

Scrutiny Commission: 6 March 2019

**UPDATE ON POLICE AND CRIME
PANEL ACTIVITY**

Performance

At the Police and Crime Panel meeting on 12 December the Panel received a report on the performance of Leicestershire Police for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 September 2018.

All crime - The force recorded an additional +1,789 crimes compared to the same quarter of the previous year, this represents a +8% increase driven in part by an improvement in crime data integrity. To the end of September 2018 the force had recorded 46,025 crimes, this is an increase of +4,483 crimes (+11%) when compared to the same period of the previous year, this appears to be in line with all forces in England and Wales.

When compared to the same quarter of the previous year:

Violence with Injury offences had reduced by -127 offences (-7%)

Violence without Injury offences had however seen a +41% increase in offences (+1,513)

Rape offences had increased by 16% (+34) offences. August 2018 was an exceptionally high recording month for rape offences with 90 offences being recorded (this is an increase of +20 offences from August 2017). Approximately 28% of the total rape offences recorded in Q2 18/19 were historical offences (over a year ago).

Hate crime offences had reduced by -12%

Total Burglary offences had reduced by -244 offences

Precept and Budget

- At the Police and Crime Panel meeting on 1 February 2019 the Panel unanimously approved the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposed Precept and budget. The proposal was to increase the 2019-20 Precept by £24.00 per annum (12.05%) for police purposes to £223.23 for a Band D property.
- Part of the budget proposals was that the total number of police officers within Leicestershire Police would be increased by 80 in the 2019/20 year and a further 27 in the year 2020/21. In reality Leicestershire Police would actually be recruiting a total of approximately 250 officers to account for those that had left the force. The 27 officers that were intended to be recruited in 2020/21 could not be recruited a year earlier due to the manpower and resources it took to carry out the recruitment and training process and it was not feasible to recruit all 107 in the same year.
- The rationale behind the budget was to move police officers away from central locations into Neighbourhood Policing Areas to provide more visibility and better response times in those localities.
- The Precept increase is partly because £4.6m is required to fund the additional costs associated with the increased pension liability for 2019-20.

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