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Community Safety Plan 2014-17

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Related portfolios: None

Service: Community Safety Services

Wards: All

Key decision: No

Forward plan: No

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to Cabinet the new borough Community Safety Plan 2014 – 17, **Appendix A** to this report.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Cabinet approves the borough Community Safety Plan 2014 - 17.

3. Report detail

- 3.1 Building a safer Walsall remains one of the top priorities for all who live and work in Walsall. The Community Safety Plan (CSP) identifies the key strategic community safety priorities for the borough and indicates how agencies will work in partnership to address them.
- 3.2 The Safer Walsall Partnership (SWP) is required to produce a three year Community Safety Plan based on the findings of a comprehensive strategic assessment which uses data from across the partnership to provide a detailed analysis of crime and disorder issues in the borough. This plan is then refreshed annually based on an updated strategic assessment. The last three year plan 2011 -14 ran until 31 March of this year.
- 3.3 The Community Safety Plan details strategic priorities to be adopted by the partnership and will be the key community safety document for the borough linking to other strategic documents and plans. The latest strategic assessment informed the recommendation that the strategic priorities listed

below are adopted by the partnership and detailed within the CSP. It is of note that these priorities now mirror exactly the Strategic Delivery Plan Ambitions that sit beneath the Walsall Plan Strategic Priority to "Create Safe, Sustainable and Inclusive Communities". This significantly strengthens the link between the two plans and the role of the Community Safety Plan in the delivery of the priorities and ambitions outlined within the Walsall Plan. Please see section 4 for further details of this link and local governance arrangements.

- 1 Reduce the vulnerability of children and protect them from harm.
 - 2 Reduce the vulnerability of adults and protect them from harm.
 - 3 Reduce crime levels in the Borough focusing particularly on those areas that have historically experienced higher levels. (Priority Areas).
 - 4 Reduce the level of Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) and increase the level of satisfaction with how ASB is dealt with in the Borough.
 - 5 Ensure support is provided to divert offenders from crime (includes adults and young people).
 - 6 Reduce harm caused by drugs and alcohol misuse.
 - 7 Understand, engage and work with our communities and voluntary sectors to enhance community cohesion.
 - 8 Increase the opportunities for local people to have a greater role in local decision making.
 - 9 Ensure the housing needs of local communities are met.
 - 10 Sustain and improve the natural and urban environment.
- 3.4 In addition the assessment also confirms three vulnerable areas within the borough on which the partnership should focus its combined efforts/resources and for which specific plans should continue to be drawn up to tackle issues highlighted within those localities. Delivery against these priorities and identified vulnerable areas will be achieved through a wide range of strategies and delivery plans developed by the council and its partners.
- 3.5 Once approved by Cabinet a performance framework will be developed to monitor delivery against the priorities identified with the CSP. This framework will be approved by the SWP Operations Board which will then receive and comment upon regular performance updates.
- 3.6 The CSP was approved by the Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board on 15th April 2014.

4. Council priorities

- 4.1 The Walsall Plan 2013-2016 sets out the top shared priorities for the Borough and provides the vision for Walsall as “a great place to live, learn, work and invest“. It details the shared priorities and ambitions for the Borough between key agencies from the public, private and voluntary sector who seek to improve the quality of life experienced in this part of the Black Country. It also sets out in overview the arrangements for getting there.
- 4.2 In order to achieve this shared vision the Walsall Plan sets out four high level Strategic Priorities (detailed below) which are reflected in the Council's Corporate Plan and driven forward by one of four partnership boards. In addition each of the four Strategic Priorities has sitting beneath it a number of Strategic Delivery Plan Ambitions that further detail how the priority is to be met.
1. Supporting business to thrive and supporting local people into work.
 2. Improving health including well being and independence for older people
 3. Creating Safe, Sustainable and Inclusive Communities
 4. Improving Safeguarding, Learning and the Life Chances for Children and Young People.
- 4.3 The Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board is the thematic lead for the Creating Safe, Sustainable and Inclusive Communities priority and is also responsible for the delivery of the Community Safety Plan. In order to further strengthen the role of the Board and the link between the Walsall Plan and Community Safety Plan the Strategic Priorities identified within the CSP now mirror exactly the Delivery Plan Ambitions that sit beneath the Walsall Plan's, Safe and Sustainable Communities Priority. There is therefore a clear and demonstrable linkage between the CSP as the key community safety document for the borough, the councils Corporate Plan and how these both will support the overall delivery of The Walsall Plan.
- 4.4 In addition whilst the clear focus of the plan is around priority 3 it can be seen how delivery of the plan cross cuts all remaining priorities.

5. Risk management

- 5.1 A continued risk to delivery against the priorities is the current period of austerity faced by all public sector agencies and the likelihood that this will continue for the foreseeable future.
- 5.2 The current socio and economic pressures have also almost certainly resulted in certain crime types increasing as individuals turn to crime to fund their daily lives or alcohol and other substances as a form of release, both of which could see an increase in criminal activity and threaten delivery of the plan.

- 5.3 Risks associated with delivery against the strategic priorities identified within the plan will be managed by the Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board and the individual agencies that make up the partnership.

6. Financial implications

- 6.1 Walsall received its last Community Safety Grant allocation directly from the Home Office in early 2012/13, which was half its previous allocation. From 2013/14 all Community Safety funding is allocated by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) who is able to use this money to target their identified priorities and support the delivery of their Crime Plans. To date the PCC has passported the funding directly to the Community Safety Partnership for allocation. The 2013/14 allocation saw a 12% reduction on the 12/13 level and this figure has remained unchanged for 2014/15. The process of allocating the 2014/15 allocation through the SWP Operations Board has already begun.
- 6.2 The approach to be taken by the PCC and the allocation of funding in future years remains at this stage uncertain. It is however clear that given the current economic and political climate the Community Safety Plan will be delivered in increasingly austere times.
- 6.3 The priorities highlighted within the Community Safety Plan have a strong evidence base and this evidential approach will be used to direct available funds and resources to the areas of greatest need. Difficult decisions may still need to be made but this will be done based on need and risk. Further efficiencies will also be sought as will new ways of working which will include more joined up working around Anti-Social Behaviour and greater use where possible of the third/voluntary sector.
- 6.4 In addition the Strategic Priorities detailed within the plan cover a wide range of services provided by the Council and partner agencies with the majority of activity being either mainstream funded or funded via other allocations not directly allocated to community safety. The refresh of the plan does not commit the council to any additional or unbudgeted spend.

7. Legal implications

- 7.1 Sections 5 to 7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (the 1998 Act), headed "Crime and disorder strategies", require "responsible authorities" to comply with section 6 of the 1998 Act which states that "responsible authorities" shall formulate and implement:
- (a) a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment); and
 - (b) a strategy for combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area; and
 - (c) a strategy for the reduction of re-offending in the area].

By virtue of section 5(1)(a) of the 1998 Act the Council is a “responsible authority”.

- 7.2 The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007, as amended, make further provision for the formulation and implementation of such strategies.
- 7.3 The regulations contain a number of steps to be taken by a “strategy group” including the preparation and implementation of a partnership plan based on strategic assessments.
- 7.4 Before the start of each year the strategy group must revise the partnership plan taking into account the strategic assessments prepared by it. Regulation 10 sets out the matters the partnership plan should cover.
- 7.5 Responsible authorities are
 - (1) the council for the area and, where the area is a district and the council is not a unitary authority, the council for the county which includes the district;
 - (2) every provider of probation services operating within the area in pursuance of arrangements which provide for it to be a responsible authority for these purposes;
 - (3) every chief officer of police any part of whose police area lies within the area;
 - (4) every police authority any part of whose police area so lies;
 - (5) every fire and rescue authority any part of whose area so lies;
- 7.6 If the local government area is in England, every primary care trust the whole or any part of whose area so lies.
- 7.7 By completing and annually refreshing its Community Safety Plan based on the findings of a comprehensive Strategic Assessment Walsall is fulfilling its statutory requirement to do so.

8. Property implications

- 8.1 There are no property implications associated with the Community Safety Plan.

9. Health and wellbeing implications

- 9.1 The Walsall Plan has been informed by a range of information/reports including from a health perspective the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and

at a national level importantly the Marmot Review, "Fair Society, Healthy Lives." The Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board is responsible for the delivery of the Community Safety Plan and is the thematic lead for the Creating Safe, Sustainable and Inclusive Communities priority identified with the Walsall Plan.

- 9.2 As such development and delivery of the Community Safety Plan which is the main community safety document for the borough and details the priorities on which all agencies will focus their activities supports the identified priorities of the Walsall Plan, It will therefore contribute directly to improvements in health and well being across Walsall. In addition reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and substance abuse can clearly be seen to have a direct impact upon the health and well being of our communities.

10. Staffing implications

- 10.1 The priorities contained within the plan cross cut the agencies that make up Safer Walsall Partnership. Delivery against the priorities will be via mainstream activity and any additional funding that the borough is able to secure, including this year's Community Safety allocation made by the PCC.

11. Equality implications

- 11.1 The benefits of delivery against the plan will apply across the borough of Walsall and impact upon all communities. In addition by adopting an evidence based approach greater benefit will be felt in areas where identified problems are greatest. An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken on the plan.

12. Consultation

- 12.1 The plan has been subject to widespread consultation with the agencies that make up Safer Walsall Partnership. It was approved by the Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board on 15th April 2014. These agencies include Walsall Council, West Midlands Police, West Midlands Fire Service, The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, whg, NHS Walsall and Probation.

Background papers

None

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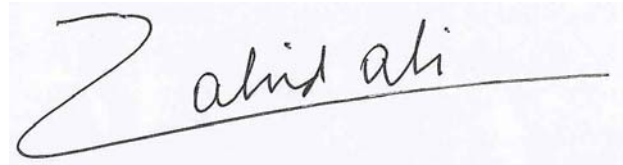
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WALSALL COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2014 – 2017

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Welcome to the Safer Walsall Partnership Community Safety Plan for 2014-2017.

The past year has been a challenging one for the Partnership as the reality of further pressures on public spending and the general economic situation begin to take deeper effect on services and the communities we serve.

Although there has been a very slight increase in total recorded crime over the past year, it is important to balance this against a prolonged period of year on year reductions and an increase in our population. The current social and economic climate has impacted across the country, and Walsall is no different. The challenge will be how we respond to these areas of increased offending and ensure victims are supported and perpetrators effectively brought to justice.

Police reported anti –social behaviour has continued to decrease, though it remains a key concern for our residents and, in response to this, it is a priority for partners. This year will see the introduction of a range of new tools and powers introduced in the ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 which will support us in taking swift action against those offenders whose behaviour blights our communities.

As always, I encourage our residents to work with us through area partnerships and the Local Policing and Crime Board. Effective and innovative partnership working is even more essential during these challenging times in ensuring we achieve our shared goal of making Walsall a safe and cohesive borough.



Councillor Zahid Ali,
Chair of Safer Walsall Partnership Policing and Crime Board

Safer Walsall Partnership

‘Working together for a Safer Borough’

The agencies that make up Safer Walsall Partnership (SWP) are collectively responsible for co-ordinating activity to make Walsall a safer place and increasing the level of community reassurance. SWP brings together Walsall Council, West Midlands Police, the Office of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner, Health, West Midlands Probation, West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service and representatives from the Walsall Housing Partnership, the Chamber of Commerce and other key partner agencies. The partnership co-ordinates activity across the borough to improve community safety and increase community reassurance. This it achieves by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour, alcohol and substance misuse and environmental crime.

Walsall is required to produce a three year Community Safety Plan based on the findings of a comprehensive Strategic Assessment, the plan is then refreshed annually to ensure it remains up to date and relevant. The plan details the strategic priorities on which partners are to collectively focus their efforts in order to make Walsall a safer place to live, work and visit.

The Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board is responsible for collectively overseeing the delivery of the Community Safety Plan and co-ordinates the multi-agency activity that is required to deliver against it.

Community Safety Plan Priorities 2011 - 2014

The previous Community Safety Plan 2011-2014 highlighted the following Strategic Priorities which were identified following an extensive borough-wide strategic assessment that utilised data from a range of partner agencies and extensive stakeholder and resident consultation.

- Priority 1: Tackle Violent Crime - specific focus on Domestic Abuse, Town Centre Violence and Serious Youth Violence**
- Priority 2: Tackle Anti-social Behaviour**
- Priority 3: Address Harm caused by Drugs and Alcohol Misuse**
- Priority 4: Community – specific focus on Counter Terrorism, Community Cohesion and Public Perceptions**
- Priority 5: Tackle Serious Acquisitive Crime – specific focus on reducing Domestic Burglary**
- Priority 6: Reduce re Offending – a cross cutting theme across all other priorities**

Despite well publicised pressures on the public resources available to tackle crime and disorder the Partnership has worked hard to continue to deliver against these priorities and to make the borough a safer place. This has included the exploration of new and innovative ways of working and building on already strong cross partner working to further protect our communities including importantly those that are most vulnerable. Total Recorded Crime (TRC) in Walsall has been on a reducing trend over the last ten years and almost halved since 2002/3, clear evidence of a continued drive and commitment across all the agencies that make up the Partnership to work to make Walsall a safer place to live, work and visit.

Delivery against the Priorities

During 2013 – 14 the Partnership continued to work hard to make Walsall a safer place and by continuing to work with our communities achieved some impressive results. We need to recognise however that we are living in times of unprecedented austerity and economic hardship where resources across the public sector are under increasing pressure and communities are feeling a range of socio and economic pressures. Given this broader social context it is unsurprising that there has been pressure on certain crime types (including acquisitive crimes) and that we have seen relatively modest increases. It is important to remember however that this upward pressure on certain crime types follows years of strong performance and whilst it does mean that collectively the partnership needs to continue to focus its efforts it should not negate the good work that has been undertaken to make the borough of Walsall a safer place.

Performance at both a borough and local level will now be briefly outlined: Data in this section (unless otherwise stated) covers the period April 13 – March 14 with the exception of fire data which covers April 13 – March 14.

Walsall Borough

The following table illustrates that over the last 12 months Total Recorded Crime has increased by 3.8%. This relatively small increase representing in real terms 581 more offences is unsurprising given the socio economic context across the country and goes against a 10 year trend of crime reduction. Serious Acquisitive Crime has increased slightly although positively Domestic Burglary has actually fallen by 4.3% representing 54 fewer victims. Encouragingly Anti-Social Behaviour (police reported) continues to fall and has done so by nearly 14%, equating to 279 fewer reports. Hate Crime and Domestic Violence have both seen marked increases but these are recognised under reported offences where considerable work is being done to support victims and encourage reporting. As such the true picture is somewhat complex and one in which increased numbers of offences could in fact be positive reflecting the fact that more victims are now willing to report

WALSALL				
Crime / Incident Type	2012/13	2013/14	Change	% Change
Total Recorded Crime	15476	16057	581	3.8
Serious Acquisitive Crime	3422	3476	54	1.6
Anti Social Behaviour (Police Reported)	6597	5690	-907	-13.7
Youth Related ASB (Police Reported)	2347	2068	-279	-11.9
Domestic Burglary	1258	1204	-54	-4.3
Burglary Other Building	1278	1298	20	1.6
Criminal Damage	2558	2557	-1	0.0
Vehicle Crime	1894	1978	84	4.4
Violence Against the Person	2930	3303	373	12.7
Robbery	298	316	18	6.0
Deliberate Primary Fires (WMFS Data)*	256	252	-4	-1.6
Deliberate Secondary Fires (WMFS data)*	563	708	145	25.8
Drug Offences	570	547	-23	-4.0
Domestic Violence	1071	1277	206	19.2
Hate Crime	188	235	47	25.0

To achieve these results the partnership has continued to work collectively to target its resources at areas of greatest need, activities undertaken include:

1. The Safer Walsall Partnership Vulnerability/Problem Solving Forum: – A multi agency forum that that supports the most vulnerable victims of Anti-Social Behaviour and crime and deals with complex cases.
2. Domestic Abuse Commissioning: Domestic Abuse continues to be a priority amongst Safer Walsall partners. A new commissioning model is now in operation following extensive research into what services are needed in order to best support all types of domestic abuse across our diverse communities. A new Domestic Abuse strategy is being developed for launch in 2014 and key processes such as DART and MARAC are being reviewed in order to ensure they remain effective mechanisms to coordinate the response of agencies to our most vulnerable victims.
3. Substance Misuse -The on going delivery of a range of successful substance and alcohol misuse treatment services that have delivered above national average results. During 2013–14, 241 (69.1%) individuals completed planned exits from structured alcohol treatment making Walsall the best performing area within the West Midlands, in addition 251 referrals were made from alcohol arrest referral in police custody. In relation to drugs Walsall has

approximately 96% of adult opiate/crack users are engaged in treatment and the number successfully completing treatment is above the national rate. Drug and alcohol services are currently undergoing a re commissioning exercise which it is anticipated will lead to an improved and more integrated service.

4. Community Cohesion – The re commissioning of Stop Hate UK offering 24 hour support to anyone suffering from a hate crime and the establishment of 11 hate crime reporting centres in community venues across the borough. In 2013/14 reports to the service increased by 76% highlighting that work to promote this valuable service is paying off. Walsall also has the highest detection rate for Hate Crime across the West Midlands area. Work continues to promote cohesion across our communities by supporting local projects that build capacity and capability and events that bring diverse sections of the community together in a positive way
5. Walsall Intelligence Network – Multi agency cross cutting delivery groups that exist to support partnership working in Walsall. This includes an analytical and performance function that collates data and intelligence from across the partnership to support the targeted delivery of resources to areas of most significant need and where the benefit will be greatest.
6. Integrated Offender Management – A joined up approach to offender management coordinated through One Day One Conversation monthly meetings. These multi agency forums ensure that managed offenders are given every opportunity to address their offending behaviour, avoid duplication of effort and provides a greater understanding of the re offending threat posed by an individual. The meeting looks at support and also targeted enforcement for those who fail to engage. The successful on going implementation of this model means encouragingly that Walsall's re offending rate remains below the predicted rate and above national expectations.
7. Situational Interventions - The implementation of a range of situational interventions (including fences, gates and vehicle barriers) that protect vulnerable locations and buildings and reduce the opportunity for crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.
8. Retail Crime – 2014 will see the launch of Walsall's dedicated Business Crime Initiative. Work is underway to develop innovative ways to disseminate information across the business community in order to build resilience against crime and other factors that may impact upon them.

Achievements in Your Area



In addition to what is taking place at a borough wide level we understand that residents are interested in what is happening in their local area and recognise that the communities of Walsall are diverse and that different areas will have different needs. Area Partnerships are now firmly embedded as one of the key delivery mechanisms for partnership activity and a means to work with our communities to identify and resolve issues that are of greatest concern. Locally this approach continues to deliver positively for our communities.

The tables that follow provide a picture of what is being achieved at a local level by Area Partnership.

Brownhills, Pelsall Shellfield and Rushall

Brownhills, Pelsall, Shelfield & Rushall				
Crime / Incident Type	2012/13	2013/14	Change	% Change
Total Recorded Crime	1548	1488	-60	-3.9
Serious Acquisitive Crime	366	387	21	5.7
Anti Social Behaviour (Police Reported)	568	581	13	2.3
Youth Related ASB (Police Reported)	222	254	32	14.4
Domestic Burglary	134	124	-10	-7.5
Burglary Other Building	162	148	-14	-8.6
Criminal Damage	268	249	-19	-7.1
Vehicle Crime	213	252	39	18.3
Violence Against the Person	274	285	11	4.0
Robbery	21	11	-10	-47.6
Deliberate Primary Fires (WMFS Data)*	27	24	-3	-11.1
Deliberate Secondary Fires (WMFS data)*	48	64	16	33.3
Drug Offences	29	36	7	24.1
Domestic Violence	122	144	22	18.0
Hate Crime	9	7	-2	-22.2

Aldridge and Beacon

Streetly, Pheasey, Aldridge & Walsall Wood				
Crime/Incident Type	2012/13	2013/14	Change	% Change
Total Recorded Crime	1671	1574	-97	-5.8
Serious Acquisitive Crime	541	481	-60	-11.1
Anti Social Behaviour (Police Reported)	617	670	53	8.6
Youth Related ASB (Police Reported)	248	291	43	17.3
Domestic Burglary	228	179	-49	-21.5
Burglary Other Building	183	159	-24	-13.1
Criminal Damage	239	209	-30	-12.6
Vehicle Crime	290	287	-3	-1.0
Violence Against the Person	229	266	37	16.2
Robbery	28	15	-13	-46.4
Deliberate Primary Fires (WMFS Data)*	26	26	0	0.0
Deliberate Secondary Fires (WMFS data)*	22	47	25	113.6
Drug Offences	39	31	-8	-20.5
Domestic Violence	87	98	11	12.6
Hate Crime	8	20	12	150.0

North Walsall (Bloxwich, Blakenall, Birchills and Leamore)

North Walsall				
Crime/Incident Type	2012/13	2013/14	Change	% Change
Total Recorded Crime	3404	3549	145	4.3
Serious Acquisitive Crime	678	800	122	18.0
Anti Social Behaviour (Police Reported)	1831	1439	-392	-21.4
Youth Related ASB (Police Reported)	766	556	-210	-27.4
Domestic Burglary	258	276	18	7.0
Burglary Other Building	250	202	-48	-19.2
Criminal Damage	711	716	5	0.7
Vehicle Crime	367	474	107	29.2
Violence Against the Person	650	747	97	14.9
Robbery	56	59	3	5.4
Deliberate Primary Fires (WMFS Data)*	48	62	14	29.2
Deliberate Secondary Fires (WMFS data)*	206	251	45	21.8
Drug Offences	110	119	9	8.2
Domestic Violence	291	333	42	14.4

Walsall South (St Matthews, Paddock, Palfrey and Pleck)

Walsall South				
Crime/Incident Type	2012/13	2013/14	Change	% Change
Total Recorded Crime	4785	5138	353	7.4
Serious Acquisitive Crime	843	826	-17	-2.0
Anti Social Behaviour (Police Reported)	1748	1577	-171	-9.8
Youth Related ASB (Police Reported)	425	411	-14	-3.3
Domestic Burglary	291	323	32	11.0
Burglary Other Building	340	360	20	5.9
Criminal Damage	572	609	37	6.5
Vehicle Crime	451	392	-59	-13.1
Violence Against the Person	1046	1153	107	10.2
Robbery	106	114	8	7.5
Deliberate Primary Fires (WMFS Data)*	70	77	7	10.0
Deliberate Secondary Fires (WMFS data)*	89	125	36	40.4
Drug Offences	253	211	-42	-16.6
Domestic Violence	267	349	82	30.7
Hate Crime	67	105	38	56.7

Darlaston and Bentley

Darlaston & Bentley				
Crime/Incident Type	2012/13	2013/14	Change	% Change
Total Recorded Crime	1643	1712	69	4.2
Serious Acquisitive Crime	464	428	-36	-7.8
Anti Social Behaviour (Police Reported)	726	592	-134	-18.5
Youth Related ASB (Police Reported)	244	218	-26	-10.7
Domestic Burglary	134	118	-16	-11.9
Burglary Other Building	101	138	37	36.6
Criminal Damage	331	315	-16	-4.8
Vehicle Crime	294	265	-29	-9.9
Violence Against the Person	314	364	50	15.9
Robbery	42	47	5	11.9
Deliberate Primary Fires (WMFS Data)*	38	28	-10	-26.3
Deliberate Secondary Fires (WMFS data)*	73	111	38	52.1
Drug Offences	53	75	22	41.5
Domestic Violence	144	152	8	5.6
Hate Crime	15	26	11	73.3

Willenhall and Short Heath

Willenhall & Short Heath				
Crime/Incident Type	2012/13	2013/14	Change	% Change
Total Recorded Crime	2400	2549	149	6.2
Serious Acquisitive Crime	528	546	18	3.4
Anti Social Behaviour (Police Reported)	1103	825	-278	-25.2
Youth Related ASB (Police Reported)	440	336	-104	-23.6
Domestic Burglary	213	184	-29	-13.6
Burglary Other Building	239	289	50	20.9
Criminal Damage	434	453	19	4.4
Vehicle Crime	277	300	23	8.3
Violence Against the Person	409	476	67	16.4
Robbery	45	70	25	55.6
Deliberate Primary Fires (WMFS Data)*	47	35	-12	-25.5
Deliberate Secondary Fires (WMFS data)*	125	110	-15	-12.0
Drug Offences	82	75	-7	-8.5
Domestic Violence	155	199	44	28.4
Hate Crime	33	26	-7	-21.2

Resident Views/Perceptions

In addition to actual reports of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour, the views and perceptions of our residents, how safe they feel and the level of confidence they have in public service providers are important drivers for partnership activity. It is often the case that perceptions do not actually reflect crime trends and that these can be influenced by a wide range of factors in addition to the level of crime or anti-social behaviour that is actually taking place. The views and perceptions of residents are obtained through a variety of channels.

Police and Crime Commissioner Survey

The democratically elected West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is the local governing body for policing and has an over arching duty to secure an effective and efficient police force. The PPC Police and Crime Plan sets out detailed activity to be undertaken by the West Midlands Police that will achieve the Commissioners Vision that all that work and live in the borough will have 'Pride in our Police'.

The Commissioner gave residents the opportunity to have their say about policing and key community safety issues in their neighbourhood by completing a short on line survey. The survey was designed to capture what residents of the West Midlands want their local officers and other agencies to focus on in their area. The survey ran for 3 weeks between the 4th and 27th October 2013 and in total 2041 residents from across the region responded with 240 of those (11.8%) coming from the Walsall Local Policing Unit. Residents were asked to select their top three issues in their neighbourhood and interestingly Walsall's respondent's responses mirrored those of the wider region. The top three issues identified were.

1. Burglary
2. Drug Dealing/Drug Use
3. Inconsiderate Parking

Respondents were also asked to identify issues to be dealt with in order to make neighbourhoods a safer place to live, the majority answering Burglary closely followed by Anti-Social Behaviour.

Feeling the Difference

Feeling the Difference is West Midlands Police public perception survey and is conducted in 2 waves per year, encompassing 16,800 interviews that are broken down into Local Policing Units. The most recent survey (wave 34) took place between June to August 2013.

Using the last update of Feeling the Difference up to wave 34, Walsall is currently 7th (out of 10 LPU's) for Public Confidence. The milestone for public having confidence in police is set at 85%, Walsall is failing to achieve this by attaining a confidence figure of 82.1%. The latest three waves all identified the same top three problems (albeit not always in the same order of priority):

1. Speeding
2. Teenagers Hanging Around
3. Burglaries

In addition the latest wave shows that public confidence in the police is most likely to be increased if the local police are viewed to 'deal with things that matter to communities'. Wave 34 also indicated that 86% of Walsall's respondents feel safe after dark, 80% feel that police deal with things that matter most in the neighbourhood whilst 79% feel that police are doing a good job.

Contact Counts

Contact Counts is the force wide customer satisfaction telephone survey programme, interviewing victims of crime and individuals that have reported Anti-Social Behaviour. Walsall is currently the second best performing Local Policing Unit for both groups obtaining 88.7% and 80.2% satisfaction rates respectively, both of which are above agreed milestones.

Walsall Local Policing and Crime Plan

The Walsall Local Policing and Crime Plan 2014/15 has been produced after meeting and speaking with members of the community, looking at local survey results and engaging with local community contacts, neighbourhood groups and partner agencies. This process identified the following key concerns on which police locally are to focus their activities.

- Reduce crime (particular focus on Burglary) and to increase successful criminal justice outcomes.
- Work with partners to address issues of Youth Anti Social Behaviour.
- Address drug dealing and the harms associated with drug misuse in Walsall.
- Tackle anti-social use of vehicles including speeding and inconsiderate parking in Walsall.
- Increase our availability and engagement in neighbourhoods particularly in those areas where we recognise that confidence is currently lower.
- Ensure that the community are satisfied with the service we provide to victims of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Our Vision

‘Working together for a Safer Borough’

Our New Strategic Priorities / Ambitions

The newly published Safer Walsall Partnership Strategic Assessment has identified the main challenges for the Borough in relation to Community Safety. Based on this assessment **This** Safer Walsall Partnership Community Safety Plan and the **New** Local Policing and Crime Plan have been developed by the Safer Walsall Partnership Board to address these challenges.

The Strategic Assessment recommends a number of Strategic Priorities on which the partnership should focus its combined activities. Based on this analysis the Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board have agreed to amend and review these “Strategic Priorities” in line with the wider “Strategic Ambitions” contained within the “Walsall Plan” and in doing so strengthen the link and governance arrangements between the two plans. The Strategic Priorities identified within this plan now mirror exactly the Strategic Ambitions contained within the Walsall Plan. These are listed below and will be the focus of partnership activity as it works collectively to make the borough safer.

1. Reduce the vulnerability of children and protect them from harm.
2. Reduce the vulnerability of adults and protect them from harm.
3. Reduce crime levels in the Borough focusing particularly on those areas that have historically experienced higher levels (Priority Areas).
4. Reduce the level of Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) and increase the level of satisfaction with how Anti-Social Behaviour is dealt with in the Borough.
5. Ensure support is provided to divert offenders from crime (includes adults and young people).
6. Reduce harm caused by drugs and alcohol misuse.
7. Understand, engage and work with our communities and voluntary sectors to enhance community cohesion.
8. Increase the opportunities for local people to have a greater role in local decision making.
9. Ensure the housing needs of local communities are met.
10. Sustain and improve the natural and urban environment.

N.B Data taken directly form the Strategic Assessment and compares the periods 1/11/12 to 31/10/13 with 1/11/11 – 31/10/12.

The following section details each of the **New Strategic Priorities/ Ambitions**, their underlying measures where relevant, together with a brief explanation as to why they have been adopted.

Priority / Ambition One: Reduce the vulnerability of Children and protect them from harm.

Measures: Reduce the harm to vulnerable children with a particular focus on preventing Child Sexual Exploitation.

Work with safeguarding partners to improve outcomes for vulnerable children.

This is a new Strategic Priority for the Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board, and has emerged as a result of key findings and recommendations from within the Strategic Assessment.

The strategic assessment states whilst child sexual exploitation (CSE) data sets are emerging, there is clear evidence that within Walsall there are individuals who are vulnerable to CSE, cohorts of potential CSE offenders and locations which attract CSE activity.

Child sexual exploitation is a risk within Walsall Borough and there is a need to co-ordinate activity to ensure CSE is prevented, victims are protected and offenders prosecuted.

Walsall Safeguarding Children's Board has established the Walsall Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing Committee (CEMC) which is responsible for ensuring the effective partnership working of key agencies who respond to children at risk of sexual exploitation, those being sexually exploited and / or those who are absent / missing from home.

The Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board will need to maintain links with CEMC in order to monitor oversight of this area.

Priority / Ambition Two: Reduce the vulnerability of adults and protect them from harm.

Measures: Reduce the harm to vulnerable victims caused by Domestic Abuse.

Work with safeguarding partners to improve outcomes for vulnerable adults.

This is Not a new Strategic Priority but one that has been reworded.

The Strategic Assessment found that over the last 12months, Domestic Abuse Offences (Crimes) have increased whereas Domestic Abuse Incidents (where Police are called but no crime recorded e.g. verbal argument) have declined. The vast majority of Police reported offences involve violence (73%).The vast majority of victims are female (86%)(30% aged

between 18-24yrs). 24% of all violence with injury offences are Domestic Abuse offences. Domestic Abuse still poses a significant challenge for the Borough.

A&E Data sets from across the West Midlands have recently been merged and distributed across the Partnership which will now enable more in depth analysis to take place. Data sets have already proved that A&E attendances by victims of assault whereby the incident took place at home; and/or or was committed by a partner / ex partner, acquaintance or relative has seen a decline as well as the number of DART (domestic Abuse referral Team) referrals. The Partnership needs to gain an understanding of why this is the case.

There is a need for the continued sharing of information between partners, in order to create a greater understanding of shared challenges, drive a more targeted service and reduce vulnerability and harm.

Domestic Abuse offender management is an emerging area of work. This needs to be progressed in line with the new Domestic Abuse Strategy.

The Strategic Assessment recommends that Domestic Abuse should continue to feature within the Strategic Priorities / Ambitions.

Priority / Ambition Three: Reduce the level of crime experienced in the Borough focussing particularly on those areas that have historically experienced higher levels (Priority Areas).

Measures: Reduce Public Place Violence

Reduce Domestic Burglary

Reduce Business Crime

Reduce overall harm within identified Priority areas.

This is Not a new Strategic Priority but one that has been reworded. It is a combination of a number of the Priorities contained within the 2011-14 plan.

Public Place Violence: The Strategic Assessment found there has been an increase in recorded Violence with Injury (VWI) offences throughout the Borough and it remains on an upward trajectory. The bulk of offences still remain within the St Matthews Ward however Darlaston South had the largest percentage increase in offences and Willenhall South had the largest increase in the actual number of offences. 49% of all violence with injury is public place violence. Town Centre violence has increased and almost 50% of offences take place during the night time economy. There is a 7.7% increase in youth violence, where the suspect is aged between 10 and 18 and there is a 14.9% increase in youth violence where the injured party is aged between 10-18. The majority of VWI victims are aged over 18 with the highest proportion aged between 19-25 yrs.

The Strategic Assessment recommends that Violence with Injury and Town Centre Violence should feature within the Strategic Priorities / Ambitions.

Domestic Burglary: Over the last 12 months Domestic Burglary has reduced but is still a key area of concern for residents as shown in recent surveys and is being adopted as a specific Community Concern within the Local Policing and Crime Plan.

The Strategic Assessment recommends that Domestic Burglary feature within the Strategic Priorities / Ambitions.

Business Crime: Over the last 12 months 26% of all victims were Business Crime victims with over a third of offences being theft Shops and Stores (46%). The largest percentage of offenders in Walsall, were detected for Theft from shops and stores (26%) and the largest proportion of crime committed by repeat offenders was also Theft Shops and Stores.

The Strategic Assessment recommends that Business Crime feature within the Strategic Priorities / Ambitions.

Priority Areas: The Priority Area (PA) Programme was initiated nearly 2 years ago, in response to disproportionate levels of crime and disorder in particular areas of the West Midlands. Walsall Town Centre and Birchills were identified by West Midlands Police Force as Priority Areas with Bloxwich identified locally.

Crime figures clearly show a reduction in a number of offences committed in the Priority Areas. Numerous activities have taken place within each of the Priority Areas including the utilisation of the Jill Dando Institute of Criminology problem solving methodology.

The Strategic Assessment recommends that Priority Areas feature within the Strategic Priorities / Ambitions.

Priority / Ambition Four: Reduce the level of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and increase the level of satisfaction with how Anti-Social Behaviour is dealt with in the Borough.

Measures: Reduce harm caused by Anti Social Behaviour with a particular focus on youth and vehicle Anti- Social Behaviour.

Ensure that the Community are satisfied with the service partners provide to victims of Anti-Social Behaviour.

This is Not a new Strategic Priority but one that has been reworded.

There has been a 13.7% reduction in ASB incidents across the Borough (Police Data). The main hotspot continues to be within Walsall Town Centre. It is of note that just over half (57.7%) recorded across the Borough are recorded by various agencies other than the Police.

Partners have expressed a collective desire to improve the way they work collaboratively to tackle ASB building on recognised existing good practice and procedure. A joint manual of standards is being developed.

Walsall Intelligence Network are now able to map all data from a single source which creates a richer and more detailed picture on which to base multi-agency activity.

An ASB trial will be taking place in two area partnerships; Aldridge & Beacon and Walsall South.

Inconsiderate parking was one of the top three issues raised by respondents in the recent Police and Crime Commissioner Survey. Speeding and teenagers hanging around was highlighted by residents as problems in their local area during the last three Police "Feeling the Difference" surveys.

Customer satisfaction with service from the Police in relation to ASB is positive at 80.2%.

The Strategic Assessment recommends tackling ASB continues to feature within the Strategic Priorities / Ambitions. It further recommends that Safer Walsall Partnership should consider adopting a Partnership satisfaction measure.

Priority / Ambition Five: Ensure support is provided to divert offenders from crime.

Measures: Reduce re-offending - A cross cutting theme (Adult and Youth)

This is Not a new Strategic Priority it remains the same as last year's.

The Strategic Assessment found that through the Walsall Integrated Offender Management Programme, partners work together to reduce crime and re-offending by addressing the key issues facing perpetrators and their families. This is achieved by supporting the greater coordination of agencies and the programmes they deliver to manage offenders and ensure that individuals do not fall through the gaps. This work takes a holistic approach seeking to address the issues that contribute to offending behaviour and also to target and convict those whose behaviour does not change. Linking Priority Offenders between Police, Probation, Housing and Drug and Alcohol Services have delivered notable successes.

The current re-offending rate in Walsall is 7.42% which is significantly below the predicted rate of 8.91%.

During 2014 The Probation Trust will be abolished and two new organisations will be created; The national Probation Service and Community Rehabilitation Company.

The Strategic Assessment recommends that reducing re-offending to continue to feature within the Strategic Priorities / Ambitions. Furthermore that the Safer Walsall partnership Operations Board to closely monitor the changes occurring within the Probation Service.

Priority / Ambition Six: Reduce harm caused by Drugs and Alcohol Misuse.

Measures: Reduce harm caused by Drugs and Alcohol misuse.

This is Not a new Strategic Priority it remains the same as last year's.

The Strategic Assessment found that Drug and Alcohol dependency leads to significant crime, health and social costs.

Walsall is achieving lower than average rates of abstinence from opiate, crack and cocaine amongst adults in treatment.

The proportion of successful drug treatment completions in Walsall is higher than the national rate and there has been a 33% growth in successful completions since 2011/12. The majority of drug clients appear to live within the Central part of the Borough as well as the North East.

Walsall is currently the best performing area in the West Midlands in relation to alcohol treatment. 28 Alcohol Treatment Requirements (ATRs) community orders were also made resulting in Walsall remaining the leading West Midlands performer. The majority of alcohol clients in treatment during August 2013 appear to live within the central part of the Borough.

The Strategic Assessment recommends that Reduce harm caused by Drugs and Alcohol misuse should continue to feature within the Strategic Priorities / Ambitions

Priority / Ambition Seven: Understand, engage and work with our communities and voluntary sector to enhance community cohesion

Measures: Empower communities to identify, report and challenge extremist ideology and permissive environments.

Strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack.

Reduce harm caused by Hate Crime.

This is Not a new Strategic Priority but one that has been reworded.

The strategic Assessment found that Walsall continues to experience low levels of extremist activity when compared to other areas of the West Midlands. The main area of vulnerability is within Palfrey, St Matthews and Pleck.

However extremism in the UK remains a threat and the response of Government to mitigate this threat is the CONTEST strategy. Locally, Walsall builds resilience to the threat of extremism by delivering a local multi agency approach through a targeted plan which is shaped by considering the vulnerability to extremist activity at a local level.

In 2013 Walsall was directly affected by a terrorist attack and intelligence from the Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU) regarding vulnerability has resulted in Walsall being re-categorised as a “Supported Area” by the Office of Security and Counter Terrorism (OSCT), under the Government’s policy for preventing violent extremism.

In order to gain an indicator of Community Cohesion, Hate Crime is analysed and reported upon.

Hate Crime has increased by 25% in the Borough. The vast majority of offences across the Borough were racist (92%) followed by homophobic (5%). The largest proportions were found to have been committed in the Walsall South Area Partnership. 48.1% of Hate Crime victims are Asian. The peak age range for victims is 20-46 years with males accounting for the majority. The greatest proportion of Hate Crime offenders are recorded as being white skinned European and the peak age range is 18-28 years.

The Strategic Assessment recommends that Counter –Terrorism, Community Cohesion and Public Perceptions feature within the Strategic Priorities / Ambitions furthermore that Hate Crime should also feature.

It was also recommended that the Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board closely monitor the progress of the Contest Steering Group.

Priority / Ambition Eight: Increase the opportunities for local people to have a greater role in local decision making.

This is not featured in the Strategic Assessment but features in the current Walsall Plan as a Strategic Ambition.

“Your Place Your Well Being” research showed that despite an improvement in ‘acting on concerns’ since 2008, improvement is still needed as opinion remains very much divided on whether local public services are providing opportunities for residents to have a say, acting on residents’ concerns or keeping residents informed of improvements.

The democratic deficit is well recognised nationally and key agencies are committed to increasing the opportunities for local people to have a greater role in local decision making.

The Policing and Crime Commissioner has to take into account the wishes of local residents and has to adopt within his Policing Plan issues of Community Concern.

Surveys of residents serve to prove that Community Safety issues account for the majority of Community Concerns.

Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board decided that this ambition should be formally adopted into its Community Safety Plan.

Priority / Ambition Nine: Ensure the housing needs of local communities are met.

This is not featured in the Strategic Assessment but features in the current Walsall Plan as a Strategic Ambition.

Results from recent 'Your Place Your Well Being' survey highlight that the relative order of residents' priorities for improvement has changed, as a reflection of the current economic climate with recession related concerns becoming more salient. One third of respondents state that affordable decent housing (33%) is an important factor in their local quality of life (their fourth in the list of Quality of Life importance).

The state of local housing has a key impact on crime and community safety. Nationally it is accepted that signal crime can have a negative impact on crime levels and resident satisfaction.

Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board decided that this ambition should be formally adopted into its Community Safety Plan

Providing adequate and appropriate housing that meets the needs of the varied communities of Walsall without creating unnecessary tension and conflict can have a significant impact on both anti-social behaviour and community reassurance levels.

Priority / Ambition Ten: Sustain and improve the natural and urban environment.

This is not featured in the Strategic Assessment but features in the current Walsall Plan as a Strategic Ambition.

In helping support sustainable communities, the role of the environment cannot be underplayed and supporting opportunities to sustain and improve the natural and urban environment for the enjoyment of present and future generations is an important ingredient in ensuring Walsall 'is a great place to live, learn, work and invest.' Well maintained and pleasant environments also have a significant impact upon crime and community reassurance levels. There is a clear link between areas becoming initially slightly run down and then falling into what is in effect a spiral of decline. Academic research supports the impact that 'Signal Crimes' can have on an area and how this can easily lead to the 'Broken Windows Syndrome'. Put simply this means that if a broken window or area of graffiti remains and is not fixed/removed more of the same will follow as offenders see the area as unprotected or uncared for.

The Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board decided that this ambition should be formally adopted into its Community Safety Plan.

Priority Areas

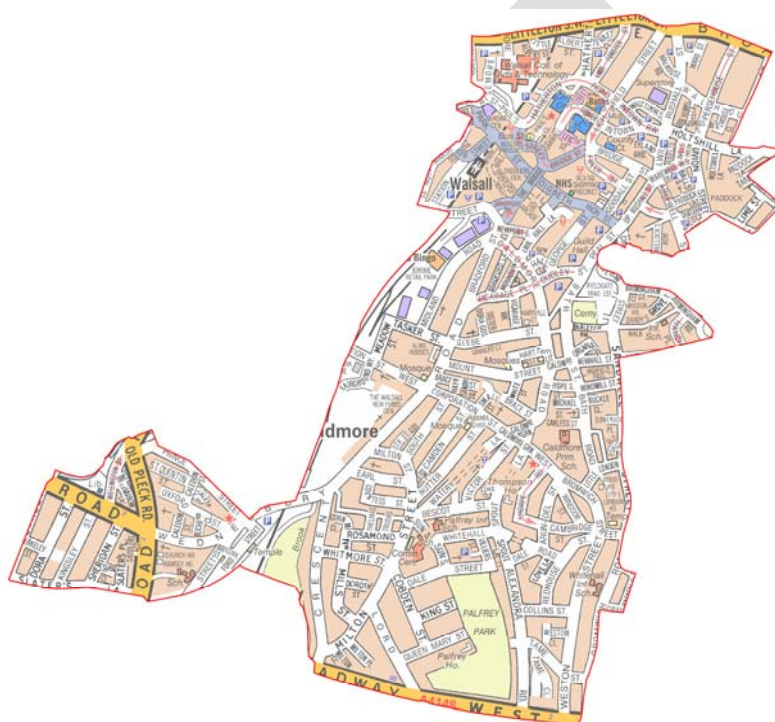
The Priority Area Programme was initiated in 2012 by the police in response to disproportionate levels of crime and disorder in particular areas of the West Midlands. The programme was based on the Chicago Alternative Policing strategy (CAPS) started in 1993 which brought about reductions in crime and disorder and improved community and partnership relations. The West Midlands model was seen as an opportunity to bring

multiple agencies together, to focus on small geographical areas with multiple (and high cost) challenges and to implement coordinated and holistic interventions that could deliver substantial savings to all agencies involved.

Walsall Town Centre and Birchills were initially identified by West Midlands Police and remain as Priority Areas. There is also currently one locally agreed Priority Area in Walsall which was highlighted after considering a range of data, this third area is Bloxwich. A short discussion around each will now follow.

N.B Data taken directly form the Strategic Assessment and compares the periods 1/11/12 to 31/10/13 with 1/11/11 – 31/10/12.

Walsall Town Centre, Palfrey and Pleck Priority Area



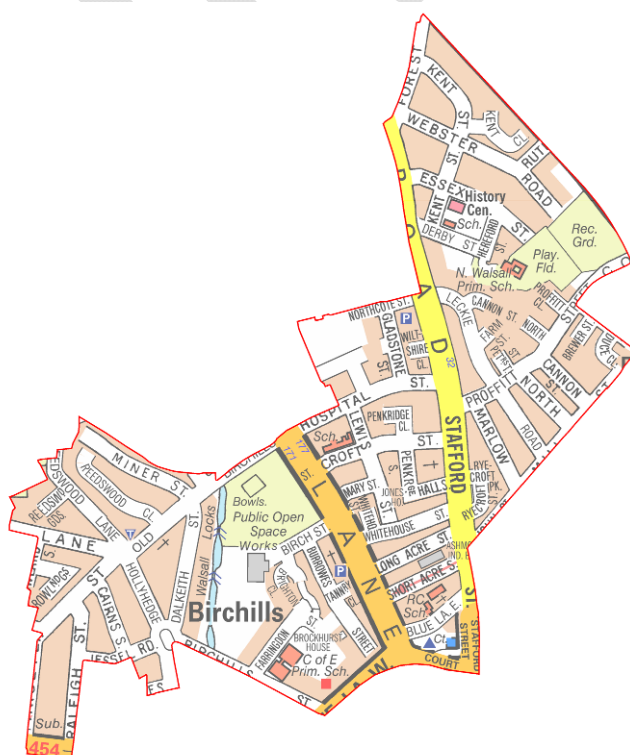
Category	Nov 2010 - Oct 2011	Nov 2011 - Oct 2012	Nov 2012 - Oct 2013	% Change (Nov 2011-Oct 2012 / Nov 2012-Oct 2013)
Total Recorded Crime	3153	2671	2590	-3.0
Violence With Injury	385	366	330	-9.8
Domestic Burglary	92	110	63	-42.7
Burglary Other	145	140	126	-10.0
Vehicle Crime	136	118	132	11.9
Robbery	85	56	62	10.7
Criminal Damage	382	308	259	-15.9
Business Crime	1045	837	908	8.5
Anti Social Behaviour	1306	1050	862	-17.9
Arson	21	15	13	-13.3
Hate Crime	63	35	57	62.9
Domestic Violence	137	126	140	11.1
Theft Shop Stalls	662	549	643	17.1
Theft Other	247	218	195	-10.6

Total recorded crime fell by 3% over the 12 month period and there have been significant reductions in Violence with Injury (9.8%) and Burglary Other (10%) which are in contrast to the rest of the borough. Other notable reductions are Domestic Burglary (42.7%) and Anti-Social behaviour (17.9%). Other crime types have however increased, the largest being in relation to Hate Crime (62.9%) and Theft Shops and Stalls (17.1%). The area also saw increases in Vehicle Crime, Domestic Violence, Robbery and Business Crime, this is however in line with performance across the borough.

The area is subject to a recently revised and targeted police patrol strategy that divides the area into zones and includes allocated responsibility to teams of officers for a number of stores within the Town Centre. Officers within the Town Centre teams are looking to address issues of Anti-Social Behaviour, street drinking, drug dealing/taking and preventing Retail Crime. The area is subject to a trial based around a problem solving approach to reduce problems associated with on street sex working. This work focuses on three areas and has multi agency buy in. These areas are **Reducing Harm**, which seeks to reduce the vulnerability of sex workers and the community by improving the support and diversion for offenders, **Community & Living**, which seeks to improve the quality of life of the local community and improve the reputation of Walsall and **Effective Justice** which is looking to implement a more coordinated and consistent approach to enforcement activity to reduce on street prostitution.

There have been specific police operations to target shop lifting, increase police visibility and reduce Anti-Social Behaviour and Operation Be Safe which targets specifically the night time economy providing a positive and visible police presence on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights continues to operate. Patrols are now also carried by Street Pastors who support the vulnerable and victims who have suffered minor injuries. The area is also subject to a six month Dispersal order which is due to expire on 30th April 2014.

Birchills Priority Area



Category	Nov 2010 - Oct 2011	Nov 2011 - Oct 2012	Nov 2012 - Oct 2013	% Change (Nov 2011-Oct 2012 / Nov 2012-Oct 2013)
Total Recorded Crime	663	567	514	-9.3
Violence With Injury	84	91	80	-12.1
Domestic Burglary	70	62	36	-41.9
Burglary Other	56	21	25	19.0
Vehicle Crime	55	64	59	-7.8
Robbery	12	7	6	-14.3
Criminal Damage	159	119	121	1.7
Business Crime	95	76	58	-23.7
Anti Social Behaviour	471	290	228	-21.4
Arson	7	4	4	0.0
Hate Crime	14	10	8	-20.0
Domestic Violence	47	68	59	-13.2
Theft Shop Stalls	3	1	5	400.0
Theft Other	46	46	30	-34.8

Total recorded crime fell by 9.3% over the 12 month period and there have been reductions in Violence with Injury (12.1%), Vehicle Crime (7.8%), Domestic Violence (13.2%), Hate Crime (20%), Vehicle Crime (7.8%) and Business Crime (23.7%) which are in contrast to the rest of the borough. There was also a notable reduction in Domestic Burglary (41.9%). Only a small number of other crime types have increased, however these are generally small numbers and include Burglary Other, Criminal Damage and Theft Shops and Stalls.

Specific activity in this area has included adopting a problem solving/multi agency approach to deal with issues associated with a location that is acting as a crime generator and resulting in it being on the periphery of a combined crime and Anti-Social Behaviour hot spot within the priority area. This involves testing a number of hypotheses about the problem and disaggregating issues such that they can be dealt with separately and comprehensively. The police and ASB Unit also are working closely with Supported Housing around accommodation which accommodates young and often challenging adults. The work included building relationships and supporting staff to take enforcement action when necessary.

Bloxwich Priority Area



Category	Nov 2010 - Oct 2011	Nov 2011 - Oct 2012	Nov 2012 - Oct 2013	% Change (Nov 2011-Oct 2012 / Nov 2012-Oct 2013)
Total Recorded Crime	1440	1122	1148	2.3
Violence With Injury	158	100	98	-2.0
Domestic Burglary	94	91	71	-22.0
Burglary Other	119	79	66	-16.5
Vehicle Crime	173	99	117	18.2
Robbery	15	19	15	-21.1
Criminal Damage	283	228	281	23.2
Business Crime	391	319	315	-1.3
Anti Social Behaviour	839	678	551	-18.7
Arson	14	8	7	-12.5
Hate Crime	20	16	15	-6.3
Domestic Violence	107	83	83	0.0
Theft Shop Stalls	187	168	199	18.5
Theft Other	111	87	75	-13.8

This locally agreed area has seen increases over the period in Total Recorded Crime (2.3%), vehicle Crime (18.2%), Criminal Damage (23.2%) and Theft Shops and Stalls (18.5%). There was however particular reductions in Domestic Burglary (22%) and Robbery (21.1%). Other reductions included Anti-Social behaviour (18.7%), Burglary Other (16.5%), Violence with Injury (2.3%), Robbery (21.1%), Business Crime (1.3%) and Hate Crime (6.3%), all of which with the exception of Domestic Burglary are significant as they are in contrast to how the rest of the borough has performed.

This area has seen specific activity around target hardening, Smart Water distributed to vulnerable premises, community visits to the Police Community Safety House, 'light bulb' leaflets to vulnerable dark premises and high visibility patrol plans. This area has also benefited from coordinated partnership working around Anti-Social Behaviour including the structured use of Civil Law tools as part of a graduated and stepped approach to tackle long term and entrenched issues.

Although the three identified Priority Areas have longer term issues that need to be addressed and are seen as being more vulnerable they have all already seen considerable partnership activity that has led to marked improvements in certain crime types. Agencies working closely with communities have made considerable improvements in these locations and the Priority Area status will ensure that this planned and targeted multi agency response continues.

Delivery of the priorities contained within the Community Safety Plan is the responsibility of the Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board and will be achieved within the partnership working model adopted by Walsall.

The Walsall Plan

The Walsall Plan 2013-2016 sets out the top shared priorities for the Borough and provides the vision for Walsall as **“a great place to live, learn, work and invest”**. It details the shared priorities and ambitions for the Borough between key agencies from the public, private and voluntary sector who seek to improve the quality of life experienced in this part of the Black Country. It also sets out in overview the arrangements for getting there. In order to achieve this shared vision the plan sets out four high level priorities (detailed below) each of which has sitting beneath it a number of Strategic Delivery Plan Ambitions that further detail how the priority is to be met.

1. **Supporting business to thrive and supporting local people into work.**
2. **Improving health including well being and independence for older people**
3. **Creating Safe, Sustainable and Inclusive Communities**
4. **Improving Safeguarding, Learning and the Life Chances for Children and Young People.**

Each priority identified in The Walsall Plan will be overseen by a thematic group. The Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board is the thematic lead for the Creating Safe, Sustainable and Inclusive Communities priority and is also responsible for the delivery of the Community Safety Plan. In order to further strengthen the role of the Board and the link between the Walsall Plan and Community Safety Plan the Strategic Priorities identified within this Community Safety Plan now mirror exactly the Delivery Plan Ambitions that sit beneath the Walsall Plan's, Safe and Sustainable Communities Priority. There is therefore a clear and demonstrable linkage between the Community Safety Plan as the key community safety document for the borough and the high level borough wide priorities contained within The Walsall Plan.

The Local Policing & Crime Plan

The 2014/15 Local Policing and Crime Plan and the community and policing priorities it identifies is also based on the Borough Strategic Assessment and community/resident feedback. There is therefore a clear and necessary synergy between the two plans. Recognising the overlap and the interconnectivity of the two plans it has been agreed that the Borough Community Safety and Local Policing Plans will now be assimilated to become a single coherent document. Rather than completely merging the two plans and recognising that there are differences the Local Policing and Crime Plan is now appended to the Borough Community Safety Plan. The priorities identified within this merged document will then form the basis of future performance updates made to the Board.

Delivering our Priorities

The Community Safety Plan is the overarching community safety document for the Borough and details the areas on which the agencies that make up Safer Walsall Partnership will focus their combined activities and in doing so contribute towards the delivery of the Walsall Plan.

Delivery of the priorities identified within the Community Safety Plan will be achieved through the wide range of strategies and delivery plans that cut across partnership activity. These strategies and plans include:

1. The Walsall Plan and associated delivery plans
2. Area Partnership Plans
3. West Midlands Police Control Plans
4. West Midlands Police Manual of Standards (ASB)
5. Walsall Alcohol Strategy
6. Adult Drug Treatment Plan
7. Children & Young People Plan
8. Domestic Abuse Strategy & Implementation Plan
9. Substance Misuse Plan
10. Reducing Re offending Strategy
11. Youth Justice Plan

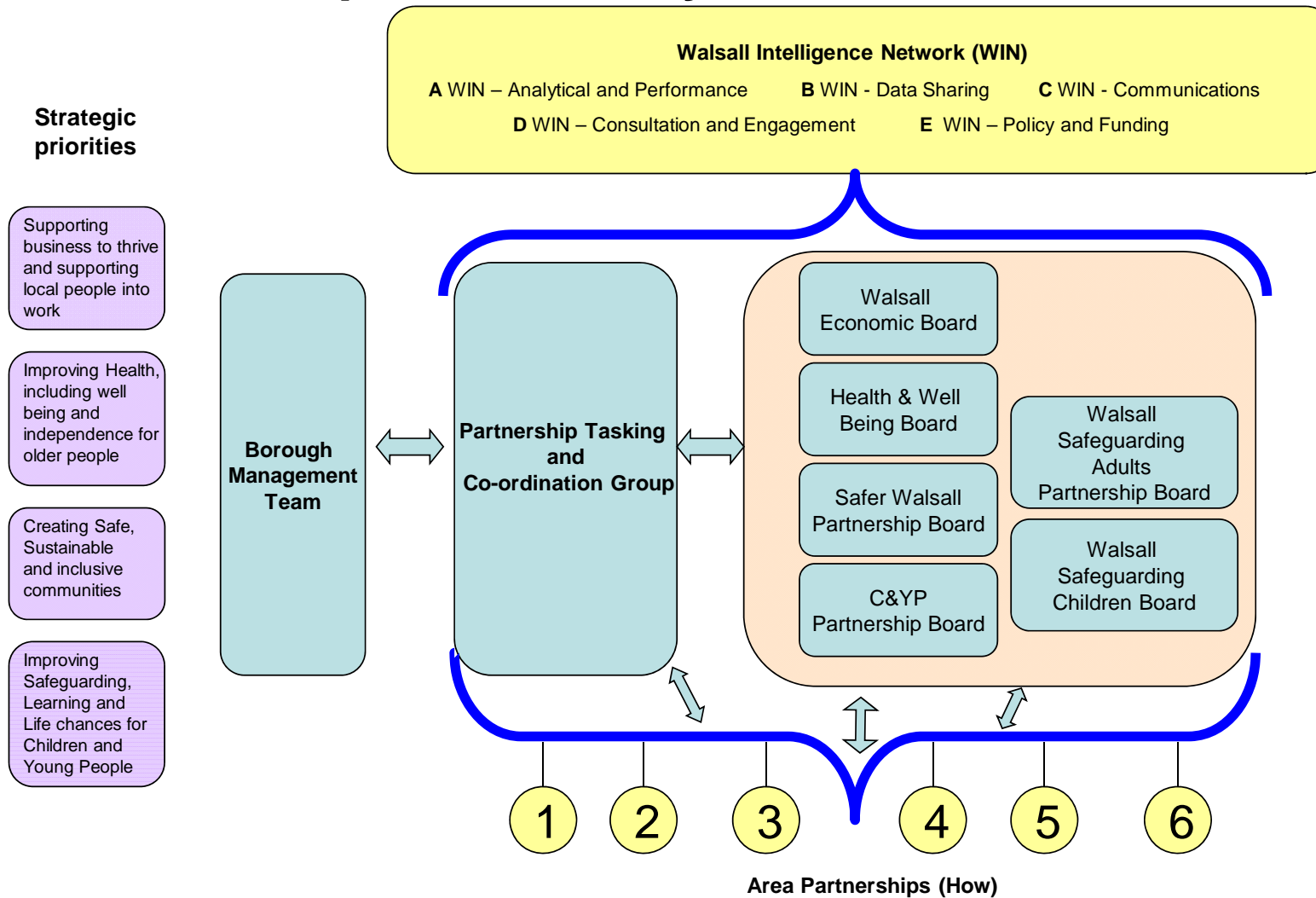
The diagram on page **28** illustrates this partnership model and how the Safer Walsall Partnership Board fits within it.

Governance & Performance Management

The Partnership has in place an agreed robust performance management framework that will allow us to deliver effectively on the priorities and objectives that have been set in this plan. The Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board is responsible for identifying cross cutting opportunities for partners to work effectively together and for the delivery of and monitoring performance against this plan. This responsibility includes working to ensure resources are targeted to deliver against strategic and local priorities and identifying and planning for anticipated challenges and any areas of performance weakness.

The Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board reports to the Tasking and Coordinating Group and ultimately to the Borough Management Board which is responsible for overseeing all partnership activity in Walsall. As such delivery of the plan and its contribution to achieving high level borough wide objectives is clearly embedded within and integral to Walsall's partnership structure. The diagram on page **28** illustrates this partnership model and how the Safer Walsall Partnership Operations Board fits within it.

Relationships for delivery of 'The Walsall Plan'



How to get involved

Safer Walsall Partnership recognises and celebrates the considerable support agencies receive from the communities we serve.

There are various ways in which you can become involved or find out more about what is happening in your area:

Area Managers

Each of the boroughs Area Partnership's has an Area Manager who coordinates a range of partner activity and can be contacted about any local issues. The name of each manager and the area they cover is listed below. They can be contacted on 01922 650000 or via e mail at areapartnerships@walsall.gov.uk

Area 1 - Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall and Shelfield - **Ranjit Kaur**

Area 2 - Aldridge and Beacon - **John Morris**

Area 3 - North Walsall - **Michael Greenfield**

Area 4 - Walsall South - **Denise Perry**

Area 5 - Darlaston and Bentley - **Lyndon Parkes**

Area 6 - Willenhall, Short Heath and New Invention - **Nicola Holmes**

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is one the biggest and most successful **voluntary crime-prevention movements**. Schemes usually cover a street or group of houses and are run by a co-ordinator who acts as the contact between residents and the police. Setting up a scheme is very easy as residents receive support from the police and other agencies, including street signs and crime prevention materials.

To find out more contact Kevin Pitt at Walsall Police Station on 01922 439103 or visit www.walsallpolice.org.uk

Street Champions

Street Champions are the eyes and ears of Walsall Council. They take a keen and active interest in tackling issues in their local area, reporting problems such as fly-tipping, graffiti and any other activity that impacts on their neighbourhood. Our Street Champions are a dedicated team of local volunteers that receive on-going training through regular events delivered by agencies such as Walsall Council and West Midlands Police. Regular newsletters keep our volunteers updated on what's happening across the Borough.

To find out more contact Sylvia Milner at Walsall Council on 01922 654299 or visit www.walsall.gov.uk

To report ASB

Call - 01922 648291
E mail – asb@walsall.gov.uk

You can also report ASB to your local police team by calling 101 and tenants of Registered Providers should contact their landlord in the first instance.

If you or your property are in immediate danger always dial 999

Further information

You can also find out more information on community safety and other matters by visiting:

www.walsallpartnership.org.uk

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Local Policing & Crime Plan



I am delighted to present to you the 2014/15 local policing and crime plan for Walsall. This year, the local plan will continue to address community concerns that have been highlighted by the public as priorities for us to deal with. My local policing unit will also support the broader West Midlands Police plan across its 10 core aims (listed within this plan), that the Police and Crime Commissioner and my Chief Constable have identified for the year ahead.

Local policing in Walsall will continue to adapt and change during the year ahead to meet the challenges we face. I retain a commitment to sustain neighbourhood policing with teams of named officers and PCSOs embedded in every area across Walsall. There will be an increased emphasis on dealing with public protection and addressing issues of vulnerability, and improvements to the way we investigate crime in the borough. My team will be encouraging the reporting of crime types and incidents such as domestic violence that are often under reported.

I will continue to ensure the resources available to me are effectively deployed in the right places at the right times across the borough to meet demand. We will work with our partners to manage those offenders that cause most harm, and endeavour to prevent

crime and disorder from happening wherever possible.

I will continue to ensure delivery of an efficient policing service that offers value for money for the people of Walsall. Finally, I seek to build on our existing successful partnerships. We will work with colleagues from the council, community groups and other agencies in Walsall, to deliver a truly local and responsive service. I am keen to get greater public involvement and influence at a local level through local area partnerships. My aim is to meet the needs of our communities and improve their feelings of safety and confidence in us.

If you would like more information about the work that my teams are doing in your neighbourhood, then please visit the local police website at www.walsallpolice.org.uk. You can also contact us on Facebook at facebook.com/walsallpolice and follow us on twitter @walsallpolice



**Chief Superintendent
David Sturman
Walsall Police Borough
Commander**

Our Values

- We put the public first in everything we do
- We act with integrity, fairness and humanity
- We are one team working together
- We listen, learn and strive to improve
- We do the right thing and deliver a service that our friends and family would be proud of.

Our Mission

Serving our communities, protecting them from harm



**west midlands
police and crime
commissioner**

Community Concerns

As well as working hard to address the objectives of the force, we have asked you, the community, to tell us what matters to you most. You have identified the following issues and we will focus our teams, working with partners to tackle these things that cause you concern.

Reduce crime, (with a particular focus on burglary), and to increase successful criminal justice outcomes: We will reduce and detect crime across the Walsall borough by focusing on the areas experiencing the highest levels.

Work with partners to address issues of youth anti-social behaviour: We will listen to and work with our young people to identify their needs and understand how partner agencies can provide support for diversionary activities.

Address drug dealing and the harms associated with drug misuse in Walsall: We will respond to community concerns, prioritising enforcement, prevention and treatment activity in areas suffering from this.

Tackle anti-social use of vehicles including speeding and inconsiderate parking in Walsall: We will conduct regular enforcement and education initiatives, working with partners and our communities on increasing speed watch groups.

Increase our visibility and engagement in neighbourhoods, particularly in those areas where we recognise that confidence is currently lower: In doing this we will improve your trust and confidence in us.

Ensure that the community are satisfied with the service we provide to victims of crime and anti-social behaviour.



Our Objectives

To tackle these issues that matter to you, as well as providing the service that you expect from us, there are actions that we will take and lots of activity that we will be doing across Walsall.

We aim to:

- Continue to reduce crime and offending
- Protect our communities from harm
- Support strong and successful communities
- Ensure people receive a good caring service
- Ensure that policing becomes more productive and effective
- Help build strong partnerships to increase safety
- Increase confidence and satisfaction in the service we provide

We will do this by:

Tackling re-offending: We will identify and target persistent and high risk offenders by working closely with you, the local community, partner agencies and other local groups.

Reducing repeat victims: By identifying vulnerable and repeat callers, in particular those suffering from domestic abuse, anti-social behaviour, welfare issues and issues affecting children and young people.

Safeguarding vulnerable groups: Where it is appropriate to do so we will ensure we refer vulnerable members of our community to other services for further support.

Increasing our understanding of Walsall's young people: We will listen to and work with our young people to identify their needs and understand how partner agencies can provide support for diversionary activities.

Improving quality of life in key neighbourhoods: By listening to local residents, working with you on community projects and monitoring issues that cause tension, we will work with our partners to address the issues of greatest concern to you.

Improving town centre safety: We will improve safety in our town centres by reducing violence, damage and anti-social behaviour. We will work closely with businesses to reduce thefts and help improve crime prevention within our town centres.

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Our Vision

Pride in our Police

Through our hard work and passion for public service we are striving to build your pride in us. You can help us recognise the life changing work so many colleagues do on a daily basis as well as sharing your experiences where we could and should have done better so we can continually improve. You can share your feedback with us and the wider public via www.rateyourlocalpolice.co.uk



If you wish to let us know what you think about policing locally you can also contact me via Contact Your Commander on our website www.west-midlands.police.uk/np/walsall/contact/

Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones will be responsible for improving ownership through these themes:



Improving public confidence in policing

Creating stronger partnerships

Developing greater local identity across the West Midlands

Demonstrating the force's commitment to social responsibility

Delivering better value for money

Chief Constable Chris Sims will be responsible for improved delivery through development of these themes:



Reducing crime and offending

Better protecting people from harm

Improving the service the public receive from police

Supporting stronger communities

Ensuring a more effective contribution to national policing

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