

Report to: Community Protection Panel

Date: 10 March 2008

Subject: Crime Statistics 1 April 2007 to 31 January 2008

Report of: Director of Environmental Services

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Purpose / summary: To report the performance in relation to recorded crime performance.

Alternative options considered and reason for selecting the one recommended: The alternative is not to seek the Panel's views on these statistics.

Recommendation / decision: Panel's views are invited on the crime statistics.

Key Decision: This report does not involve a key decision.

Risks / Implications:

Financial:	None
Staffing:	None
Policy:	Crime and Disorder Strategy
Equal Opportunities - Has a Diversity Impact Assessment been conducted?	No
Wards affected:	All

Property Implications – Does the proposal involve a reduction, addition or change to the Council's asset base or its occupation?

No

If yes, have the property implications been agreed with the Corporate Property Officer?

Does this proposal have significant implications for the Council and the local population?

A full diversity impact assessment has been undertaken and is attached as an

appendix to this report.

Does this proposal involve a new policy or procedure or significant changes to an existing policy or procedure?

A diversity impact assessment is not necessary at this stage, however, equality and diversity implications have been considered when producing this report.

Has the Director of Legal and Property Services confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution? **Yes/ No ***

Has the Director of Finance and IT confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget? **Yes / No ***

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? **Yes / No ***

* delete which applicable

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Categorisation of the report:	X
Discussion leading to a decision	
Monitoring	
Sharing for corporate understanding	

	x
Discussion	
Decision	
Information	

Tracking/Process:

	Consultation	Ward Members	Partners
Panel	Overview & Scrutiny	Cabinet	Council
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There are no Background Papers to this Report within the meaning of Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Proper Officer Martin Kimber

Date 22 February 2008

1. Background:

- 1.1 One of the key aims and targets of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is to reduce crime recorded by the police. Within the total crime figures there is a basket of 10 specified crimes known as the British Crime Survey (BCS) 10 which Government requires all Partnerships to measure. To monitor performance the Home Office have grouped all Partnerships throughout the Country into most similar families.
- 1.2 The Partnership has 2 targets related to crime statistics in the current Local Area Agreement (LAA). These are the BCS10 and separately Burglary Dwelling. Both had a stretching three year reduction target to meet by 31 March 2008.

2. Information

2.1 Crime Statistics

- 2.1.1 The following table shows the provisional crime figures for the period up to 31 January 2008 with percentage variations for comparison purposes. The 10 crime types which comprise the BCS10 are listed separately in order that their individual performance can be seen.

CSP SP1 Reduce Recorded Crime			
	Actual 31/12/07	Last Year Actual	% Variance on Last Year
BCS Crimes	14288	15279	-6.49
Domestic Burglary	1458	1376	5.96
Vehicle Theft	1081	1055	2.46
Theft from Vehicle	2264	2798	-19.09
Vehicle Interference	398	442	-9.95
Theft of Cycle	375	336	11.61
Robbery	149	151	-1.32
Theft from Person	195	163	19.63
Common Assault	691	572	20.80
Wounding (Serious and Less)	2111	2186	-3.43
Criminal Damage	5566	6200	-10.23
CSP – LAA Target Status			
	Actual 31/1/08	Target 31/1/08	Target Status
BCS Crimes	14288	13837	≡
Domestic Burglary	1309	1608	H

- 2.1.2 In 2006/07 overall crime remained broadly static with a rise of less than one percent in the total of BCS10 crime. Within the BCS10 category the crimes of Criminal Damage, Theft from Vehicle and Wounding showed an increase.

- 2.1.3 In line with the principles of the National intelligence Model Business process which underpins all our Community Safety Partnership work these crimes have been targeted during the current year and all are now showing a significant reduction.
- 2.1.4 Overall the figures are showing a reduction of 6.49% over the same period in the previous year which reflects a return to the reducing crime figures we have experienced over the past few years. This is a particularly welcome sign as we did experience some rises in crime in the first few months of the year.
- 2.1.5 With regard to our Local Area Agreement performance we set a target of reducing burglary dwelling by 30% over the three year period ending 31 March 2008 and criminal damage by 25% over the same period. We are clearly on target in relation to burglary dwelling which equates to a reduction of 901 crimes and will be close to achieving the BCS10 target which equates to a reduction of 5512 crimes.
- 2.1.6 As previously referred to we use the NIM process to identify which areas and crimes pose the gradient threat and which we should target for action on a dynamic basis. An example of the ongoing work in that regard is Operation Unify, which is currently underway, focussed on the Leigh Town Centre area. Concerted efforts by the police and partners have seen a localised 42% reduction in crime during the first phase of the operation.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 Overall BCS10 crime has reduced to date by 6.49% or put another way there have been 1009 fewer victims of crime in the Borough so far this year.
- 3.2 Performance is continually monitored and where individual crime types indicate a threat to overall performance action to deal with them is prioritised within the Partnership.

Diversity Impact Assessment form

Section:

Policy/Service Area:

Person Completing Form:

Date:

Do any of the below groups suffer specific disadvantage (please indicate)

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Race			Disability		
Ethnicity			Gender		
Age			Religion		
Class			Sexual Orientation		

Is there evidence of disadvantage or associated problems?

How was the information collected and/or who have you consulted with?

Action Plan – *What specific actions are planned to tackle any disadvantage identified?*

Is the policy in line with current equality legislation and relevant codes of practice?

Timescale	
Responsibility	
Comments	

Are the actions specified included in any other documents/plans?

Departmental Service Plan	
Section/Team Plan	
Other (Specify)	

Date for further review
