

**Report to:** Community Protection Panel

**Date:** 10 November 2008

**Subject:** Crime Statistics 1 April 2008 to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008

**Report of:** Executive Director – 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 diversity impact assessment is not necessary at this stage, however, equality and diversity implications have been considered when producing this report.

**Does this proposal involve a new policy or procedure or significant changes to**

**an existing policy or procedure?**

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Has the Service Director - Borough Solicitor confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution? **Yes / No \***

Has the Service Director - Corporate Services 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

**For Cabinet reports only:**

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

	<b>X</b>
Discussion	
Decision	
Information	

**Tracking/Process:**

	Consultation	Ward Members	Partners
Community Prot Panel	Overview & Scrutiny	Cabinet	Council
10 November 2008			

List of Background Papers in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972:

Title of document	Which meeting did it go to?	Date of meeting	Copy available from?

Proper Officer Martin Kimber

Date 29<sup>th</sup> October 2008

## 1. Background:

- 1.1 One of the key aims and targets for the emerging Building Stronger Communities Partnership in the Local Area Agreement is to reduce crime recorded by the police. Within the total crime figures there are a number of crime indicators we are using to monitor our performance which Government requires all Partnerships to measure.

## 2. Crime Statistics

- 2.1 The following table shows the provisional crime figures for the period up to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008 with percentage variations for comparison purposes.

Performance figures for Local Area Agreement targets and other local targets for the year to date (YTD) refer to 1<sup>st</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> October (2007/08 and 2008/09 respectively). Performance on these targets is shown below:

Crime types	YTD 07/08	YTD 08/09	% Change YTD 07/08 v YTD 08/09
<b>NI 16 Serious Acquisitive Crime</b>	3451	2908	-15.7
<b>Burglary Dwelling</b>	990	944	-4.6
Robbery	159	149	-6.3
Theft From Motor Vehicle	1598	1232	-22.9
Theft of Motor Vehicle	704	583	-17.2
<b>NI 15 Serious Violent Crime<sup>1</sup></b>	215	279	29.8
<b>'The Most' Serious V.Crime</b>	60	79	31.7
<b>Assaults</b>	1261	998	-20.9
<b>Criminal Damage</b>	3830	3533	-7.8
<b>ALL CRIME</b>	15689	14136	-9.8

- 2.2 In 2007/08 overall crime reduced by 504 crimes from 27648 to 27144, although individual's offences of burglary and common assault showed some increases.
- 2.3 In line with the principles of the National intelligence Model Business process which underpins all our Partnership work these crimes have been targeted during the current year and all are now showing a reduction.
- 2.4 Overall the figures are showing a reduction of 9.8% over the same period in the previous year which reflects a continuation of 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 last year.

<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that due to the change in recording of S20 offences, it is not possible to historically compare Serious Violent Crime figures before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008. Due to this, a revised target focusing on 'the most' Serious Violent Crime has been introduced and will stand for the first year of the LAA. Both variations on this target are included for information.

- 2.5 Serious violent crime and the most serious violent crime shows a rise which reflects the national picture. However it is not clear at this time if this is due to changes to definitions within the crime category and/or more accurate recording and it may not indicate a rise in actual offences.
- 2.6 As previously referred to we use the NIM process to identify which areas and crimes pose the greatest threat and which we should target for action on a dynamic basis. An example of the ongoing work in that regard is Operation Reindeer which is shortly to commence focussed on violent crime.

### **3. Conclusion**

- 3.1 Overall recorded crime has reduced to date by 9.8% or put another way there have been 1553 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.