

## **LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD:**

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### **SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2017/18 QUARTER 3**

#### **Introduction**

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB) regarding Safer Communities performance for 2017/18 Quarter 3. The Safer Communities dashboard is shown at Appendix 1.
2. The dashboard shows the performance of each key performance indicator (KPI). It includes rolling 12 months trend data, collated comparative data showing most similar group (MSG) ranking and, more locally, charts showing how district councils compare.
3. Crime data is now regularly updated for the previous financial year 2016/17. This will mean the baseline year end rates will show small variations when compared to previous reports.

#### **Overall Performance Summary**

4. All crime reduction performance categories continue to follow an adverse trend in Quarter 3. Crime levels across all KPI's are increasing, although vehicle crime has begun to stabilise over the last 6 months. Most categories are performing in line or lower than the regional average. Vehicle crime however is higher than the regional average.
5. The Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) indicator is drawn from a question in the Community Based Survey (CBS), *'the % of people that agree that ASB has decreased or stayed the same'* this shows public perceptions regarding ASB levels are on a sustained downward trend as detailed at paragraph 18.
6. Hate incident reporting has shown a 6% increase compared to the same period in the previous 12 months. However reporting numbers are small and fluctuations can disproportionately affect statistics.
7. Performance with regard to each priority is outlined below.

#### **Ongoing Reductions in Crime**

8. Residential Burglary rates have shown large monthly variations since April 2017 with a peak in October 2017 and troughs in June, August and December. Overall the trend is stable. Residential Burglary is a new

classification and cannot be compared to domestic burglary in the previous year.

9. The offence rate for all Burglary, i.e. both residential and commercial burglaries, is 7.9 per 1000 population which is just above the regional average of 7.3. This is an 11% increase on the previous rolling 12 months.
10. The current 12 month period for vehicle crime (Incorporating theft of vehicle, theft from vehicle and vehicle interference) is 32% higher when compared to the same period last year. The Quarter 3 rate is currently 8.66 crimes per 1000 population which is higher than the regional average of 7.7. Encouragingly the rate of increase has slowed over the last 6 months with the current quarter being the same as the previous quarter.
11. The upward trend in violence with injury rates has continued in Quarter 3 with 4.62 offences per 1000 population. This is a 32% increase on the previous rolling 12 months. Increases have been seen nationally; to add context, the regional average is 7.7 per 1000 population.
12. In summary, reported crime in Leicestershire County in 2017 is continuing its upward trend with an overall year on year increase of 20% in Quarter 3. The increasing trend follows the regional trend. The current rate is 59 crimes per 1000 population which is better than the regional average of 69 crimes per 1000 population.

### **Reducing Re-offending**

13. Integrated Offender Management (IOM) data monitors the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland-wide overall reoffending rate amongst a representative cohort of offenders (163); Performance is measured annually and separate county figures are no longer produced. The percentage reduction in reoffending has shown a slight improvement with the 2014/15 figure sitting at 40%, a 2015/16 figure of 41% and current rolling 12 month figure of 41.8% reduction.
14. With regard to the number of first time entrants (FTE) into the criminal justice system aged 10-17, there were 21 FTE's in Quarter 3 2017 (data is collected a quarter in arrears), which was a reduction of 7 young people (25%) in relation to the same quarter last year (28 FTE's). This KPI has shown continuous improvement; to add context, 2014/15 set a baseline figure of 190 entrants with a sizable fall to 126 FTE by 2016/17.
15. Reoffending rates for 2016/17 was 0.91 compared to 0.82 in 2015/16. This is ahead of the regional (1.26) and national (1.11) performance.

### **Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims**

16. The rolling 12 month figure as at September 2017 for Repeat Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) referrals remains the same to the

previous quarter at 27%. This is just below the SafeLives recommended threshold of between 28% and 40%.

17. The number of referrals to United Against Violence and Abuse (UAVA) in the 12 months up to December 2017 is provisionally estimated at 864, as not all data was available at the time that this report was written. There has been a decrease in referrals in Quarter 2 and Quarter 3. The provisional Quarter 3 referral figure of 155 for Leicestershire is 36% lower than in Quarter 3 the previous year. Data for district services has not been provided.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Satisfaction**

18. In 2017/18 the Community Based Survey (CBS) was recommissioned with a new question set agreed. The question used to assess perceptions of ASB going forward: is “% of people that agree ASB has decreased or stayed the same”.
19. Quarter 3 shows that 81.0% of respondents agreed that ASB had decreased or remained the same. This value is down 13% on the comparable value in Quarter 3 2016/17. The established quarter response to this question is usually between 92% and 97%, the current 81% figure shows a sustained and marked decrease for the last 3 quarters.

### **Preventing terrorism and radicalisation**

20. Reported hate incidents had previously shown a sustained, albeit slow, overall downward trend with a 2015-16 figure of 0.58 reports per thousand. However, recent figures show a very slight improvement with a 2016/17 rolling figure of 0.71 reports. Quarter 3 trend data shows further increases in reporting with 0.74 reports per thousand population. To add context, reporting numbers are relatively small and as such small changes disproportionately affect the overall trend data.
21. From April 2016 all partners (Leicestershire Police and Local Authorities in Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland) began recording incidents of hate crime on SENTINEL for a more joined up approach to recording of such Incidents. Currently 20% of all reported Hate crime is recorded on SENTINEL.

### **Recommendations**

22. That the Board notes the 2017/18 Quarter 3 performance information.

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**Appendices**

Appendix 1- Safer Communities Performance Dashboard Quarter 3, 2017/18