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**Safer Walsall Borough Partnership –
Crime and Drugs Strategy 2005-2008**

Summary of Report

The attached copy of a presentation sets out details of the Safer Borough Walsall Partnership – Crime and Drugs Strategy 2005-2008.

The information contained within the attached document will assist the Partnership in the preparation of future plans.

The presentation contains information on:-

- the current position on reported crime
- audit findings – priorities relating to various types of crime including:-
 - drugs/alcohol
 - prostitution
 - young people – perpetrators and victims
 - anti social behaviour
 - acquisitive crime
- high crime areas
- key target areas
- delivering the strategy
- resource deployment
- intelligence
- situational measures
- developing the wider partnership

Recommendation

That the Crime and Drugs Strategy 2005-2008 be received.

Resource and Legal Implications

None arising from this report.

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CRIME AND DRUGS STRATEGY 2005 - 2008

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- audit findings
- conclusions drawn from audit
- strategic direction
- implementation
- developing the wider partnership



CURRENT POSITION

- currently overall reported crime stands at 26,695 per ann
- this is a 16.25% reduction over the 2002 - 2005 strategy period against a target of 14.24%



AUDIT FINDINGS - PRIORITIES

- drugs / alcohol
- prostitution
- young people – perpetrators and victims
- anti social behaviour
- acquisitive crime



DRUGS

- 54% of residents say that drugs is a big problem
- around 1560 problematical drug users in the borough
- cost of drug crime in Walsall around £53m per ann



DRUGS

- good at getting people into treatment
- well below national average in tackling supply problems



ALCOHOL

- high levels of alcohol related crime - 5205 incidents last year
- 75% of police cases in town centre at weekends are alcohol related



PROSTITUTION

- particular concerns in some LNP areas
- image of area
- drugs paraphernalia



YOUNG PEOPLE

- 64% of residents felt that YP causing a nuisance/hanging around was a big problem
- youth crime 7% of all crimes committed
- 18% of YP admit to regularly carrying weapons



YOUNG PEOPLE

- 21% of referrals to victim support were young people
- safe areas to hang out - all weather play/sports areas and ongoing activities



ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- violent crime represents 18.4% of all crime in Walsall
- violence against the person (5205 incidents)
- criminal damage represents 17.5% of all crime



ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- 64% of residents say vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage is a big problem



ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- vehicle crime represents 24% of all crime in Walsall but is going down
- robbery (against the person) is 1.5% of all crime
- burglary dwelling is 7% of all crime but is going down



HIGH CRIME AREAS

- St Matthews and Birchills Leamore
- Blakenall and Bloxwich
- Darlaston
- Palfrey and Pleck
- Town centre - night time economy



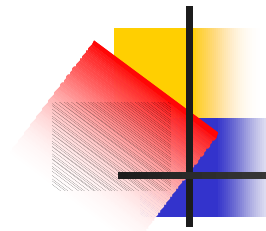
KEY TARGET AREAS

- high level of drug related crime
- high level of violent crime including domestic violence
- town centre night time economy
- anti social behaviour
- reduce fear of crime



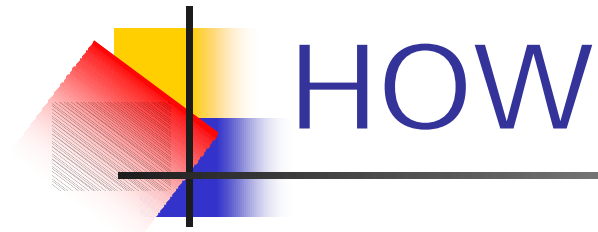
DELIVERING THE STRATEGY

- over arching strategy - reduce all crime by 20% by 2008 using 2002-2003 baseline (5729 incidents)
- delivery at LNP level
- through multi agency action groups



HOW

- new organisation structure supported by better than ever intelligence information
- borough wide deployment of partner resources directed through SWBP
- situational measures which respond to the needs of our communities delivered on a multi agency basis



- prolific offender management
- drugs intervention programme
- drugs testing programme
- development of alcohol strategy
- communication strategy



RESOURCE DEPLOYMENT

- 40 street wardens and 6 school wardens
- CCTV
- 8 police community safety officers
- 12 police officers
- ASB team
- street pride team
- environmental protection



INTELLIGENCE

- crime analyst
- drugs information and data analyst
- anti social behaviour data base
- street pride data base
- performance management
- shared partnership information resource
- fire service



SITUATIONAL MEASURES

YOUNG PEOPLE

- YP substance misuse/health promotion
- youth offender management
- YP community education programme



SITUATIONAL MEASURES

VULNERABILITY

- personal alarms
- support for victims of domestic violence
- alley gating
- home safe



SITUATIONAL MEASURES

ENFORCEMENT

- ANPR
- expert witness programme
- law enforcement bans



DEVELOPING THE WIDER PARTNERSHIP

- high crime areas and levels of social housing
- input into intelligence gathering
- resource deployment
- ownership of land and buildings