

Cabinet – 16 April 2008

Walsall Community Safety Plan 2008-2011

Portfolio:	Councillor Perry, Communities and Partnerships
Service:	Safer Walsall Borough Partnership
Wards:	All
Key decision:	Yes
Forward plan:	Yes

1. Summary of report

The Walsall Community Safety Plan attached to this report details the collective ambition of the Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership (SSCP) Board to tackle crime and disorder and improve community safety and reassurance. This multi agency plan has been developed in consultation with all partners of the SSCP Board. It has been endorsed as a working draft by the SSCP Board, as further deliberation is required around governance and structures to dovetail with the proposals being developed by the Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership.

2. Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to endorse the Walsall Community Safety Plan 2008.

3. Background information

Walsall's Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Board is responsible for undertaking the duties placed by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002 and the Police and Justice Act 2006, to produce a community safety plan to reduce crime, disorder, anti social behaviour, alcohol and drugs substance misuse and environmental crime in the borough. The attached community safety plan fulfils this requirement.

4. Resource considerations

- 4.1 **Financial:** The Walsall Community Safety Plan will shape the efforts and direction of the Safer Walsall Borough Partnership over the next three years. This action will be carried out inline with agreed budgets

- 4.2 **Legal:** Walsall's Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Board is responsible for the production of a Community Safety Plan as per Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and its subsequent amendments.
- 4.3 **Staffing:** The Walsall Community Safety Plan will shape the efforts and direction of the Safer Walsall Borough Partnership over the next three years. This action will be carried out inline with agreed staffing levels and structure

5. **Citizen impact**

The purpose of the Walsall Community Safety Plan is to direct action and resource in an effort to make the borough of Walsall a safer place to live, visit and work, this will impact on every citizen of the borough

6. **Community safety**

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7. **Environmental impact**

The purpose of the Walsall Community Safety Plan is to direct action and resource in an effort to make the borough of Walsall a safer place to live, visit and work, this will include tackling issues of enviro-crime.

8. **Performance and risk management issues**

- 8.1 **Risk:** An evaluation of risk has been made in the development of the Plan
- 8.2 **Performance management:** The Walsall Community Safety Plan 2008-2011 sets a number of partnership targets for the next 3 years taken from the National Indicator set which will be measured as part of the new CAA.

9. **Equality implications**

The document takes into account the Local Authority Equalities Policies

10. **Consultation**

The Walsall Community Safety Plan has been developed in consultation with a number of external partner agencies, including West Midlands Police, West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service, Walsall Housing Group, tPCT, West midlands Probation Service etc as well as a number of local authority departments.

Background papers

In developing the Walsall Community Safety Plan consideration of other important strategic plans. These include

- Walsall's Sustainable Community Strategy
- Policing Strategy 2008 – 2011
- Walsall Council Corporate Plan 2008/09
- Fire and Rescue Strategic Plan
- National Community Safety Plan
- National Drug Strategy
- National Alcohol Strategy
- Youth Justice Plan
- Domestic Violence Strategy
- Parenting Strategy
- Walsall's National Treatment Agency Plan
- Walsall's Alcohol Strategy

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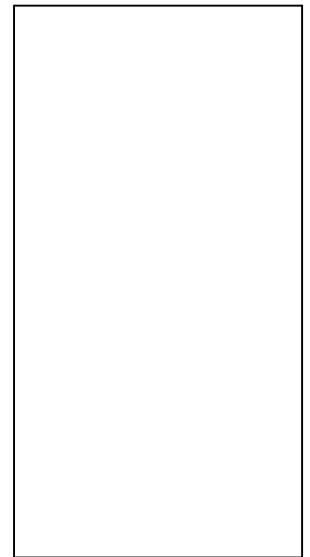
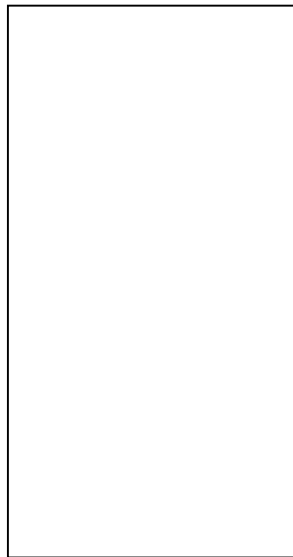
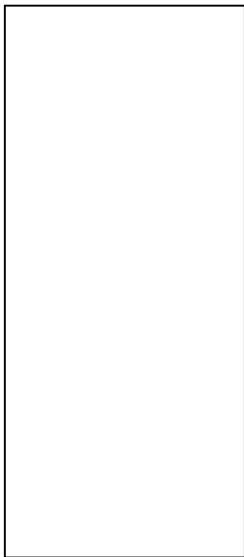
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Building a safer Walsall is at the top of everyone's list of priorities. Nobody wishes to live or work in an unsafe environment. Tackling issues such as crime, disorder, drugs and anti-social behaviour cannot be adequately managed by any single agency.

The Safer & Stronger Communities Partnership has been overseeing the collective efforts of the Council, Health, Police and Fire services to tackle crime and disorder and improve safety and reassurance.

We have achieved a great deal during the previous three years. Crime has been reduced year on year since 2005. We over achieved over and above the governments set target of reducing crime by 15%. But we are not complacent; crime and disorder still remain the single most important concern to our community. We will be relentless in our aspiration to make Walsall the safest borough in the region.

Early in the year we completed a comprehensive strategic assessment which provided us with an analysis of crime, disorder, ASB, drugs, alcohol and environmental crime. We have mapped out where and what the problems are in the borough, who is causing the problems, and when they are occurring.

The Strategic Assessment provided the foundation for the partnership's drive to continue the work and to direct its resources in an informed and planned manner. Through this process the partnership can deliver the greatest benefit to our communities, building on current success whilst effectively planning for the future.

We consulted on the findings of the assessment with all our partners, the businesses community, voluntary organisations and local residents to ensure we have correctly captured and analysed the problems in the borough. We also asked all these stakeholders to comment on the emerging priorities for the partnership. The feedback has been incorporated in to this plan.

We have sought to develop a Community Safety Plan that is meaningful and relevant to all, one that will shape the efforts and direction of the partnership over the next 3 years, towards making Walsall much safer. This multi agency plan has the full support of all partner agencies, including businesses and the local community and provides us with the tool required to collectively contribute towards building a safer borough. We will be reviewing the delivery of this plan annually and modify and or reprioritise where necessary to ensure we stay on top of addressing the crime and disorder issues that matter most to our community.

Safer Stronger Communities Partnership Board

The Partnership is made up of a number of responsible authorities. Within Walsall these authorities include Walsall Council, West Midlands Police (Walsall and Bloxwich), West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service and Walsall Teaching Primary Care Trust. In addition a number of other agencies are involved in the partnership, namely, Walsall Housing Group, West Midlands Probation Service, Education Walsall and the Black Country Chamber of Commerce.

Legislative Requirements

Walsall's Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Board is responsible for undertaking the duties placed by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002 and the Police and Justice Act 2006, to produce a community safety plan to reduce crime, disorder, anti social behaviour, alcohol and drugs substance misuse and environmental crime in the borough.

Safer Walsall Partnership

The Safer Walsall Partnership (SWP) formed in May 2004 through the merger of the Crime Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) and Drugs Action Team (DAT). The SWP team is currently housed in 3 locations (Delves, Beechdale and Saddlers Shopping Centre) with around 50 staff from the Council, Police, Probation, and the Teaching Primary Care Trust, working together to deliver the community safety agenda. The SWP works closely in partnership with public, private and voluntary sector organisations to co-ordinate activities and programmes to tackle crime, disorder and improve community safety and reassurance across Walsall and reduce the harm caused by drugs & alcohol.

Partnership Priorities during 2005-2008

Following the crime and disorder audit undertaken in 2005, the Partnership agreed a number of collective priorities for 2005-08 to address key concerns of partners and residents. These were as follows:

- Engage partners to develop joined up solutions
- Focus on PPOs & support problematic drugs users into treatment
- Implement proven crime reduction initiatives
- Involve community in making their areas clean, green and safe
- Tackle ASB
- Improve safety and well being across the borough
- Increase offences brought to justice by Criminal Justice System

Our Achievements during 2005 – 08

There have been a number of major successes against the 2005-2008 targets, these notably include, a huge increase in the number of people accessing drug treatment services, a significant reduction in the number of malicious falls calls, a well above target increase in hate crime reporting and a well above target reduction in acquisitive crime.

The achievements against the targets in the Crime and Disorder and Misuse of Drugs Strategy 2005-2008 were as follows:

Target / Priority	Achievements
A reduction in total recorded crime of 20%	17.9% ▼
A reduction in overall acquisitive crime of 15%	37.5% ▼
A reduction in overall ASB of 25%	5.5% ▼
A reduction in overall youth crime of 20%	YOS
A reduction of young people reported as victims of 20%	16.8% ▼
A reduction in crime relating to the misuse of drugs By 15%	37.5% ▼
A reduction in crime relating to the misuse alcohol By 25%	5.8% ▲
A reduction in overall levels of fear of crime of 5%	Unchanged ► ◀
Increase level of hate crime reporting by 15%	32.7% ▲
A reduction in level of repeat victims of domestic abuse of 15%	13.8% ▼
A reduction of malicious outdoor fires of 30%	20% ▼
A reduction in the number of malicious false calls of 10%	40% ▼
A reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured on roads of 12%	5.7% ▲
An increase in the number of people accessing drug treatment services who are retained for more than 12 weeks.	261.7% ▲

Volume Crime

- Overall crime reduced year on year since 2005/06 - by nearly 18%
- DARTS has been very successful - The team are currently on track to reach stretch targets.
- Fort Alice - night time economy operation to reduce fear of crime a success, both volume crime and violent crime have been reduced. - 12% reduction in overall violent crime in 07 compared with 06.
- PPO programme a great success, with 50% reduction in re-offending achieved in 07 surpassing the 15% target set.
- Operated a pilot taxi marshal scheme introduced with Local Area Agreement funding to run until the end of March 07.

Drug and Alcohol Misuse

- Record numbers of people entering treatment.
- Good retention rates indicating good quality services.
- The Drug Intervention Programme has been commended for it's good performance against Home Office Key Performance Indicators.
- Harm Reduction Services inspected as excellent by the Health Care Commission.
- Alcohol services have been coordinated for the first time into a Borough wide Partnership Strategy.
- Initial stages of declaring Walsall Borough as a DPPO achieved.
- Working in conjunction with the police over a 9 week period, 11 premises were targeted for under age drink sales and each was visited at least 3 times. In total there were 5 sales from 35 attempts. Prosecution reports are pending for 4 premises and a premises licence review is being held for 1 of them.
- Following an application made by the Environmental Health Service the Licensing sub-committee on 12th October 2007 suspended for a period of 28 days the licence of the Aldridge Tavern, Paddock Lane, Aldridge resulting from complaints about the noise of drinkers outside the premises.

ASB

- National Survey reports perceptions of incidence of ASB in Walsall Borough have fallen from 46 % to 26 %.
- Increase in number and range of powers used to deal with individual perpetrators.
- 33% increase in number of ASB Orders (CR/ASBO) made by the courts in 07/08 compared to 06/07.
- 116% increase in number of ABC's agreed with perpetrators of ASB to deal with their low level or first offence of ASB in 07/08 compared to 06/07.
- Parenting group work by ASB Unit with parents of up to 50 families where children are engaging in ASB.
- Four new officers were appointed on a fixed term contract.
- Operation Stormcloud - saw reductions across the Borough in ASB incidents and levels of criminal damage - down 8% YTD on same period 06.

Enviro Crime / Trading Standards

- Environmental Enforcement of Fly Tipping, Litter and Dog Fouling laws, and Anti –counterfeiting enforcement for Trading Standards. Regular visits to one problem market have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the supply of counterfeit goods on Tuesdays and this is sending out the message that counterfeiting will not be tolerated in Walsall.
- 35 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued during the quarter to those caught litter including amongst other things cigarette ends.
- 119 enforcement notices served by the Public Health Team during quarter excluding Fixed Penalty Notices of which 38 were served by the Food/Safety teams.
- 2 LAA funded litter hit squads which removed fly tips across the borough.

Tackling Crime in Hot Spot areas

- Worked with a range of partner agencies to deliver a range of situational interventions which include the closure of two definitive rights of way that have been priorities for the council for a number of years.
- Shifted the focus of the Community Safety Team to operate in designated hot spot areas as identified through the Strategic Assessment.
- Delivered five successful multi agency interventions through the Community Safety Intervention Group targeting crime. ASB and a range of environmental concerns.
- Community safety officers have worked with partners to deliver a range of neighbourhood level interventions.
- Installation of 24 no ball game signs across the borough.

CCTV and Surveillance

- The Surveillance Unit captured a total of 799 incidents in 07/08.
- The Surveillance Unit also captured a further 2007 occurrences in 07/08.
- During this time 690 video tapes taken for evidence.
- The work of the Surveillance unit led to 569 arrests.

Population

AREA	POPULATION
Walsall Total	253, 499
Aldridge North + Brownhills	25 417
Aldridge South + Streetly	25 518
Bloxwich and Blakenall	39 084
Darlaston	25 941
Palfrey + Pleck	28 493
Pelsall, Rushall, Shelfield	23 235
Pheasey + Paddock	22 008
St Matthews, Leamore + Birchills	25 984
Willenhall	37 766

Housing Tenure

The average for Walsall borough for owner occupied households is slightly lower (64.7%) compared to national average (68.9%).

In some areas rented property is as high as nearly 53%,

Age Profile

- Children and young people (0-15) account for 22% of the overall population
- The working age population accounts for 62% of the overall population
- The older population (65+) account for 16% of the overall population.

It is important to consider the age profile of the population in informing all community safety interventions. Evidence suggests that people aged 60+ are most likely to have a high fear of crime but are amongst the least likely to become a victim. Conversely people aged 14-25 are least fearful of crime but are most likely to become victim. Age profile is most important when looking at issues such as perceptions of anti social behaviour.

Skills and Qualification

Walsall borough has a much higher average population with no qualification (42.7%) compared to national average (29.1%). The population of Walsall borough achieving level 4/5 qualification is at 11.1% well below the national average of 19.8%.

The educational qualification of an area affects not only the level of young people on the road to success, but also issues around poverty and future well being.

Ethnicity

According to the national census (2001), black and minority ethnic population of Walsall borough is 13.5%, compared to 9.1% national average. The largest minority ethnic groups are black (1.4%) and Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi (10.45%).

It is important to note that these figures vary greatly by Local Neighbourhood Partnership area. BME groups account for only 3% in Aldridge North and Brownhills compared to 44% in Palfrey and Pleck. These figures are particularly important when looking at community engagement and communications. Consideration is also given to the potential increase in the population from Eastern Europe

Labour Market

It is interesting to note that despite educational attainment being much lower in Walsall borough than national average, that worklessness is not too different.

There are some exceptions however, notably Palfrey and Pleck and Bloxwich and Blakenall LNP's, where worklessness remains quite high.

Links with other Strategies

In developing the Community Safety Plan we have taken consideration of other important strategic plans and have incorporated the key agendas from each in to this plan. In particular the following strategies have been dovetailed.

- Walsall's Sustainable Community Strategy
- Policing Strategy 2008 – 2011
- Walsall Council Corporate Plan 2008/09
- Fire and Rescue Strategic Plan
- National Community Safety Plan
- National Drug Strategy
- National Alcohol Strategy
- Youth Justice Plan
- Domestic Violence Strategy
- Parenting Strategy
- Walsall's National Treatment Agency Plan
- Walsall's Alcohol Strategy

Walsall MBC Pledges

The council will work to improve the quality of life of local residents and to ensure that the local neighbourhoods are clean, green and safe places that residents enjoy and value. The Council will do this by working with partners, customers and local communities to identify local concerns and build local solutions and civic pride.

The Council priorities next year are:

- To publish and begin to implement a new Alcohol Strategy
- Begin to deliver the Community Safety Plan for the borough
- To focus on community safety, crime reduction and tackling anti-social behaviour – providing reassurance to local people
- To develop and implement a Community Cohesion Strategy

and the pledges for the year ahead is that:

- take firm action against nuisance drinking in public places
- ensure more parks staff are present and visible in public places
- increase actions to tackle graffiti, anti-social behaviour and fly tipping

Walsall Strategic Assessment 2008

The government requires a strategic assessment of crime, disorder, anti social behaviour and enviro-crime to be undertaken annually. The Safer Walsall Partnership has completed a strategic assessment, which provides detailed analysis of the different crime and disorder issues in the borough.

- A strategic assessment brings together information from a range of agencies including the police, local authority, fire service, health and probation.

The key findings of the 2008 Strategic Assessment were, that criminal damage, vehicle crime and assaults account for 47% of all crime across the borough, that crime across the borough has reduced by around 3% in 07/08 and that LNP most affected by crime is the St Matthews, Leamore and Birchills LNP, which includes the town centre.

As well as highlighting key crime types and hotspot areas, it also informs that whilst total recorded crime is down by just under 18% over the last 3 years, perception of and fear of crime remains the same.

Community Consultation and Feedback

The Safer Walsall Borough Partnership undertook extensive consultation with local residents and stakeholders, which included street champions. Neighbourhood watch, councillors, LNPs, youth groups, and with representatives from all the public sectors organisations.

Residents attending CAG and LNP meetings within the consultation period were also invited to respond. A number of questionnaires were also delivered 'door-to-door' in various residential areas where we had been unable to access community groups.

The summary feedback is as follows:

Total paper questionnaires issued: 1252

Written responses received: 192 (15%) response rate, although sounds low, this is quite good for this type of exercise.

- 74% AGREED with the priorities set within the assessment.
- 34% felt that Tackling Volume Crime should be the highest priority
- 67% respondents do not feel safe in certain areas of the borough – areas highlighted are Walsall Town Centre, Palfrey Park and Caldmore.
- 36% HAD learned information that they were not previously aware of from the assessment.
- 23% HAD changed their opinion about crime in the borough.

All these feedback have been incorporated into this Community Safety Plan.

Public Service Agreements (PSA's) and National Indicators

PSA's set out the Government's objectives for public service delivery and explain how success in delivering those objectives will be measured. The PSA's for 2008/09 to 2010/11 demonstrate much more clearly a partnership endeavour. The Community Safety related PSA's below can only be delivered through delivery agencies working together.

PSA 23	Making Communities Safer
PSA 25	Reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drugs
PSA 14	Increase the number of young people on the path to success
PSA 13	Improve children and young people's safety
PSA 24	Deliver more effective, transparent and responsive CJS for victims and the public
PSA 21	Build more cohesive, empowered and active communities
PSA 16	Increase the proportion of socially excluded adults in settled accommodation and employment, education or training
PSA 26	Reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from international terrorism

A single set of 198 national indicators (NI) was announced as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review 2007. The national indicators will be the only measures on which central Government will performance manage outcomes delivered by local government working alone or in partnership. The NI's replace all other existing sets of indicators including Best Value Performance Indicators and Performance Assessment Framework indicators. Of the 198 national indicators, many link directly to Community safety and form part of the PSA listed above.

Our Vision

Our vision is:

‘Working together for a Safer and Stronger Walsall.’

Our Strategic Priorities

To achieve our vision we have agreed the following strategic priorities:

- Priority 1: Tackle Volume Crime (Violence and Anti Social Behaviour)
- Priority 2: Tackle acquisitive crime (Burglary, Robbery, Vehicle crime)
- Priority 3: Address harm caused by Drugs & Alcohol Misuse
- Priority 4: Reduce the Fear of Crime
- Priority 5: Reduce crime and disorder in high crime areas
- Priority 6: Improve Community Cohesion and Social Inclusion

For each of these priorities, a brief explanation of why it is a priority, what targets are to be set to tackle each priority and an overview of what will be done to address each priority is documented below. In some cases, where the targets are new, baseline figures will be gathered in 08/09 to be targeted against in following years.

We have also embraced the government’s Hallmarks for effective partnership working to ensure we have a strong and robust partnership to that can deliver the desired results.

The 6 hallmarks of effective practice are:

1. Empowered and effective leadership
2. Intelligence-led business practices
3. Effective and responsive delivery structures
4. Community engagement
5. Visible and constructive accountability
6. Appropriate skills and knowledge

Strategic Priorities for 2008\09

Priority 1: Tackle Volume Crime (Violence and Anti Social Behaviour)

Why is it a priority?

The Strategic Assessment of crime and disorder highlights that:

- Criminal Damage accounts for nearly 20% of all reported crime in Walsall borough
- Criminal damage is the highest volume crime in Walsall borough
- Litter, graffiti and vandalism is high on the list of concerns for the residents of Walsall
- Assaults account for over 12% of all reported crime in Walsall borough

Our targets for 2008/09

Reduce assault with injury crime rate (NI 20) by 4%

Reduce serious violent crime rate (NI 15) by 4%

Reduce Criminal Damage by 4%

Reduce repeat incidents of domestic violence rate (NI 32) to 31.8%

What we plan to do

POLICY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a strategy and action plan to tackle violence including domestic violence• Develop a Borough wide multi agency Anti Social Behaviour strategy• Improve partnership working and information sharing to identify perpetrators, violent crime, ASB and fly-tipping hotspots
PREVENTION/ AWARENESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote pro-social behaviour and domestic violence programmes across the borough• Proactively engage with communities most affected by ASB and criminal damage• Promote existing facilities and programmes for young people.
ENFORCEMENT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tackle street prostitution and drug dealing and use in public places through a range of actions.• Take punitive measures against people unwilling to change unacceptable behaviour following supportive interventions• Increase the use of ISO's, Parenting Contracts and Orders
TREATMENT/ SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure victims of violence and ASB have access to support and advice• Provide support services for victims of Domestic Abuse• Increase early cross partnership referrals for treatment and diversionary programmes• To implement a strategy to tackle issues of bullying
EDUCATION/ TRAINING/ DIVERSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide support to victims of serious sex offences• Promote and provide a Positive Parenting Programme• Engage with schools to ensure that young people understand the consequences of ASB.

Priority 2: Tackle acquisitive crime (Burglary, Robbery, Vehicle crime)

Why is it a priority?

The Strategic Assessment of crime and disorder highlights that:

- Acquisitive crime includes burglary, theft, vehicle crime and robbery
- The majority of Persistent Offenders are class A drug users of which 90% commit acquisitive crime to fund their habit.
- Burglary is recording a 1.8% increase in Walsall
- Although 80% of robbery and theft is committed by those under 26, young people are most likely to be victim of theft from person

Our targets for 2008/09

Reduce serious acquisitive crime rate (NI 16) by 4%

Reduce drug related (Class A) offending rate (NI 38)

Reduce re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders (NI 30) by 15%

Reduce re-offending rate by young offenders (NI 19)

What we plan to do

POLICY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To develop a partnership action plan to tackle acquisitive crime and associated crimes.• Develop a Multi Agency tasking group to address Acquisitive & related crime issues across the Borough
PREVENTION/ AWARENESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote crime prevention initiatives through various mediums e.g. LNP's / CAG's, NHW, Town Centre Business Forum's.• Develop strategies to engage with the PPO's who commit the majority of Acquisitive crime.• Implement evidence based crime reduction initiatives with a focus on early intervention.• Continue to use the 'Home safe' scheme to 'target harden'
ENFORCEMENT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tackle offenders and locations identified as most at risk.• Look to use measures such as ABC's, ASBO and CRASBO packages on the PPO's who will not change their offending behaviour.• Proactively target the identified high risk areas, through the multi agency tasking group.
TREATMENT/ SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partnership engagement with town centre and all District centre businesses through appropriate forums to look at initiatives to reduce the risk of this crime type.• Through the PPO programme, provide support and assistance for offenders to assist in their rehabilitation programmes.• Utilise Community Safety Officers to support victims of business crime
EDUCATION/ TRAINING/ DIVERSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage with young offenders through YOS.• Look to re-skill PPO's who are in the process of rehabilitation, through education, training and employment.• Look to promote crime prevention initiatives through various mediums

Priority 3: Address harm caused by Drugs & Alcohol Misuse

Why is it a priority?

The Strategic Assessment of crime and disorder highlights that:

- Drug and alcohol misuse is frequently linked to Violent Crime, Criminal Damage and ASB
- Despite this link drug and alcohol misuse as a causal factor of crime is statistically very difficult to prove.
- A high percentage of class A drug users commit acquisitive crime to support their misuse

Our targets for 2008/09

Set baseline data for Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates (NI 39)

Increase drug users in effective treatment (NI 40) by 2%

Reduce perceptions of drunk and rowdy behaviour as a problem (NI 41) by 4%

Reduce perceptions of drug use or drug dealing as a problem (NI 42) by 4%

What we plan to do

POLICY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and implement a partnership Alcohol Strategy• Implement a borough wide Designated Public Place Order• Develop and implement local interventions based on National Drug Strategy 2008-18
PREVENTION/ AWARENESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevent harm to children, young people and families affected by drug misuse• Utilise public information campaigns, communications and community engagement.• Promotion of proof of age materials to young people and retailers• Evaluate taxi marshal project and consider safer travel schemes
ENFORCEMENT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protect communities through tackling drug supply, drug-related crime and anti-social behaviour• Continue to test purchase for illegal underage sales of alcohol• Implement a minimum enforcement standard for alcohol related crimes in Walsall Town Centre
TREATMENT/ SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deliver new approaches to drug treatment and social re-integration• Continue with the Walsall Alcohol Arrest referral scheme• Commission appropriate treatment and support services able to provide for the range of users.
EDUCATION/ TRAINING/ DIVERSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide suitable education, training and employment opportunities for those leaving treatment• Provide suitable education to young people on the long term negative effects of drug and alcohol misuse

Priority 4: Reduce the Fear of Crime

Why is it a priority?

The Strategic Assessment of crime and disorder highlights that:

- Total recorded crime has been reducing over the past three years yet the perceptions of crime remain elevated across the borough
- Perception does not mirror reality, similar to national trends exhibited through the British Crime Survey

Our targets for 2008/09

Reduce perceptions of Anti Social Behaviour (NI 17) by 4%

Increase perceptions of parents taking responsibility for the behaviour of their children (NI 22) by 4%

Increase perceptions that people in the area treat one another with respect and dignity (NI 23) by 4%

Set baseline data for the satisfaction (of different groups) with the way the Police and LA deal with ASB (NI 24 + NI 25)

What we plan to do

POLICY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist RSL's in signing up to the Housing Standard• Implement a borough wide Designated Public Place Order• Implement the multi agency Parenting Strategy• Carry out quarterly assessment of public perception surveys
PREVENTION/ AWARENESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pro actively provide feedback to community on action taken to rectify local problem, using CAG's, LNP's, WHG Customer panels, residents groups and RSL publications.• Actively publicise positive achievements of the partnership• Proactively engage with communities most affected by ASB and criminal damage• Have a designated Community Safety Officer in each LNP area• Utilise re-deployable surveillance options in hotspot areas• Continue to carry out home fire safety checks• Continue to utilise neighbourhood policing
ENFORCEMENT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actively publicise enforcement action taken across the borough• Continue to publicise ASBO's and Injunctions• Increase the level of FPN/PND's for alcohol related ASB, incidents of littering and graffiti
TREATMENT/ SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure victims of crime and ASB have access to support and advice• Support community based crime reduction projects• Actively engage with Victim Support and Neighbourhood Watch
EDUCATION/ TRAINING/ DIVERSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide support and advice to those with highest fear of crime• Develop and implement situational measures programmes for older people• Promote and provide a Positive Parenting Programme• Explore viability of utilising Community Television service

Priority 5: Reduce crime and disorder in high crime areas

Why is it a priority?

The Strategic Assessment of crime and disorder highlights that:

- Different areas of Walsall suffer from different types of crimes to varying degrees.
- Crime rates per 1000 population vary per LNP from 44.7 to 225.3
- 12% of Walsall's crime occurs in the Town Centre
- District centres experience similar problems across the Borough

Our targets for 2008/09

Set baseline data for the understanding (and dealing with) local concerns of ASB and crime by LA and Police (NI 27 + NI 21)

Serious Violent Crime Rate (NI15) by 4%

Reduce Business crime by 4%

Reduce incidents of Arson (NI 33)

What we plan to do

POLICY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement Information sharing protocol to ensure all agencies data is used to highlight hot spot areas.• Develop a multi agency tasking group to address areas of high crime• Implement actions from the Alcohol strategy to target areas most affected by alcohol related incidents
PREVENTION/ AWARENESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roll out Retail Radio Scheme to businesses in all district centres• Utilise re-deployable surveillance options in hot spot areas• Utilise Community safety Officers in high crime areas, developing and implementing crime reduction projects• Provide a scheme for gating problem alleyways• Provide situational measures to combat fly-tipping
ENFORCEMENT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertake joint evidence gathering and CCTV surveillance in crime hotspot locations to support enforcement actions including ASBO's, CRASBO's and injunctions• Continue to use a multi agency tasking group to focus resource in hot spot areas• Continue to provide increased Police presence in Walsall Town Centre during peak periods of the NTE• Target hot spot areas for counterfeit sales
TREATMENT/ SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage businesses in district centres to tackle businesses crime• Ensure that young people who become victims of crime have access to appropriate support services• Extend range of behavioural based programmes
EDUCATION/ TRAINING/ DIVERSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide literature and feedback to those most at risk of crime• Engage with schools to ensure young people are aware of personal safety• Promote diversionary activities through YISP and YISP+• Provide fire safety education to those in high risk areas

Priority 6: Improve Community Cohesion and Social Inclusion

Why is it a priority?

The Strategic Assessment of crime and disorder highlights that:

- The Safer Walsall Borough Partnership is working in close liaison with Walsall residents to identify local problems thereby creating local solutions
- Walsall MBC is creating a Community Cohesion Strategy which will provide details of how the council will seek to improve social inclusion across all sections of the community.

Our targets for 2008/09

% of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area (NI 1)

Perceptions of parents taking responsibility for the behaviour of their children (NI 22)

Ethnic composition of offenders on YJS disposals (NI 44)

Building resilience to violent extremism (NI 35)

What we plan to do

POLICY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carry out Equality Impact Assessment of new strategies• Develop and implement Community Cohesion Strategy• Develop and implement Travellers Strategy• Implement key areas of Sustainable Communities Strategy• Ensure that all crime reduction projects take into account the make up of the communities they are designed to support
PREVENTION/ AWARENESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote pro-social behaviour programme across the borough• Provide positive information in a variety of formats that are accessible to all communities.• Actively ensure that all education and community feedback is accessible to all community members• Ensure community events are inclusive and well publicised
ENFORCEMENT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure that race related incidents are dealt with swiftly inline with current policies• Ensure that community tensions are monitored and acted upon• Target perpetrators of racist graffiti
TREATMENT/ SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Empower communities to not only report problems of crime and disorder, but to take active steps to address them.• Ensure that community members are supported to feel safe in reporting incidents that may affect community cohesion and social inclusion• Ensure that all victims of crime have access to support services that are appropriate to the communities they are from
EDUCATION/ TRAINING/ DIVERSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide community safety literature in various formats as requested• Provide training to all partner officers on reporting racial incidents

Performance Management

The partnership is well acquainted with the need to ensure we have a robust performance management framework that will allow us to deliver effectively on the priorities and objectives that have been set in this strategy. To ensure our performance is second to none, we have taken time, energy and effort to:

- set strategic priorities and objectives that matter most to the local community
- develop annual delivery plans to implement the strategy
- secure resources and use budgets for delivering programmes that work to maximise impact
- carry out service and performance reviews periodically
- set performance targets that are challenging but deliverable and monitor performance against them

We will invest and provide training to staff, councillors and volunteers to better respond to local crime issues. This strategy will be the overarching plan for community safety in Walsall.

Annual multi agency delivery plans will be established which will have a holistic approach to tackling crime and disorder and improving community safety, in that we will ensure each priority has a balance of appropriate prevention, enforcement and rehabilitation programmes.

The Home Office has the lead responsibility for the performance management of crime, community safety and policing. The principles underpinning their new approach are as follows:

- To focus on the priorities set out in the PSA's for 2008-2011.
- To use the LAA as a driver for improved performance
- To work with other Government departments to ensure closer partnership working
- To reflect the importance of performance on crime and community safety on the public's overall sense of well being
- To provide timely, regular and accurate information to the public

The Assessments of Policing and Community Safety (APACS) will monitor performance in a way that reflects the relative seriousness of offences. The ethos of APACS is to ensure that all crime reduction services are effective, provide value for money and whether they are perceived by service users to be as such.

Roles and Responsibilities of Authorities

Walsall MBC

As the Local authority, Walsall MBC has a number of core functions and as a responsible authority, community safety has to be a key consideration in each of these functions.

The Crime and Disorder Act Section 17 states that :

"Without prejudice to any other obligations imposed upon it, it shall be the duty of each authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area."

West Midlands Police

The Police Service's role in community safety is of primary importance at all levels. The mission of the Police Service remains to protect and reassure the public, to prevent and reduce crime, to maintain order and bring criminals to justice.

The Police Service is responsible for producing a Local Policing Plan which sets out, following consultation with the community, their local priorities. This ensures that national targets are localised and become a key part of delivering effective performance.

Primary Care Trust

The Walsall teaching Primary Care Trust is a responsible authority that works across many aspects of community safety and crime reduction.

The tPCT works in the area of substance misuse in Partnership with other organizations and form a vital part of the Drug Action Team.

DAT's are the strategic lead on all drug issues and are responsible for the local implementation of the national Drug Strategy.

The Drug Strategies key aims are; treatment, young people, communities and supply. This is applied locally through the commissioning of drug provision, support structures and monitoring and reporting.

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service

Working towards a vision of 'making the West Midlands safer', West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service have a major statutory role to play in community safety.

The Fire and Rescue Service have responsibility for producing and implementing an annual service plan which includes targets and information on how the service will work with other partners, notably in the areas of arson and road safety

Local Strategic Partnership

Local Strategic Partnerships are non-statutory, multi agency partnerships. At a local level they bring together various parts of the public, private, community and third sectors. They allow different initiatives and services to support one another so they can work together effectively.

Registered Social Landlords

Social landlords are being given the opportunity to play a greater role in helping clampdown on crime and anti-social behaviour.

Housing associations will be encouraged to share intelligence of anti-social behaviour and criminal behaviour with other members of the CDRP and by working together share resources and expertise to really crack down on anti-social behaviour.

The development of RSL working groups and implementation of the Respect Housing Standard have already begun to yield results nationally.

Local Criminal Justice Group

The 42 CJB's in England and Wales were established non-statutorily in 2003 and were based on Police Force and criminal justice areas.

Membership comprises of Chief police officers, the CPS, HM Court Service, the Prison Service, the Probation Service and the Youth Offending Services.

Local Criminal Justice Boards are responsible for joining up the Criminal Justice System at a local level. They work together to bring more offences to justice, reduce the number of ineffective trials, improving the experience of victims and witnesses, driving delivery of the Persistent Young Offenders Pledge and PPO CJS Premium Service.

Probation Trusts

The Offender Management Act 2007 aims to improve the delivery of probation services to reduce re-offending and better protect the public.

The establishment of probation trusts and supporting the commissioning of probation services in greater partnerships with all sectors are just some of the ways this will be done.

The national commissioning will set out National Offender Management Service priorities, which will be delivered at a regional level. The regional partnership commissioning plans will also reflect regional re-offending plans, which will be developed in full consultation with regional and local providers as well as sentencers.

Children's Trusts

Children's Trusts are a statutory requirement of the 2004 Children Act responsible for bringing together social services, health, education and other services for children and young people. Through the Children's Trust, children and young people should experience a more integrated and responsive service. The Trust will commission targeted and specialist services that will have maximum impact on the lives of children & young people and have the voice of children and young people at their centre. CDRP's should engage with Children's Trusts and support their

preventative work. The overall aim of the Trust is early intervention before more serious problems develop.

Walsall Youth Offending Service

YOT/YOS's were created under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. They are a holistic youth justice service that brings together secondees from education, health, social services, police, probation service and wider resources.

The focus of the YOS is to address all the factors that may bring a young person into the criminal Justice system therefore preventing possible or future re-offending. Young people are made to take responsibility for their actions. Victims of youth crime are listened to and Parent/carers are held to account for their child (rens) actions.

The Third Sector

The third sector makes a vital contribution to community safety and should be ever more seen as an essential resource that should be actively utilised by the CDRP. Central government is implementing a programme to build the capacity of third sector organisations at a local level. The aim of the programme is to promote and build relationships between local organisations, the local authority and the third sector.

Groups like neighbourhood watch are playing a key role in increasing community safety and engaging all sections of society.

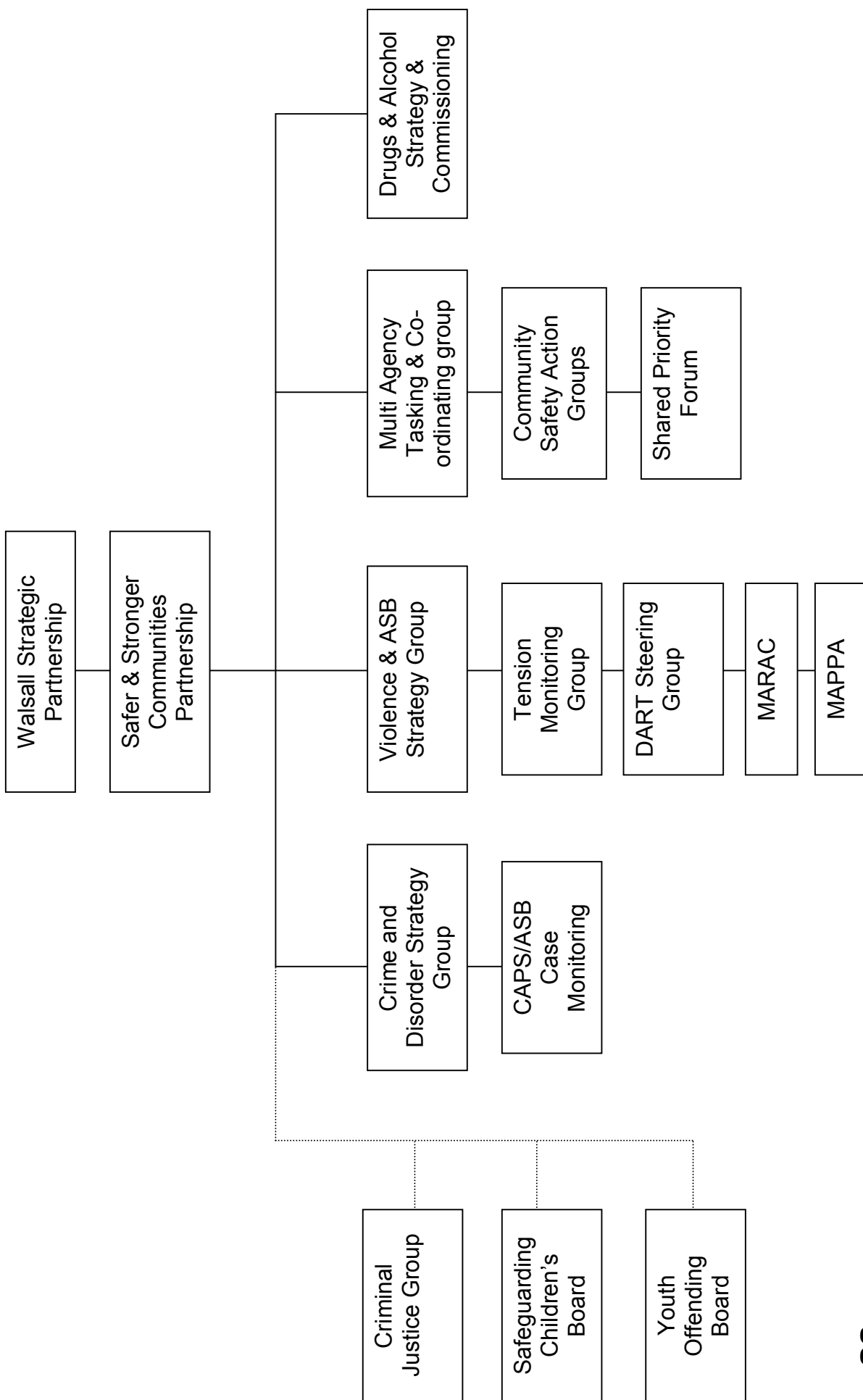
The Business Community

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 obliges CDRP's to invite representatives of the local business communities to become involved in the development and implementation of community safety strategies.

It is therefore essential that businesses play a role in shaping the direction of the CDRP to ensure that tackling business crime is addressed.

With such an involvement lies the responsibility of the business community to become the 'eyes and ears' of the CDRP and should report crimes and intelligence.

Appendix 2 Partnership Delivery structure



Glossary of abbreviations

ABC	Acceptable Behaviour Contract
APACS	Assessment of Policing and Community Safety
ASB	Anti Social Behaviour
ASBO	Anti Social Behaviour Order
BVPI	Best Value Performance Indicator
CAPS	Consultation and Problem Solving
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television
CDRP	Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership
CPS	Crime Prosecution Service
DART	Domestic Abuse Response Team
DAT	Drug Action Team
DIP	Drug Intervention Programme
DPPO	Designated Public Place Order
DV	Domestic Violence
FPN	Fixed Penalty Notice
ISO	Individual Support Order
LAA	Local Area Agreement
LCJB	Local Criminal Justice Board
LNP	Local Neighbourhood Partnership
MAPPA	Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements
MARAC	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
NI	National Indicator
NTA	National Treatment Agency
NTE	Night Time Economy
PCT	Primary Care Trust
PND	Public Notice for Disorder
PSA	Public Service Agreement
PPO	Prolific and other Priority Offenders
RTA	Road Traffic Accident
SA	Strategic Assessment
WHG	Walsall Housing Group
YJB	Youth Justice Board
YOT	Youth Offending Team
YOS	Youth Offending Service
YTD	Year to Date