

2 October 2012		ITEM 6
Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview and Scrutiny		
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE REPORT 11/12		
Report of: Supt Luke Collison, Chair of Thurrock Community Safety Partnership		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: No	
Accountable Head of Service: Lucy Magill, Head of Public Protection		
Accountable Director: Jo Olsson, Director of People services		
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 2011/12 and provide insight into the priorities for 2012/13		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For the first time since 2005 the year April 2011 to March 2012 saw a slight increase in crime in Thurrock with 6338 crimes recorded by the Home Office¹. This compares to 6,489 for the year ending March 2011; an increase of +2%.

This doesn't compare favourably to a National reduction of -6%, however it is in line with Essex; +1%.

The first quarter of the year 2012/13 has seen a 4% reduction in crime which is positive news.

Thurrock has a recorded crime level² of 41 crimes per 1,000 population, compared to 38 nationally and 34 in Essex.

With the current economic climate the partnership had anticipated that it would be difficult to sustain the level of crime reductions seen over the past few years.

In line with Essex Police, the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has a target to reduce crime by 1% and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) by 2% in 2012/13

% / no of crimes change in key areas of recorded crime³ 11/12 compared to 10/11

¹ Categories of crimes included are as /those in the crime survey for England and Wales

² i.e. reported to Police and recorded on Police National Database

Recorded Crime	Thurrock	Essex	England & Wales
Violence against the person	0% (-3)	+3%	-7%
Sexual offences	+3% (4)	+7%	-2%
Robbery offences	-20% (-33)	0%	-2%
Burglary dwelling	+16% (-111)	+7%	-5%
Theft of a motor vehicle	-5% (-33)	-7%	-13%
Theft from a vehicle	+13% (132)	+10%	-4%
Interfering with motor vehicle	-20% (-22)	-19%	-17%
All recorded crime, comparator offences	-20% (-22)	-19%	-17%

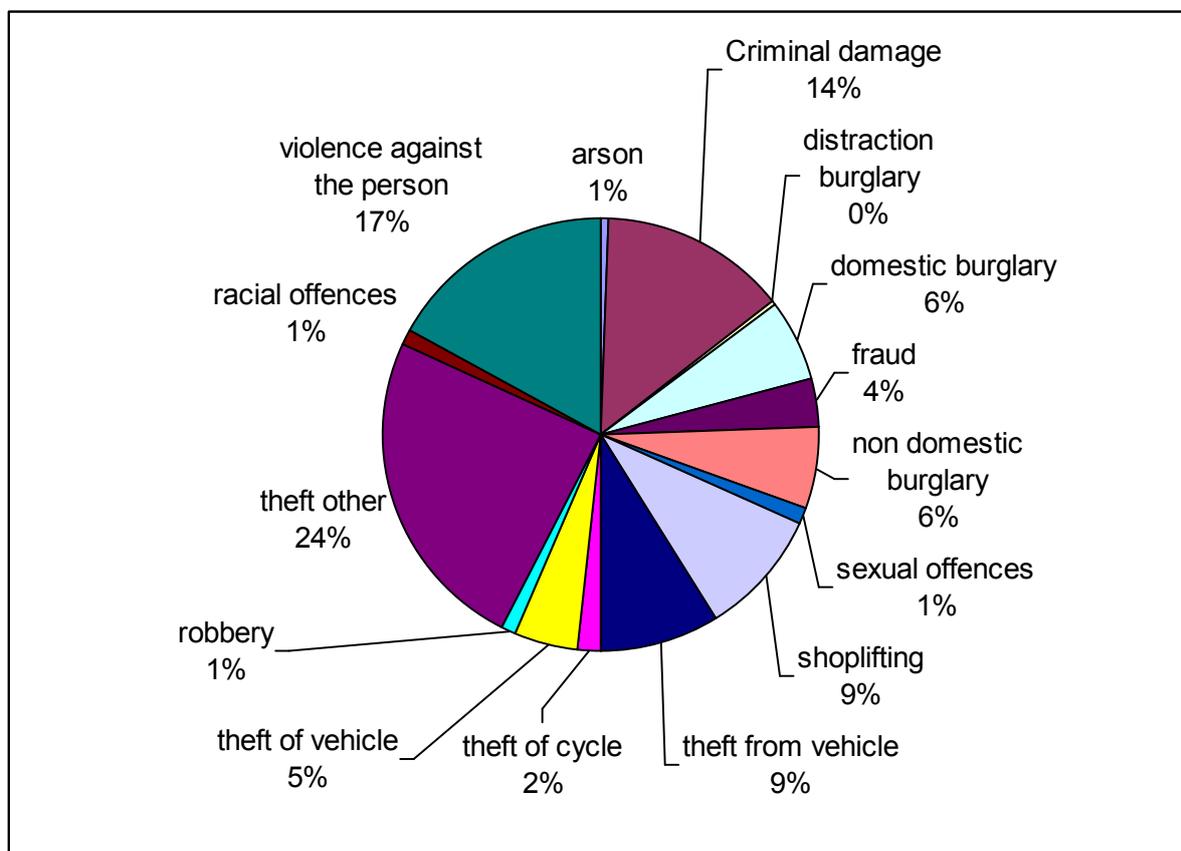
2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview and Scrutiny committee note the performance of the Thurrock community Safety Partnership for the year 2011/12

3. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

3.1 This report is designed to share the progress on performance and delivery of the 3 year community safety strategy for 2011/14.

3.2 The following graph shows a breakdown by crime type for 2011/12:



Theft other, (includes metal theft and handling) has the highest number of recorded offences and has been identified as a priority for the partnership to tackle through joint visits to scrap metal yards.

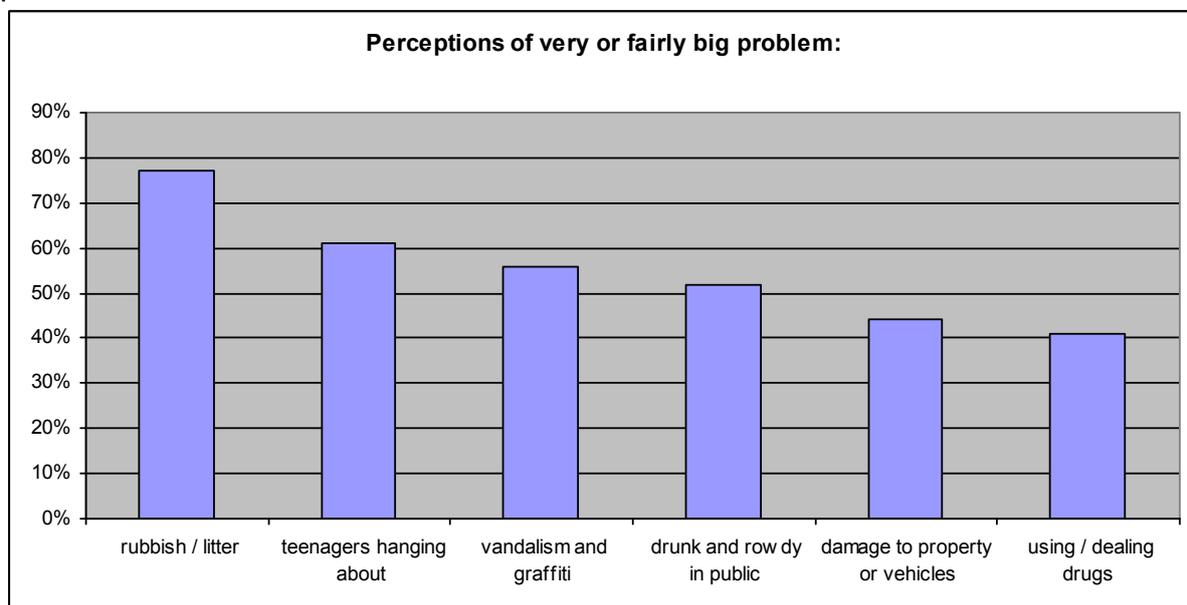
3.3 The CSP has 5 priorities in the 2011/14 Strategy:

3.3.1 Reduce Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)

Recorded ASB, both to the Police and Council continues to fall; however perceptions of ASB remain high. The following is taken from a survey conducted in Jan 2012 ⁴

- 60% of those asked think ASB is a very or fairly big problem, this rises to 64% for those with a disability
- 9% of those asked think it has got better over the last 12 months
- 20% of those asked think it has got worse over the last 12 months

Of those asked the following areas were identified as being a very or fairly big problem:



To tackle ASB the CSP continue to run locality action groups which:

- Identify perpetrators of ASB
- Provide support to victims, in particularly the vulnerable
- Take action in hot spot areas.

To support this operations and initiatives run by the locality action group include:

- Stay safe evenings where youth offending visit hot spot areas and talk to young people and ensure they are safe
- Early year's team provide positive activities in hot spot areas.
- Commissioning a report into street drinking to assess the scale of the problem in Thurrock. Actions are now been developed to deliver on the recommendations.

⁴ Please note that this is a snap shot survey and is not statistically relevant, however provides a good baseline indicator as to residents concerns.

- Firebreak, which is provided by Essex Fire Service, continues to be delivered and prioritises young offenders and those within the family intervention project.

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3.3.2 Improve Community Safety through Education, Engagement and Prevention

- The CSP hosted its statutory meet the people event in Grays in February which enabled all our partners to engage with a number of residents.
- The CSP produced 2 editions of Safer Thurrock newsletter which provided useful information to residents with regard to community safety.
- Five partner walk around days were held in different areas of the Borough followed up with you said we did communication to residents.
- The CSP continued to highlight to Thurrock's vulnerable residents the risks around distraction burglaries and loan sharks.
- Lansdowne primary school in Tilbury hosted a One Thurrock event aimed at promoting community cohesion and increasing reporting of hate crime

3.3.3 Reduce re-offending

- The latest Home Office statistics show a continued reduction in re-offending rates in Thurrock.
- The National Integrated Offender Management scheme was adopted in March 2012 and this continues to be developed.

3.3.4 Reduce serious crime and domestic abuse

- The CSP have focused on reducing violent crime through the introduction of a community alcohol project, which prioritises tackling under age sales in licensed premises and off licenses.
- Incidents of reported domestic abuse in 2011 were 26% higher than those compared to 2010.
- To support victims of domestic abuse Thurrock CSP have the following in place:
 - a MARAC – a multi agency risk assessment conference, to provide multi agency support for the victim
 - Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy service to work with high risk and repeat victims of domestic abuse going through the criminal justice system
 - Sanctuary scheme to support victims to remain in their own home.
- The CSP have commissioned a survey into same sex domestic abuse.

3.3.5 Tackle Hate Crime

- Racially aggravated crime has increased by 9% (12 offences) and Thurrock has the highest level of this type of crime compared to our most similar family
- The CSP have hosted 4 stay safe days for people with learning disabilities to support them to be safe at home and when out, but also to raise awareness and encourage reporting of disability hate crime.
- In the CSP survey 8% of those asked, said they had been a victim of hate crime and all had reported it.

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.

4.2 Action plans against each priority have been reviewed in line with performance

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Mike Jones**
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There are no financial implications from this report

5.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **David Lawson**
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This report fulfils our legal obligations and there are no legal implications arising from this report

5.3 Diversity and Equality

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There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report. A full Equality Impact Assessment is in place with detailed action plan alongside the TCSP strategy for 2011/14.

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.

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6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Following the CSP Strategic Board meeting in March 2012 priority 4 was amended to be all crime, not just serious crime.
- 6.2 The priorities for the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership for 2012/13 are to:
1. Reduce Anti-social Behaviour
 2. Improve Community Safety through Education, Engagement and Prevention
 3. Reduce Re-offending
 4. Reduce Crime and Domestic Abuse
 5. Tackle Hate Crime (race, disability, sexual orientation and religion)
- 6.3 The CSP have a strategy and action plan in place to address violence against women and girls, which is broader than domestic abuse, encompassing sexual violence and honour based abuse.
- 6.4 The strategic assessment for 2012 will be used to continue to inform action planning to deliver on the 5 CSP priorities
- 6.5 Crime prevention advice will continue to be promoted to residents, to empower them 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:

- Partnership action plans
- National statistics Recorded Crime Table

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- none

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