

**Finance and Performance Scrutiny
30th November 2021**

Report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services

Lead Member: Councillor Leigh Harper-Davies

PART A

ITEM: 6 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

Finance and Performance Scrutiny has been allocated the statutory responsibility to ensure that effective scrutiny of the work of the Community Safety Partnership takes place in the absence of Directorate Scrutiny Committees.

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 with the collective objective of making Charnwood a safer place to live and work. Its membership is drawn 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.

Executive Summary:

This report is focused on the performance of the CSP set against its three Strategic Themes from the 1st April 2021 to the 30th September 2021:

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, under each thematic and commentary on what additional development work is required throughout the rest of the performance year.

The report sets out the current 2021/22 performance that the Partnership has achieved as at the 30th September 2021 (Quarter 1 and Quarter 2). Due to the performance year 2020/21 being mostly under Covid restrictions, the Community Safety Partnership has also undertaken a comparison of its current 2021/22 performance set against 2019/2020 and 2020/21, thereby allowing Scrutiny to have a more detailed picture of crime and disorder trends within Charnwood.

Figure 1 (p4) illustrates the CSP's performance during Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2021/22. The CSP have seen an increase of reported crime in 5 of the 9 crime domains, with 'All Crime' now being recorded to be at +12% compared to the same reporting period of 2020/21.

Similarly, in **Figure 1** the CSP has assessed its performance against the pre Covid 2019/2020 reporting period. It is noted that the Partnership has seen an increase of +8% in 'All Crime' during 2021/22, when compared to Quarter 1/Quarter 2 of 2019/20.

The Partnership continues to deliver consistent and significant reductions in the following crime domains during 2021/22:

- Burglary Residential: -28%
- Burglary Business: -20%
- Theft of Motor Vehicles: -14%

- Theft From Motor Vehicles: -36%

However, it is noted from **Figure 1**, that there are two crime domains that have continued to have significant increases across the past three performance years. The current 2021/22 data illustrates this continuing challenge:

- Violence with Injury: +15%
- Cycle Theft: +156%

For additional context for Scrutiny, Leicestershire Police have provided the data set listed in **Figure 2**. This data illustrates the crime trends in 'All Crime', Burglary and Vehicle Crime, across all 10 Police Beats within the Borough of Charnwood. Whilst these beat locations are not co-terminus with the Council Electoral Wards, an index of locations has been listed under each Police Beat to assist members. Unfortunately, this data set goes beyond Quarter 2 and is inclusive of 1st April 2021 – 21st October 2021. As the data is courtesy of Leicestershire Police, we have been unable to reset the reporting dates to Quarter 1 and Quarter 2.

The crime data clearly illustrates that there are 2 key locations in relation to crime volume:

- Loughborough Central: Police Beat 62
- Loughborough East: Police Beat 65

In 2016 the Community Safety Partnership, through its Partnership Strategic Assessment, identified both Beat 62 and Beat 65 as chronic locations for crime and disorder. In mitigation two multiagency subgroups were created – Loughborough Central Delivery Group (LCDG) and the Loughborough East Delivery Group (LEDG) – later known as the People Zone.

The CSP has identified that these two groups have not been operating effectively in recent times. There has been a significant increase in the turnover of police staff in these locations, which in turn has led to an increased turnover in the Chair of each group. Consistency of staffing has been a real challenge for the Partnership. Moreover, the attendance of statutory partners outside of the Council and the Police at these meetings has been sporadic at best and there is a real need for them to reengage with the CSP to fulfil their statutory duty under the Crime & Disorder Act.

Furthermore, it has been agreed that there will be a greater focus on the skillset of officers attending these two critical meetings. Each group will be advised and mentored by a strategic leader from within the Partnership, with the Community Safety Manager now working alongside the Chair of the LCDG and the NPA Commander mirroring that approach with the LEDG.

Finally, the Partnership is also currently reviewing its CSP delivery model to ensure that the cross-cutting enablers are in place to maximise performance eg: Data sharing; Evidence & Evaluation and Communication Strategy to name a few. A corporate action plan has been created to capture these workstreams and the CSP Strategic Group will oversee key actions that are arising from this piece of work.

Community Safety Partnership Plan:

Theme 1: Making Communities Safer

Context:

Each year, the CSP completes a Partnership Strategic Assessment (PSA) with the aim of reviewing the previous twelve months performance and identifying emerging areas of threat, 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.

Most Similar Family Groups (MSFGs) 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 CSP monitors the movement within the MSFG, but also looks at comparison to other areas within Leicestershire.

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

Theme 1 of the 2020-2023 Community Safety Plan aims to make our Communities Safer. The CSP's current performance against this strategic theme is listed at **Figure 1** below.

To offer members additional context, the 2021/22 performance is set against the two previous performance years to take account of the COVID 19 lockdown during 2020/21. **Figure 1** also illustrates the CSP's direction of travel set against its Most Similar Family Group (MSFG) with Green Arrows demonstrating a positive move in the right direction.

Figure 1: Overview Crime Performance from the 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021 compared to 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020 and 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019

Crime Type	Performance to Date comparing 1 st April 2021 to 30 th September 2021 to 1 st April 2020 to 30 th September 2020	Performance to Date 1 st April 2021 to 30 th September 2021 to 1 st April 2019 to 30 th September 2019	Total Crime as at 30 th September 2021	Total Crime as at 30 th September 2020	Total Crime as at 30 th September 2019	Position in Family Group as at September 2021
All Crime	+12%	+8%	7001	6250	6504	10/15 ↑
Violence with Injury	+15%	+83%	900	783	492	13/15 ↑
Burglary – Residential	-28%	-50%	206	288	413	14/15 ↔
Burglary – Business	-20%	-36%	69	86	108	10/15 ↑
Theft of Vehicles	-14%	-42%	102	119	176	6/15 ↓
Theft from Vehicles	-36%	-56%	206	320	468	9/15 ↓
Robbery	+5%	-11%	42	40	47	8/15 ↑
Cycle Theft	+156%	+83%	220	86	120	14/15 ↑
Shoplifting	+36%	-4%	404	297	422	3/15 ↔

Figure 2: Police Crime Performance Data by Beat from the 1st April 2021 to 21st October 2021

Beat Area	All Crime			Burglary- Residential			Theft from Motor Vehicle			Theft of a Motor Vehicle		
	Crime as at 21 st Oct 2020	Crime as at 21 st Oct 2021	% Variance	Crime as at 21 st Oct 2020	Crime as at 21 st Oct 2021	% Variance	Crime as at 21 st Oct 2020	Crime as at 21 st Oct 2021	% Variance	Crime as at 21 st Oct 2020	Crime as at 21 st Oct 2021	% Variance
Charnwood Borough												
Beat 56 Covers, Woodhouse Eves Newtown Linford, Cropston, , Rothley and Quorn	449	449	0%	42	19	-55%	47	19	-60%	4	7	+75%
Beat 57 Mountsorrel	341	318	-7%	18	8	-56%	17	10	-41%	7	6	-14%
Beat 58 Anstey	188	258	+37%	12	13	+8%	5	7	+40%	5	2	-60%
Beat 59 Covers Wymeswold, Hoton, Burton on Wolds, Barrow Upon Soar, Sileby, and Seagrave	701	685	-2%	28	13	-54%	15	12	-20%	13	12	-8%
Beat 60 Covers Birstall and Wanlip	356	331	-7%	12	17	+42%	23	9	-61%	10	7	-30%
Beat 61 Covers, Queniborough, Syston, Thurmaston, Barkby, Beeby and South Croxton	1129	1253	+11%	37	28	-24%	43	26	-40%	26	21	-19%
Beat 62 Covers Ashby Road Estate, Loughborough University, Storer Road Area, Loughborough Town Centre and Loughborough College	1256	1703	+36%	47	68	+45%	42	26	-38%	19	24	+26%
Beat 63 Covers Nanpantan, The Outwoods and Shelthorpe	553	616	+11%	55	28	-49%	72	31	-57%	14	9	-36%
Beat 64 Covers Hathern, Shepshed and the Dishley Road Estate	802	826	+3%	34	20	-41%	63	30	-52%	13	15	+15%
Beat 65 Covers Bell Foundry Estate, Warwick Way estate, Parts of Alan Moss Road, Meadow Lane, Sparrow Hill, Pinfold Gate, Leicester Road	1162	1415	+22%	43	20	-53%	26	64	+146%	22	22	0%

Theme 1

Priority 1: Prevent and disrupt criminality focusing on reducing 'All Crime', creating safer communities free from harm and violence.

The 'All Crime' performance as of 30th September 2021, has seen an increase of +12%. This increase equates to 751 more victims of crime compared to the same reporting period of 2020/21.

Comparing the CSP's 'All Crime' 2021/22 to 30th September 2019/20 illustrates that there has also been an increase of in this reporting period, with this increase equating to a +8% in 'All Crime'. This increase equates to 497 more victims of crime.

Compared to the other members of Charnwood's Most Similar Family Group (MSFG) we are now positioned 10/15 as of 30th September 2021. Previously Charnwood CSP was ranked 8/15.

During Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 (2021/22), the Partnership has delivered a return of:

- -28% reduction in Burglary – Residential: (82 less offences)
- -20% reduction in Burglary – Business: (17 less offences)
- -14% reduction in Theft of Vehicles: (17 less offences)
- -36% reduction in Theft from Motor Vehicle: (114 less offences)

However, further work will be required to address an increase in:

- Violence against the person with Injury: +15% (117 additional offences)
- Cycle Theft: +156% (134 additional offences)
- Shoplifting: +36% (107 additional offences)
- Robbery: +5% (2 additional offences)

Context

It is appropriate to note that **Figure 1** is comparing the CSP performance to a previous year 2020/21, most of which was during Covid restrictions and lockdown conditions. However, that said all our contrasting CSP's in our Most Similar Family Groups have operated under the same challenging conditions and the same Home Office Counting Rules for recorded crime.

The data looking across the past three years clearly illustrates that 'All Crime' is increasing in Charnwood. A detailed analysis of the crime trend has illustrated that the following are key aggravating factors contributing to that increase:

- Mental Health
- Vulnerability
- Domestic Abuse

These aggravating factors feature significantly within the workstreams of the CSP Delivery Model with partners adopting a multiagency response to mitigate these key issues.

A review of our MSFG data shows that we are moving in the wrong direction in all crime domains apart from those listed below, which have either improved or remained static:

- Burglary Residential: 14/15 static 14/15 (Sept 2021)
- Theft of Vehicles: 6/15 previously 12/15 (Sept 2021)
- Theft from Motor Vehicles: 9/15 previously 12/15 (Sept 2021)
- Shoplifting: 3/15 static 3/15 (Sept 2021)

Detailed analysis of the crime patterns in **Figure 2** shows that the two locations contributing to the highest volume of crime in Charnwood are:

- Loughborough Central: Beat 62: +36% increase in crime
- Loughborough East: Beat 65: +22% increase in crime

Priority 2: Proactively tackle all ASB with a focus on reducing alcohol/substance misuse related incidents and street related ASB

The Partnership's approach to tackling anti-social behaviour is largely concentrated 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 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 with rural locations
- Vulnerable victims often with complex needs, living within our communities

Context

With the lifting of COVID restrictions, the Partnership has developed a Night-Time Economy plan that focuses on both Enforcement and Prevention as central themes. Through the Loughborough Central Delivery Group (LCDG), all licenced premises are assessed using a 'RAG' System, Red, Amber or Green. All red listed premises are reviewed at the monthly Charnwood Area Licensed Premises Meeting. Positive action that has been generated in meeting this strategic objective include:

- Funding for the Street Pastors to support vulnerable users of the night-time economy on a Saturday evening has continued.
- Funding for the Student Street Support Scheme, which helps to reduce transient noise on a Saturday and Wednesday evening is in place.
- Targeted work around Licensing concerns raised by members of the Charnwood Area Licensed Premises group.

The Student Street Support Scheme, is now overseen by the Security Team at the University, having previously been run under the banner of the Students Union. The scheme operates on an intelligence led approach and is deployed on the following basis:

- Every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evening during term times
- Patrol times being from 10pm to 2am
- 4 students patrolling in two pairs
- Routes agreed utilising data from weekly ASB partnership meeting

The scheme now that COVID restrictions have been lifted will continue to operate through out the rest of the 2021/22 academic year:

- Term 1 – from Friday 1st October 2021 to Friday December 17th 2021
- Every day during Freshers – 1st to 9th October 2021
- Term 2 – from Friday 11th February 2022 to Saturday 2nd April 2022
- Term 3 – from Friday 6th May 2020 to Saturday 18th June 2022

The Partnership receives regular updates on ASB data reported to the Partnership and during Quarter 1 and 2 (2021/22) there has been a reduction of -13.2% in reported ASB recorded on Sentinel, equating to 533 less incidents. The two areas of concern re volume of reported incidents are:

- Beat 62 with 904 incidents
- Beat 65 with 519 incidents

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

The Charnwood Community Safety Partnership has achieved reductions in 4 crime domains during 2021/22 and the processes in place to identify and respond to threats around crime trends are working well. This has included the following:

- An Online Fraud Reduction Campaign which included 25 Tweets and 3152 impressions and 216 engagements
- The effective work of the Youth Jag and Adults at Risk JAG targeting vulnerable residents of Charnwood, through positive partnership working.
- All the subgroups of the JAG now have the same referral process for upward escalation of high-risk cases, this has worked really well in identifying a host of cases and this document has been shared with all key partners.

- A Countywide online Knife Crime aimed at Young people supported by material from partners as part of the ongoing Respect campaign.
- A joint online campaign called the “Second Step” to raise awareness of the Jenkins Centre perpetrator programme amongst those that use harmful or abusive behaviours, their friends or families and professionals, with 714 impressions.
- Engaging in the following social media campaigns:
 - #LockitorLoseit
 - #thinksafe
 - #CallUAVA
 - #ActionFraud
 - #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek
 - #NoTheSigns
 - #MenToo
 - #InYourCommunity
 - #CharnwoodWatch
 - #Exploitation
 - #DomesticAbuse
 - #EndHumanTrafficking
 - #MdrnSalveryHelpline
 - #saynotoasb
 - #Modernslavery

Theme 1: Making Communities Safer: Areas for Development:

The Partnership had previously adopted the Charnwood Drug Strategy in 2018 under the following three themes:

- Prevention & Early Intervention
- Building Recovery
- Safer & Stronger Communities

In 2021/22 Charnwood CSP continues to be challenged by the ever-increasing problem of substance misuse. A significant proportion of offending within the Borough is driven through the behaviour of individuals living chaotic lifestyles and having a habitual reliance upon substance misuse.

Furthermore, given the locality of key towns such as Loughborough, which has excellent travel corridors both road and rail, there is an ever present problem of County Lines and the criminal exploitation of young individuals and the ‘cuckooing’ of adults at risk.

Unfortunately, due to a number of contributing factors, the CSP Drug Strategy has not been as effective in recent times. As such the Partnership is currently looking at the cross-cutting enablers that are required from all agencies to refocus this important piece of work. Clear examples of this being:

- Effective Data sharing
- Greater connectivity in terms of intelligence sharing
- Enhanced engagement with support services
- Evidence and evaluation – ensuring an outcome focused approach

Theme 2: Protecting Vulnerable People

Priority 3: Prevent violence and exploitation whilst supporting victims: including criminal exploitation, serious violence, domestic / sexual violence, abuse, modern slavery and human trafficking

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 25 referrals during Quarter 1 and Quarter 2, are reviewed at the JAG and as a matter of course; all high-risk victims of ASB are referred to Victim First, thereby ensuring that they have continued support.

Context

The following are updated performance indicators from Quarter 1 to Quarter 2 (2021/22) for the Domestic Abuse Service funded through Charnwood Community Safety Partnership and the Council's Strategic Partner Grant:

- 100% victim satisfaction rate for 2020/21, with all aspects of service delivery being rated as excellent or good.
- Living without Abuse has supported 89 new clients in Charnwood in Quarter One to Quarter Two against the target of 80 clients for 2021/2022
- One Freedom Programme session and One Lightbulb Group has taken place in Quarter 1 to Quarter two. 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.

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

All Hate Crime/Incident and Prevent reports are discussed and reviewed by the JAG chair, as 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. . The JAG aims to do this by

- Ensuring that all vulnerable young people and adults who might be susceptible to or are already engaged in any form of extremism, are referred through to Channel via the Charnwood JAG
- Taking positive action in respect of all hate incidents/crimes.
- By holding at least 3 Hate Awareness events throughout the year, promoting discussion and increasing awareness with members of the public

The Partnership has seen an increase of +16.4% of reported Hate Crimes (32 extra crimes) during Quarter 1 – Quarter 2 (2020/21) and an increase of +2% of Hate Incidents reported to the Partnership (5 extra reported incidents).

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

The strategic theme of protecting the most vulnerable in our communities is a critical area of business for the CSP. However, this area of business is growing in both its volume and risk posed. The complexity of the cases clearly illustrates the changing pattern in the world of Community Safety and the increasing demand in terms of resource time.

To address the risk posed to both adults and youths at risk, the CSP has two multi-agency specialist groups that sit beneath the main JAG. These are listed as:

- Youth JAG
- Adults at Risk Group (AARG)

Both multi-agency groups bring a risk focused approach and have safeguarding as their central theme. In both forums' cases are managed through the risk posed of reoffending and the risk posed to both the individual perpetrator/victim and the wider community.

At the Youth JAG (Quarter 1 Quarter 2), there have been 12 young people referred and risk assessed as High Risk, with another 14 young people being placed in a monitoring cohort after a reduction in incidents and risk. These youth cases all have many different levels of complexity and significant partner interventions in a bid to divert the young people away from criminality.

There are also 9 cases being managed through this reporting period at the Adults at Risk Group. These individuals are also assessed at High Risk of harm and reoffending. Concerns around this cohort include: bullying and harassment, drug misuse, homelessness, self-harm, cuckooing, mental health and domestic abuse. Again this cohort often have chaotic lifestyles and are at risk due to the situation or circumstances in which they are living.

Moreover, Charnwood had been identified as an area of risk of serious violence through the Violence Reduction Networks (VRN) Strategic Needs Assessment. As such the CSP has supported funding of £10,000 for a 'Serious Violence Community Outreach Project for young people. The Project is being jointly commissioned by Leicester City Council (LCC), The Violence Reduction Network (VRN) and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). The aim of the project is to:

“provide young people involved in or at high risk of involvement in public place violence, with a high-quality and sustained mentoring relationship delivered by credible role models within the young person’s local community”

Theme 2: Protecting Vulnerable People: Areas for improvement:

The LLR Strategic Partnership Board (SPB) has commissioned a review of the county wide ASB protocols and has developed their own workstreams, having identified a number of vulnerabilities in respect of ASB case recording/management. This has resulted in the following pieces of work being undertaken:

- A review of ASB Policies to establish both the agreed definition of ASB, with the intention of having a consistent LLR ASB Policy
- The creation of a User Protocol for Sentinel – to ensure consistency across partners in terms of case recording/management
- The development of a training package for Sentinel, which will include a practitioner’s guide
- Repeat Victim process – to incorporate an agreed definition of the term repeat victim and a consistent LLR response to such vulnerable individuals

The Partnership is playing an active part in these important workstreams and this is being prioritised within the CSP, given the increasing number of Community Triggers being activated by dissatisfied victims of anti-social behaviour within our locality.

For context, Community Triggers are borne out of *sect 104 ‘ASB, Crime & Policing Act 2014’*, which places a statutory duty upon the CSP to undertake a full case review should the local threshold agreement be met, and the victim dissatisfied with the response they have received. Additional information on Community Triggers features under Priority 5 below.

Theme 3: Improving Community Confidence, Engagement and Cohesion

Priority 5: Build stronger and cohesive 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 in 2017. However, the Leicestershire Insight Survey, which comprises of 1,600 telephone interviews throughout the year reported the following:

- 77% felt safe in their local area after dark - this has reduced in the last few months from 79%
- 85% agreed that ASB has got better or stayed the same – this has increased in the last few months from 82%

Context

Under the Strategic Theme of increasing Community Confidence, during Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 (2021/22), the CSP has received 5 Community Trigger activations. All cases were reviewed against the locally agreed threshold and all activations have progressed to full review hearings, with improvement action plans created for all victims.

The CSP has to date now received 23 Community Trigger activations in total and has identified a number of common themes in all cases. This has led to the identification of both organisational change and the requirement for enhanced training for practitioners involved in ASB case management.

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

The Partnership is committed to improving residents' perceptions of them becoming victims of crime, by providing positive new stories and raising awareness around crime prevention by

- Encourage people to take reasonable precautions to protect themselves, their neighbours and their property through social media campaigns and community events.
- Update the website and social media on a regular basis with crime prevention information
- Using diverse media products to raise awareness
- Engage with residents and local representatives, particularly in our priority neighbourhoods, to understand local concerns and seek feasible solutions.

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

This priority is key business for both the Loughborough Central Delivery Group (LCDG) and the Loughborough East Delivery Group (LEDG). Both the LCDG and the LEDG continue to take a targeted approach to tackling local concerns. Predominately, albeit not exclusively, those concerns have centred upon the risk posed by drug offences in both the town centre and Loughborough East through developing Integrated Neighbourhood Plans using the EPIC model which is the following

- E=Enforcement
- P=Prevention
- I=Intelligence
- C=Confidence (Community)

However, as reported earlier these key groups have had a significant turn over in staff and have performed less effectively during Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 (2021/22). Positive action has now been adopted to increase the skillset of the Chairs of these Groups with the aim of refocusing and maximising performance.

Conclusion:

In terms of the current 2021/22 performance, the following shows the reductions that the partnership has achieved as at the 30th September 2021:

- Burglary – Residential -28%
- Burglary – Business -20%
- Theft from Vehicles -36%
- Theft of Vehicles -14%

The following crime domains are above the reduction target:

- Violence with Injury +15%
- All Crime +12%
- Cycle Theft +156%
- Shoplifting +36%
- Robbery +5%

Under each theme Scrutiny has been provided with both context and analysis of each priority, demonstrating the positive actions the CSP has commissioned to achieve its goals and where necessary, recommendations to improve performance moving forward.

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