

10 October 2011		ITEM 7
Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
Community Safety Partnership Performance Report 10/11		
Report of: Supt Ivor Harvey, Chair of Thurrock Community Safety Partnership		
Wards and communities affected: Borough Wide	Key Decision: Information item	
Accountable Head of Service: Lucy Magill, Head of Public Protection		
Accountable Director: Bill Newman, Director Sustainable Communities		
This report is: Public		
Purpose of Report: To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the opportunity to review the performance, both qualitative and quantitative, of the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership (TCSP) in 2010/11 and provide insight into the priorities for 2011/14		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership (TCSP) completes the final year of the 2008/11 crime reduction strategy there has been a 5%¹ reduction in crime² recorded in 2010/11 against the previous year, that's 317 less victims of these offences.

Reductions were seen in Burglary; however violent crime and vehicle crime increased over the year.

Criminal damage also continues to reduce, and reports of Anti-social Behavior to the Police have also seen a fall of 10%.

% / no of crimes change in key areas of recorded crime³ 10/11 compared to 09/10

Recorded Crime	Thurrock	Essex	England & Wales
Violence against the person	+3% (+64)	-1%	-6%
Sexual offences	+ 33% (+31)	14%	10%
Robbery offences	+ 15% (+22)	5%	1%
Burglary dwelling	-4% (-31)	-4%	-4%
Theft of a motor vehicle	+ 1% (+4)	-7%	-10%
Theft from a vehicle	+ 7% (64)	2%	-8%

¹ Data taken from the database used for the National Statistics bulletin on crime in England and Wales published on 14th July 2011. Recorded crime figures remain subject to revision in future publications as forces resubmit data to reflect the latest information.

² Reported crime types as defined within the British Crime Survey Comparator (BCS)

³ Not all crimes within BCS are detailed

Interfering with motor vehicle	-10% (-12)	-10%	-21%
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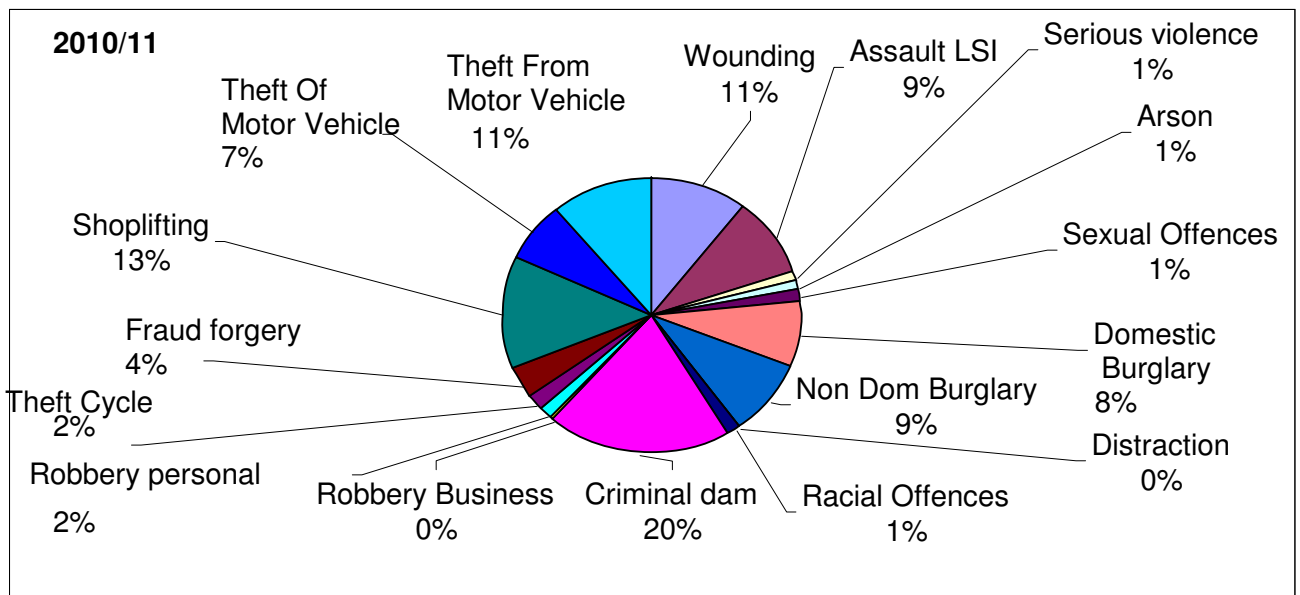
2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The overview and scrutiny committee are requested to note the performance of the Thurrock community Safety Partnership

3. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

3.1 This report is designed to share with partners the progress on performance and delivery of the 3 year crime and disorder strategy for 2008/11.

3.2 The following graph shows a breakdown by crime type:



Criminal damage at 20% has the highest crime rate in Thurrock, followed by shoplifting, wounding and theft from motor vehicles.

3.3 This section summarises the key performance against each of our 4 priorities and achievements:

3.3.1 Crime and anti-social behaviour

The priority (reward) indicators were serious acquisitive crime this is domestic burglary, vehicle crime, theft of cycles, robbery and theft from person) and assault with less serious injury. Across the 3 years:

- Serious acquisitive crime fell by 34% to 2,503 crimes.
- Assault with less serious injury fell by 25% to 860 crimes

Previously there was a perception indicator around anti-social behaviour (ASB) where data was collected through the Place Survey. This data is no longer collected however; perceptions are gained from residents through speaking with residents and completing postcard surveys. 44% out of the 98 people surveyed think that ASB is a problem in Thurrock. In light of the

Pilkington report⁴ the Partnership set up Locality Action Groups to provide a multi agency response for victims of ASB. Vulnerable and repeat victims form most of the referrals and safeguarding adults team are a key partner in this work.

3.3.2 Support and Protection to the Vulnerable

- Reports of domestic abuse incidents have increased by 54% Apr – Jan 10/11 compared to same time frame in the previous year. Repeat incidents have remained static. Funding has been provided for an Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy worker to support high risk victims and embed the MARAC (multi agency risk assessment conference) in Thurrock.
- Sexual offences reported to the Police were down 8% on the previous year.
- There were 892 victims of crime aged 18 and under in 2010/11. A number of initiatives were implemented to educate, protect and engage with young people to both reduce the likelihood of them being victims or becoming vulnerable to offending
- Re-offending rates of adults working with probation reduced by 10% up to December 2010 (Essex achieved a 1% reduction). Priority and prolific offenders re-offending rates reduced by 33% to December 2010, this compares favourably to a national reduction of 14%
- Thurrock drug and alcohol team continue to provide a high level of service delivering a number of programmes to address drug and alcohol issues, in particular working with those in the criminal justice system to reduce crime
- Distraction burglaries were at an all time low of 6 in the year. This is in part through introduction of no cold calling areas and targeted awareness raising campaigns.

3.3.3 Road, rail and Fire safety

Over the last 3 years the number of Killed or Seriously Injured Accidents (KSI) recorded on the Thurrock network was as follows:

- 2008 = 76
- 2009 = 67
- 2010 = 67

This equates to a 3 yr rolling average of 70 KSI. This average figure represents a reduction of 38.2% from the 2005/06/07 baseline.

This reduction is a result of the ongoing delivery of road safety schemes, borough wide education and promotion.

It is worth noting that as yet no target has been applied to the KSI indicator for future years.

3.3.4 Promote Tolerance (hate crime)

Racially aggravated crime reported to the Police decreased in 2010/11. There is currently an increase in reporting of hate crime motivated by sexuality and disability, due to a number of targeted campaigns.

⁴ report into the death of Fiona Pilkington and her daughter who had a learning disability following repeated reports of Anti social behaviour against them

4.0 **IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT**

- 4.1 The purpose of this document is to update members on performance and priorities for the future which are laid out in the strategy for 2011/14.

5. **IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 **Financial**

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There are no financial implications from this report

5.2 **Legal**

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This is a monitoring report and as such there are no direct legal implications arising.

5.3 **Diversity and Equality**

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There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report. A full EIA is in place with detailed action plan alongside the TCSP strategy for 2011/14. The hate crime strategy group will also monitor hate crime with a specific reference to crimes related to sexuality and disability in response to the issues raised in section 3.3.4 of the report.

5.4 **Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental**

This report will help the Partnership ensure that it is delivering on its commitments to Section 17.

6. **CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 Following a series of workshops, focus groups and the 2010 strategic assessment the priorities for the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership for 2011/14 are to:
1. Reduce Anti-social Behaviour

2. Improve Community Safety through Education, Engagement and Prevention
 3. Reduce Re-offending
 4. Reduce Serious Crime and Domestic Abuse
 5. Tackle Hate Crime (race, disability, sexual orientation and religion)
- 6.2 The strategic assessment for 2011 is currently being drafted this will look at all crimes and anti social behavior in the Borough at ward level and by gender, ethnicity, age and disability (where appropriate)
- 6.2.1 This assessment will be used to inform action planning to deliver on our 5 priorities
- 6.3 With the current climate it will be difficult to sustain the level of crime reductions seen over the past few years. Crime prevention advice will continue to be promoted to residents, to reduce the risk of them being victims. Reporting of crimes, in particular ASB, hate crime, sexual violence, domestic abuse and illegal money lending will continue to be promoted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:

- TCSP strategy 2008/11
- TCSP strategy Partnership 2011/14
- Partnership action plans

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- TCSP priorities 2011/14

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