to exit the premise.

Theme 3: Improving Community Confidence, Engagement and Cohesion – what is working well

The Partnership has a calendar of events throughout the Borough to help reduce the fear of crime and inform individuals what they can do to protect themselves. These will be carried out with the support of the local Police Beat Teams and will continue throughout 2019/20. These will include:

- National social media campaigns
 - Domestic Abuse Week,
 - Hate Crime Awareness week,
 - Mental Health Awareness Week
 - Drink Drive campaign on the run up to Christmas
- Local social media campaigns
 - Student Crime Prevention campaign under the following #ThinkSafe, #ThinkCommunity, #ThinkBins.
 - Dark nights burglary campaign #leaveALightOn
 - Celebrate Safely on the run up to Christmas #CelebrateSafely

Theme 3: Improving Community Confidence, Engagement and Cohesion: Areas for Improvement:

The Partnership is more focused on our engagement in communities and the focus on local issues. There will be more visibility and reassurance from the local police to local communities and demonstrate a better police footprint at local parish council meetings. The Neighbourhood teams are now producing a monthly newsletter which will be distributed across Charnwood. Together with a better more effective social media presence the partnership is actively contributing to increasing community confidence.

Funding for 2019/2020

The PCC Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 details five themes and several underlying priorities for each. Whilst the responsibility for some priority’s rests solely with specialist agencies, there are many opportunities for the CSP to contribute to the delivery of these outcomes. The plan is centred on the ‘5 V’s’, which are listed as:

- **Viable Partnerships**
- **Visible Policing**
- **Victims of Crime**
- **Vulnerable People**
- **Value For Money**

Partnership Locality Fund – the OPCC has allocated specific sums of money to all Partnerships, for which they are required to submit business cases, to draw down the funding. Charnwood’s bids include the following: -

	Funding Received	Funding Allocated
Police and Crime Commissioner Locality Funding	£75,500	
To address transient student related ASB		£10,000
Mediation		£1,000
Street Pastors		£3,000
Targeted multiagency preventative action to reduce SAQ offences & offending within the People Zone		£2,000
Targeted multiagency preventative action to reduce SAQ offences within the Priority Neighbourhood – Loughborough Central (N62		£2,000
Prevention Campaign Materials/ and Domestic Burglary Packs		£8,000
Student Crime Awareness		£2,000
Substance Misuse Project		£15,000
Mobile CCTV Camera fund		£3,000
Domestic Abuse Services		£10,000
Cycle Theft		£1,000
Fire Skills		£1,958
Knife Crime/Youth Projects		£10,000

Contingence Fund		£3,542
Shed Youth Group		£3,000
Total		£75,500.00

PCC CI001 – Youth Prevention and Diversion – 2019/20

The OPCC has made £15,956.25 CI001 funding to Charnwood in 2019/20 for youth prevention and diversion work.

CI001 Youth Prevention and Diversion funding is for use with the following groups:

- a) Young people identified as being high-risk first-time entrants to the Criminal Justice System
- b) Repeat offenders (primarily those already working with Youth Offending Service). In 2015/16 these were defined in the PCC monitoring requirements as 'Deter Young Offenders'. (The Youth Justice Board define Deter Young Offenders (DYO) as being those that are likely to cause the most harm to communities and pose a high risk of reoffending).

Initiative Description	Funding Received	Funding Proposed
PCC CI001 – Youth Prevention and Diversion	£15,956.25 approx	
Fun and Families Grounded – Wreake Valley Academy (Syston)		£2,322
Fun and Families Grounded - Roundhill Academy (Thurmaston)		£2,322
Go Getta Desire Or Go Getta Ashby Road Youth Club (targeted, July – end March)		£2,000 £3,872
Go Getta Engagement		£3,000
Spot purchasing fund		£200
Go Getta Anstey Active Youth Engagement sport sessions		£2,240
Winter venue hire (20 weeks November – end March)		£1,000
YOS Spot Purchasing		£1000

Further work is being carried out to agree the following:

- Evaluate whether to move one Grounded course to Loughborough Inclusion Partnership area
- To look at further funding for the venue costs for Anstey Sessions
- Any unallocated funding in C1001 pot to be allocated to Go Getta – multi agency meeting to determine what provision should be to meet identified need

Conclusion:

As highlighted in this report, the current major threats to the CSP's crime performance to date are the following crime categories:

- Theft from Vehicles
- Robbery (although only 3 additional crimes)

The Partnership has seen a reduction in many crime categories, however, it is recognised that there is much work still to be done to maintain this position. There are further challenges and emerging threats such as the criminality linked to "County Lines"- a key feature of the recent Operation Lionheart, an increase in Youth offending, increasing access to weapons – particularly knives and the ongoing supply of controlled drugs within the Borough.

The Partnership is working hard to manage offenders living in the locality, seeking to identify those most persistent and prolific offenders and then working in a multi-agency setting to ensure there is a control strategy in place to mitigate their risk.

The Partnership is also alive to the growing risk of criminal exploitation of adults at risk within our communities, who are being targeted by offenders due to their vulnerabilities. The JAG and sub delivery groups seek to identify such adults at risk at the earliest opportunities and ensure safeguarding referrals are made to address concerns. This is a growing area of business for the Partnership and has a significant impact upon demand for services.

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Background

The Charnwood Community Safety Partnership (CSP) brings together statutory agencies and organisations concerned with tackling and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in Charnwood and who have shared responsibility placed on them by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

The CSP has a legal responsibility to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol misuse and to contribute to communities feeling safe. The key role of the CSP is to identify and prioritise the community safety issues that are affecting our communities and to ensure control strategies are put in place to address identified concerns.

The responsible authorities who sit on the CSP are:

- Charnwood Borough Council,
- Leicestershire Police,
- Leicestershire County Council,
- NHS West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group,
- Leicestershire Fire Authority,
- National Probation Service

The Partnership is further supported by non-statutory members, which include:

- Loughborough University
- Loughborough Business Improvement District (BID)
- Loughborough Chamber of Trade and Commerce

In 2012 the Police Authority was abolished and replaced by the new Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). Sir Clive Loader was elected in November 2012. The PCC is directly accountable to voters and is elected every four years. In May 2016 the second Police and Crime Commissioner, Lord Bach was elected. The work of the OPCC is scrutinised by a panel made up of other elected and independent members (Police Crime Panel). The PCC has statutory duties for holding the Chief Constable to account for the delivery of an efficient and effective police service and he does this through his Police and Crime Plan. Charnwood's Community Safety Partnership Plan takes cognisance of the strategic aims and priorities contained with the Police and Crime Plan.

Unlike Police Authorities, PCCs are not 'responsible authorities' under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and hence will not be members of Community Safety Partnerships. The statutory duties in the Crime and Disorder Act that applied to police authorities will not apply to PCCs. However, provisions in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 place a mutual duty on PCCs and responsible authorities in CSPs to work in partnership in reducing crime, disorder and re-offending. There is also a similar reciprocal duty on the PCC and criminal justice bodies to cooperate.

Domestic Homicides Reviews

Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) were established on a statutory basis under Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004). The Act places a responsibility on Community Safety Partnerships to establish the necessity for reviews. This provision came into force on 13th April 2011, requiring local authorities and partner agencies to devise a process underpinned by the statutory guidance provided. The rationale for the Domestic Homicide Review process is to ensure agencies are responding appropriately to victims of domestic violence/abuse by offering and putting in place appropriate support mechanisms, procedures, resources and interventions with an aim to avoid future incidents of domestic homicide, violence and abuse.

The Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board, on behalf of local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) and the Safer Rutland Community Partnership have all agreed that DHR's will be conducted across Leicestershire and Rutland as part of the Serious Case Review (SCR) arrangements.

New Domestic Abuse Measures

Following the extension of the definition of domestic violence in March 2013, several further measures have been introduced that have changed the way in which agencies are able to support victims of domestic violence and abuse. In March 2014, the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (known as Clare's Law) was extended to all police forces across England and Wales, allowing police to disclose to individuals, details of their partner's abusive past. The Serious Crime Act 2015 also created a new offence of 'controlling or coercive behaviour' in intimate or familial relationships that came into force in December 2015. This includes honour-based violence, female genital mutilation and forced marriage and victims are not confined to one gender or ethnic group.

Modern Slavery Act 2015

The Act came into force in November 2015, consolidating several existing slavery offences and creating two main modern slavery offences: Slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour and human trafficking (where a person arranges or facilitates the travel of another person with a view to that person being exploited). The 'exploitation' includes: slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour; sexual exploitation; removal of organs; securing services by force, threats or deception; and securing services from children or vulnerable people. Specified public authorities now have a duty to notify the Home Office of any individual that is identified by them as a suspected victim of slavery or human trafficking.

The Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

The Act received Royal Assent in January 2016 and aims to tackle the trade in harmful psychoactive substances and protect young people from the risks posed by them. The

new legislation prohibits the production, supply and importation of these potentially dangerous drugs and carries severe sentences for offenders.

The Charnwood Community Safety Partnership Plan

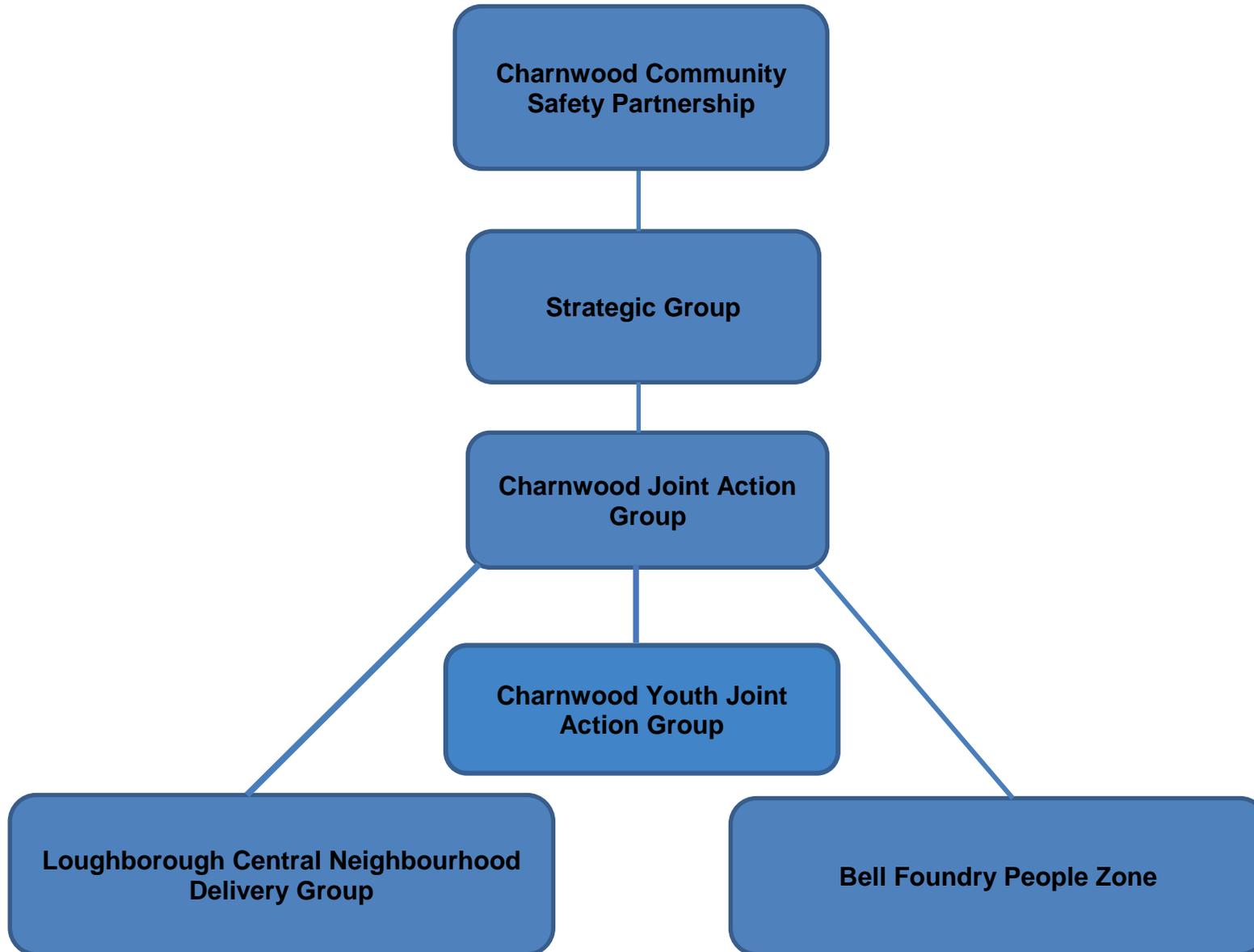
Each year the CSP has a statutory duty to develop a Strategic Assessment of the levels of crime and ASB being experienced in Charnwood. The purpose of the assessment is to:

- Highlight performance, progress and achievements against the commitments made in the previous Community Safety Plan
- Identify key crime, disorder and ASB risks and threats to our local communities
- Identify the partnerships priorities for the forthcoming year

Following analysis of the Partnership Strategic Assessment (PSA) the CSP Plan is able to define the priorities and direct the actions of the Charnwood Community Safety Partnership.

The CSP Plan runs on a three-year cycle and takes account of performance, problem issues, changes within our communities and available resources. This current plan recommences the start of the three-year cycle and has been written for 2017 – 2020. It will be refreshed annually following a review of an end of year Strategic Assessment.

Figure 1: Charnwood Community Safety Partnership Delivery Structure



In 2016 it was identified that there was a need to restructure the delivery groups to ensure increased governance and improved performance. This structure has been embedded since May 2016. However, following the 2018/19 Partnership Strategic Assessment and the creation of The Bell Foundry People Zone, **Figure 1** above represents the proposed amended CSP delivery structure for 2019/20.

The CSP is the Executive Group setting the annual strategic objectives for the Partnership. The identified objectives are put into a strategic plan, the governance of which sits with the Strategic Group and the tactical plan is implemented by the JAG and sub groups.

Performance Management

The Partnership reports to Charnwood Together on progress against agreed targets. Projects to achieve our outcomes are developed and implemented by the Strategic Group and Charnwood Joint Action Group/ sub groups (**Figure 1**). Performance is managed in the following way:

- The Partnership, which comprises of representatives from the responsible agencies and other relevant agencies, will be responsible for undertaking quarterly reviews of progress against priorities and for determining any support measures needed to ensure successful outcomes.
- The lead for each group will co-ordinate partnership activity through an agreed Action Plan, review progress on a quarterly basis and report back to the Partnership.
- The CSP Chair will be responsible for maintaining an overview of activity in respect of all agreed priorities and will address potential barriers to successful outcomes.
- The activities of the Partnership will take a structured approach to problem solving by utilising the four stages of the SARA model: *Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment* and use the SMART principles (*Specific, Measurable, Appropriate, Relevant, Timescales*) in driving the key themes set within the plan.
- The Partnership will use a standardised Action Plan template detailing the key objectives, initiatives, measures of success, time scales, lead partners, resources and associated risks.
- Manage performance towards strategic priorities
- Monitor its own performance against its Most Similar Family Group (MSFG) using IQQUANTA crime data

The Strategic Group and Charnwood Joint Action Group are responsible to the Partnership for delivering the strategic objectives. The Joint Action Group and the Delivery Groups prepare an Action Plan that includes details of initiatives, time scales, funding arrangements, lead body and measures of success. The Action Plans are approved by the Partnership and monitored through the performance management framework set out above.

The Joint Action Group and Delivery Groups Chairs coordinate their group's performance through the Action Plans, reviewing progress on a quarterly basis and presenting a progress report to each Partnership meeting.

Action Plans are reviewed annually to align with this Plan and will be agreed by the Partnership by the end of each year.

The Action Plan format is:

Charnwood Community Safety Partnership Plan Action Plan 2017/2021				
PRIORITY				
List Aims				
Enforcement, Intelligence, Prevention, Confidence				
Key Actions	Lead Agency	Time Scales	Financial and Resources implications	Outcome Target & Performance Measure
Progress				

Police and Crime Plan

The Draft **Police and Crime Plan 2017/2021** were published in November 2016 by the Office of the PCC. The PCC wishes to see more of an emphasis on:

- Crime prevention
- Police visibility and accessibility
- Development of more effective collaborative partnerships
- Simplified commissioning framework

The Plan sets out a framework under five themes and a number of underlying priorities for each. Whilst the responsibility for some priorities rests solely with specialist agencies outside of the joint Community Safety Partnership, there are many opportunities for us to contribute to the delivery of these outcomes. Under each theme the PCC has set out his aims outlined below:

- **VIABLE PARTNERSHIPS**

- Enhance the network of partners with whom my office and I engage to capture the views of more individuals and local groups. This will give me a broader and more representative range of opinions.
- Facilitate more opportunities for disengaged and disadvantaged groups to engage with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).
- Provide a commitment from myself and my office to work productively, openly and transparently with LLR Local Authorities alongside the Community Safety Partnerships, Health Services and Fire and Rescue and the Police.
- Provide opportunities for all partners to be shaping the future of 'policing' across LLR.

- **VISIBILITY**

- Maintain and where possible increase resources for local Neighbourhood Policing Teams.
- Develop new channels, via the internet and other technologies to information, enabling easy and timely access for as many people as possible.
- Ensure that there are new and innovative ways for the public to provide information relating to crime and public safety.
- Ensure that the views of public continue to be sought and reflected in the development of these new services.
- Work to develop a Visibility Plan that meets the needs of all communities.
- Focus on prevention to reduce the number of people having a need for Police services or entering the Criminal Justice System (CJS).

- **VICTIMS**

- Prioritise a Victims Strategy to deliver further improved services, demonstrating my commitment to this area of work.
- Review victims' services to ensure that victims receive the best possible service, through robust mechanisms, focused on the needs of the individual. In order to do this I will work more closely with victim groups

and individuals to ensure I capture their experiences and understanding when commissioning services.

- Ensure that support for victims is incorporated into our core business as an integral part of our delivery and not a stand-alone item.
- **VULNERABILITY**
 - Work closely with partners to offer an appropriate service to vulnerable members of society.
 - Continue and further develop work to encourage reporting and better understanding of 'hidden crime' with a view to this type of crime becoming less suppressed.
 - Provide a commitment to work with the Chief Constable to tackle knife crime.
 - Adopt a zero-tolerance approach to the supply of Class A drugs across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.
 - Work closely with health partners to ensure that the challenges of turning the Crisis Care Concordat into an operational reality are fully met.
 - Develop and improve the 101 non-emergency contact systems to act as a gateway to better and wider ranging of public services
- **VALUE FOR MONEY**
 - Be more responsive to reflect changes in demand to areas and projects as issues arise.
 - Provide support to groups/projects with better knowledge and reach i.e. hard to reach and engage areas.
 - Focus on the most effective use of public funds whilst being cautious and challenging around private outsourcing proposals to ensure that my principles around added social value are adhered to. I am committed to protecting frontline policing.
 - Revisit the Budget, Grants and Commissioning arrangements to ensure great effectiveness, clarity and simplicity in the way they operate.
 - Develop a Social Value policy in close consultation with local authorities to ensure that maximum added value for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland is gained from all contracts held by Leicestershire Police.

Key Findings from the 2018/19 Partnership Strategic Assessment

The 2018/19 Partnership Strategic Assessment (PSA) demonstrates that the Partnership continues to face a growing challenge in meeting its target of reducing 'All Crime'. This performance category continues to show an upwards trend year on year and as at 5th December 2018, shows a +14.8% increase, compared to the same period last year. The +14.8% increase equates to an additional 1,159 crimes and places Charnwood CSP 8/15 in its MSFG. which is in line with the National crime trend. In 2017 the Home Office revised the National Crime Recording Standards (NCRS) with the aim of increasing greater confidence in the true levels of recorded crime. This reclassification process has in turn led to an increase in the recorded levels of crime here in Charnwood.

Further analysis undertaken in this Partnership Strategic Assessment (PSA) has also highlighted a significant increase in drug related behaviour, particularly within

Loughborough and an increase in youth related crime and disorder. This youth related crime and disorder is compounded by the fact that several of the youths are also listed by Leicestershire Police as 'Habitual Knife Carriers'(HKC) and pose a risk on a number of levels, not least their involvement in 'County Lines' or 'locality based' crime groups. The Partnership is aware that there are a number of youth cases in Charnwood who are either listed as being involved in County Lines or locality-based crime groups, both of which centre on the child's involvement in drug activity, be it the supply or personal use of controlled substances.

To mitigate this risk, the Partnership has created a Youth JAG which first met in September 2018. This multi-agency group has in the first three months considered 25 youth related cases based upon a grading of either Low, Medium or High Risk. The Partnership has adopted the Youth Offending Services Risk Matrix and each case is assessed on the following criteria:

- Risk of Re-Offending
- Risk of Harm to other
- Risk of Harm to Self

As of 21st December 2018, the Partnership has identified 8 youths who are now assessed as High Risk on all three of the criteria listed above. For context, this number has fluctuated between 12 and 8 cases listed as 'High Risk' since the inception of the initiative in September 2018. As the child reaches the age of 18 they are removed from the list which has happened in several cases.

In respect of the cases that are scoring high risk on all three criteria, it is noted that each child is displaying criminal behaviour of a concerning level and impacting significantly on their local community. A profile of each of the current 8 cases (December 2018) shows that they are all, on the whole, open to Children Social Care and the Youth Offending Services. They are complex cases and further work will be needed to address the risk factors.

Analysis undertaken in the creation of the Partnership Strategic Assessment (PSA) highlights the following points as being the main threat areas for the Partnership in the coming 2019/20 performance year:

- The increasing social and criminal impact of sustained drug misuse on both the individual and the local community
- Criminal exploitation of both Adults/Youths at risk and the subsequent safeguarding concerns
- The increasing threat posed by the number of high risk youth related cases, compounded by the number of youth related habitual knife carriers

During 2018/19 Charnwood was chosen by the Police Crime Commissioner and the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB) to trial a People Zone within a designated location. A People Zone is modelled upon an Integrated Neighbourhood Management Team focused upon tackling local concerns. The location chosen has been identified as The Bell Foundry Estate within Loughborough East (Hastings Ward).

The Bell Foundry Estate is a Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) and is listed in the national Indices of Multiple Deprivation as being in the top 1% nationally for high crime rates, poor levels of employment/income and poor health factors. The People Zone's vision is to: **Create a Safer & Stronger Community within The Bell Foundry Estate.** A dedicated team is being identified and an action plan will be created to address local concerns.

Finally, the PSA has identified several critical areas of business that require action in order to deliver an effective crime and disorder control plan. It is recommended that the focus for the Partnership in the performance year 2019/2020 should be:

- To develop an effective drug strategy with actions that have an impact on the individual and the wider community
- To continue the development of the Joint Action Group and the Youth Joint Action Group to enable early identification of Adults and Young People at risk of criminal exploitation, particularly cases linked to County Lines and locality-based crime groups
- To develop an effective control strategy within our town centres aimed at reducing street related anti-social behaviour (with a focus on substance misuse) and reducing commercial crime
- To ensure all agencies take an active role in the development and implementation of the Peoples Zone within the Bell Foundry Estate

Key Priorities for Charnwood Community Safety Partnership

The 2018/19 Partnership Strategic Assessment, has identified an increase in significant concerns in respect of serious threat, harm and risk related cases. It has highlighted the sustained impact drug related behaviour and crimes are having both on the individual and within our communities. It clearly demonstrates that there is an increase in the criminal exploitation of both adults and youths at risk. This exploitation brings significant safeguarding concerns and requires detailed analysis by Partnership resources. This exploitation has links to both County Lines and locality-based crime groups and is often centred upon drug misuse.

Furthermore, the PSA has identified the increasing risk within Charnwood of youth related crime and disorder. This is compounded by the fact that there is also an increase in youth related Habitual Knife Carriers, primarily aged between 14 – 18 years of age. This increase in risk has led the Partnership to create a Youth JAG aimed at mitigating the risk to both the individual and to the community. This Youth JAG has adopted to Youth Offending Service risk matrix and assess each case on the following risk criteria:

- Risk of reoffending
- Risk of Harm to Others
- Risk of Harm to Self

Given the volume of Youth related cases and the fact that the Youth JAG has already identified on average 9 cases that have triggered a scoring of 'High Risk' on all three of the above criteria, the PSA has identified the need of further detailed multiagency working.

With due diligence to the above and the detailed analysis contained within the 2018/19 Partnership Strategic Assessment, it is proposed to make amendments to the current CSP Plan. The changes proposed are designed to focus the Partnership's resources with the aim being to deliver both effective performance and effective risk management. To this end it is proposed that the CSP adopts the following:

Partnership Vision

'To contribute to a high quality of life for all, by facilitating an environment where people feel secure and live without the threat or fear of crime and disorder'

Overarching Aim

'To deliver enhanced partnership working, collaboration and collective problem solving.'

Themes

The three themes of the CSP for 2017 - 2020 are:

Theme 1: Making Communities Safer

Theme 2: Protecting Vulnerable People

Theme 3: Improving Community Confidence, Engagement and Cohesion

Under the three themes, the following priorities have been identified:

Theme 1: Making Communities Safer	Theme 2: Protecting Vulnerable People	Theme 3: Improving Community Confidence, Engagement and Cohesion
<p>Priority 1:</p> <p>Prevent and disrupt criminal activity with the aim of reducing 'All Crime'</p>	<p>Priority 3:</p> <p>Protecting Vulnerable Adults and Youths including those at risk of Criminal Exploitation</p>	<p>Priority 5:</p> <p>Build safer and stronger communities with a focus on increasing community confidence</p>
<p>Priority 2:</p> <p>Proactively tackle ASB with a focus on reducing alcohol related violence, substance misuse and street related ASB</p>	<p>Priority 4:</p> <p>Prevent people being drawn into extremism and increase the reporting of Hate Crime</p>	

Each of the CSP's three priorities is broken down into specific tasks and activities that will be undertaken by officers in delivering the outcomes required for each priority.

Theme 1

Priority 1: Prevent And Disrupt criminal activity with the aim of reducing All Crime

Why is this a priority?

The 2018/19 Charnwood Partnership Strategic Assessment illustrates that for the period 01/04/18 to 05/12/18 there were 9,255 crimes recorded in Charnwood, this is equal to a rate of 51.6 crimes per 1000 population using population figure of 179,389 (using IQuanta mid 2016 estimates). On a quarterly basis the Partnership measures its performance against IQuanta's Most Similar Family Groups of Community Safety Partnerships and for 'All Crime' the Partnership has stayed the same at 8/15 but have seen the Partnership move to 14/15 for 'Burglary – Residential' and considered above average crime rates for the family group.

The table below shows the current performance for Charnwood Community Safety Partnership across all crimes as at the 5th December 2018. This table shows that the Partnership has over the last year seen a reduction in most crime types currently measured by the Partnership except:

- Burglary – Residential
- Theft of Vehicles
- Violence against the person with Injury
- Cycle Theft
- Shoplifting

All these increases have impacted upon the Partnership's performance in respect of 'All Crime', which has shown a +14.3% increase during 2018/2019.

Crime Type	Performance to Date	Total Crime as at 5th December 2017	Total Crime as at 5th December 2018
All Crime	+14.3%	8096	9255
Violence against the person with Injury	-2.5%	633	617
Burglary – Residential	+13.4%	689	781
Burglary – Business and Community	-34.6%	384	251
Theft of Vehicles	+47.5%	162	239
Theft From Vehicles	-2.9%	817	793
Robbery	-10.1%	69	62
Cycle Theft	+21%	243	294
Shoplifting	+3%	764	787

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- A reduction in All Crime
- A reduction in Serious Acquisitive Crime
- A reduction in Shoplifting
- A reduction in Burglary- Business/Community

How will we achieve our aims?

- Continuous development of the integrated Neighbourhood Management Plan to tackle persistent crime localities Loughborough Town Centre, Ashby Road Area and Loughborough University (Beat 62) and Peel Drive Area (Beat 65)
- Work with the Loughborough Business Improvement District (BID) to use and develop best practice to tackle Business Crime
- Increase crime prevention awareness through the media and in local communities and deliver seasonal crime initiatives to address the varying risks throughout the year
- Continue to increase the public awareness of cybercrime, and how to avoid becoming a victim
- To work to embed the responsibility of reducing re-offending across all agencies for all age groups, including awareness raising of existing services and activities

How will we measure success?

- A reduction in All Crime
- A reduction in Serious Acquisitive Crimes recorded
 - Burglary - Residential,
 - Robbery,
 - Theft from Motor Vehicle
 - Theft of Motor Vehicle);
- A reduction in Shoplifting crimes
- A reduction in Burglary- Business/Community

Priority 2: Proactively tackle ASB with a focus on reducing alcohol related violence, substance misuse and street related ASB

Why is this a priority?

The Partnership's approach to tackling anti-social behaviour will largely concentrate on the key principles of anti-social behaviour as defined by the '*Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014*'. This can be summarised as:

"Behaviour which caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household".

Nationally and locally, anti-social behaviour has a high profile and the Partnership wholly accepts that incidents of anti-social behaviour have a negative impact upon the quality of life of the residents within our communities. There are a number of significant contributing factors that make this a priority, namely:

- Loughborough has a vibrant night time economy
- Loughborough has a large student populous
- Urban areas mixed in with rural locations
- Vulnerable victims living within our communities

In the period 1st April 2018 to 31st December 2018 there have been 3446 complaints of anti-social behaviour, with various hotspot locations identified. Transient noise caused by young people, along with anti-social behaviour connected to houses in multiple occupation continues to be a challenge for the Partnership. Furthermore, tackling alcohol/ substance misuse fuelled anti-social behaviour throughout the borough is critical in promoting safe and stronger communities.

Over the past 12 months, there appears to have been an increase in the number of people sleeping rough, begging and undertaking street related anti-social behaviour in Loughborough. The Partnership, through supportive interventions, will work together to reduce the number of people rough sleeping, begging and causing street related anti-social behaviour within Loughborough Town Centre. Most people that present as rough sleepers and/or partake in begging, street related ASB are vulnerable people and should be treated as such. Support and diversion will be sought prior to and in conjunction with any enforcement action taken.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- A reduction in Violence Against the Person With Injury
- A reduction in street related ASB
- Engage closely with the communities to ensure they are confident in reporting incidents of ASB
- Ensure there is effective follow up with victims and that they are better informed of the positive outcomes of interventions taken
- Communicate effectively with communities to highlight the appropriate responses and positive action taken to address reports of ASB, particularly involving young people as both perpetrators and victims

How will we achieve our aims?

- Work in partnership with the Business Improvement District to support effective crime prevention schemes and enhance information sharing.
- To continue to develop and improve the Neighbourhood Management Plans for Loughborough Town Centre, Ashby Road Area and Loughborough University (Beat 62).
- To raise awareness of opportunistic crimes within the day time economy and provide effective prevention campaigns.
- Reduce opportunities for crime through rolling awareness campaigns (e.g. Stay Safe, Drink Drive etc).
- Support events, businesses and the Police by providing effective CCTV coverage and monitoring.
- Ensure publication of successful initiatives through effective press liaison.
- Use of available powers to address individuals deemed to be committing Crime and / or ASB / street related ASB
- Support the Student Street Support Scheme
- The Charnwood JAG will monitor emerging issues and hotspot areas to ensure the intelligent direction of mainstream resources.
- Supporting victims of anti-social behaviour and providing effective case management.
- Focus on tackling anti-social behaviour issues related to young people

How will we measure success?

- The Community Safety Partnership will monitor the number of reported crimes, as recorded by Leicestershire Police, on a quarterly basis.
- Reduction in complaints about Street Related ASB
- Number of legal interventions
- The Partnership will monitor the number of incidents recorded (both on Police systems and on Sentinel) and compare the data to the preceding year.
- The JAG will also monitor on a monthly basis
 - the number of non-legal interventions taken against young perpetrators
 - the number of breaches of non-legal youth interventions

Theme 2

Priority 3: Protecting Vulnerable Adults and Youths, including those at risk of Criminal Exploitation

Why is this priority?

Vulnerable, high risk and repeat victims of crime and anti-social behaviour present the highest levels of threat and harm for the Partnership. Protecting vulnerable adults/youths at risk of criminal exploitation has been identified as a priority in the 2018/19 PSA.

Historically Domestic Abuse has been an under-reported crime and organisations have found it difficult to measure the true extent of domestic abuse within Charnwood. An increase of both Domestic Abuse and Hate Crime is seen as a positive indicator of a community's confidence in the statutory services, which is in keeping with the CSP's vision. By encouraging victims to report incidents, the Partnership will be in an informed position and be more effective in supporting victims and developing further services.

The Partnership has seen a decrease in Domestic Related Violent Crime with Injury of -20.7%, with no hotspot locations identified.

Young people are also vulnerable to being exploited by adults within our communities and this includes: Drug exploitation (County Lines) and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). Agencies across the Borough and County are working together to protect these vulnerable young people and prosecute the perpetrators, hence the requirement for the CSP to demonstrate positive action in addressing the issue.

Further analysis undertaken in the Partnership Strategic Assessment (PSA) has also highlighted a significant increase in drug related behaviour, particularly within Loughborough and an increase in youth related crime and disorder. This youth related crime and disorder is compounded by the fact that several of the youths are also listed by Leicestershire Police as 'Habitual Knife Carriers'(HKC) and pose a risk on a number of levels, not least their involvement in 'County Lines' or 'locality based' crime groups.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- To increase the reporting of Domestic Abuse offences
- To raise awareness of Domestic Abuse and the Domestic Abuse support services in the Borough
- To provide diversionary projects that target young people at risk of becoming drawn into Crime and ASB.
- To identify all high-risk victims of Crime and ASB and to refer them to the Charnwood JAG for effective case management
- We aim to ensure that front line staff are sufficiently knowledgeable about the subject to ensure appropriate levels of support and referral
- To raise awareness of CSE and the support that is available

How will we achieve our aims?

- Two awareness initiatives will be undertaken in 2018/19 to highlight the local domestic support services that are available to victims and their families.
- Review and respond to any learning outcomes from any Leicestershire Domestic Homicide Reviews.
- Prevention – examine ways to change attitudes, and ensure that information about domestic abuse is widely available
- Improve information sharing and ensure a robust audit trail for information relating to the vulnerability of young people.
- To provide diversionary projects that target young people at risk of becoming drawn into Crime and ASB.
- Ensure appropriate referrals are made for support to children and young people, through Charnwood JAG
- We will ensure that all concerns identified in respect of children at risk of sexual exploitation are referred to the County CSE Thematic Group
- Improve information sharing and ensure a robust audit trail for information relating to the vulnerability of young people.
- To continue the development of the Joint Action Group and the Youth Joint Action Group to enable early identification of Adults and Young People at risk of criminal exploitation, particularly cases linked to County Lines and locality-based crime groups

How will we measure success?

- Number of Violence with Injury crimes
- Number of Domestic Violence with Injury crimes
- Number of Youth Related High Risk Cases referred to the Youth Joint Action Group
- Number of Adult Related High-Risk Cases referred to the Joint Action Group

Priority 4: Prevent people being drawn into extremism and increase the reporting of Hate Crime

Why is this priority?

The Prevent Strategy is part of the Government's counter-terrorism strategy, 'Contest'. It aims to stop people becoming extremists. It is important that the Partnership is proactive in addressing issues that could threaten community cohesion and that partner agencies work collaboratively to demonstrate that hate crime and extremist actions will not be tolerated. Whilst individual incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) may be considered minor offences, persistent ASB can have a very detrimental effect on individuals and families that are its victims and neighbourhoods as a whole.

From 1st April 2018 to the 31st December 2018 there were 135 hate crimes, which represents an increase of 37 (37.8%) more offences recorded, these include racial, religious, homophobic, transphobic, age, disability and gender incidents.

Charnwood has areas with significantly higher levels of hate related incidents than elsewhere in the county and an increase in reporting is viewed as a positive statement in terms of community confidence.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it
- Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support
- Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.
- To promote the work of the Hate Incident & Prevent Group, reporting processes and the support available to victims through events and local media.
- To improve awareness of hate incidents and increase levels of incident reporting to align with the County Council Hate Incident Monitoring Project targets; 7.5% increase over the next 3 years, 2.5% increase each year

How will we achieve our aims?

- By creating opportunities for people to discuss concerns at various levels.
- By providing WRAP training opportunities for frontline staff and people who come into contact with individuals vulnerable to radicalisation
- By communicating information regarding Prevent related threats and risks through the various levels of the Prevent structure.
- By complying with the statutory duties on Local Authorities to Prevent and address all forms of extremism, emanating from the Counter-Terrorism and Security Bill
- By ensuring that Charnwood Borough Council is represented at all levels in terms of Prevent agenda

- By holding at least 3 Hate/Domestic Abuse events throughout the year, promoting discussion and increasing awareness with members of the public.
- Deliver presentations to Schools, in hotspot locations for Hate Crime, as well as deliver training for Hate Incident reporting centre staff.

How will we measure success?

- Number of Prevent/Channel training sessions provided;
- Number of Channel referrals made:
- The Community Safety Partnership will monitor the number of Hate crimes, as recorded by Leicestershire Police, on a quarterly basis.

Theme 3

Priority 5: Build Safer and Stronger Communities, with a focus on increasing community confidence

Why is this priority?

The overall trend of 'All Crime' is rising with a +14.3% increase as at 5th December 2018 and a rise in reported ASB, with a +18% increase reported to the last Community Safety Partnership. In a recent survey for Loughborough Town Centre the following was reported

- 61% felt 'safe' or 'very safe' in Loughborough during the day
- 26% felt 'safe' or 'very safe' in Loughborough during the night
- 47% stated drugs was a 'major issue'
- 49% stated begging was a 'major issue'
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Therefore, people's perception of becoming a victim of crime is greater than the actual reality of being a victim of crime. However, the Leicestershire Insight Survey, which comprises of 1,600 telephone interviews throughout the year reported the following

- 87% felt safe in their local area after dark - this has reduced in the last few months
- 80% agreed that ASB has got better or stayed the same – this has reduced in the last few months

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Encourage people to take reasonable precautions to protect themselves, their neighbours and their property.
- Work with the Council's Communications Team to develop a Community Safety Partnership Communications Strategy.
- Update the website on a regular basis.
- Increase our use of social media as a vehicle to communicate crime reduction messages.

How will we achieve our aims?

- Promote good news stories, crime reduction figures and messages of reassurance through a variety of media channels
- Support a process of communicating with neighbourhoods
- Inform the community of the actual levels of crime and ASB
- Engage with residents and local representatives, particularly in our priority neighbourhoods, to understand local concerns and seek feasible solutions.

How will we measure success?

- By aiming to achieve a 90% of people stating that felt safe in their local area after dark (Leicestershire Insight Survey)

Glossary

ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
ABC	Acceptable Behaviour Contracts
ASBI	Anti Social Behaviour Injunction
BCS	British Crime Survey
CBO	Criminal Behaviour Orders
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
DV / DA	Domestic Violence / Domestic Abuse
IDVA	Independent Domestic Violence Advisor
IOM	Integrated Offender Management
iQuanta	The iQuanta website provides a large repository of analyses on current policing and community safety in England and Wales.
JAG	Joint Action Group
LSP	Local Strategic Partnership (Charnwood Together)
MAPPOM	Multi-Agency Prolific & Priority Offender Management – Leicestershire's programme for managing and reducing offending of PPOs
MARAC	Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference
NIM	National Intelligence Model
NPA	Neighbourhood Policing Area
PCC	Police and Crime Commissioner
PCP	Police and Crime Panel
PPO	Prolific & Priority Offenders – The small proportion of offenders who cause a disproportionately large amount of crime and disorder in local communities
SCS	Sustainable Communities Strategy (The strategy of the LSP to improve the quality of life for communities)

