



Report to: Policy & Performance Improvement Committee Meeting - 24 June 2024

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Report Summary	
<b>Report Title</b>	Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood Community Safety Partnership Progress and Performance Update and Review of Priorities.
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To provide an update on the performance data and activities for crime and ASB across the Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood Community Safety Partnership. The report will set out the 2023/2024 performance and activities and set out the priorities for 2024/2025.
<b>Recommendations</b>	That the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee note: a) the performance data presented and the activities undertaken in 2023/2024; and b) the priorities for 2024/2025 review of the Community Safety Partnership performance and priorities.

## 1.0 Background

1.1 The existence of a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a statutory requirement under Section 5 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 (“the Act”), as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002 and the Police & Justice Act 2006. There are a number of ‘Responsible Authorities’ that form the partnership. They are:

- The District Council(s)
- The County Council
- The Chief Officer of Police
- The Fire and Rescue Authority
- The Integrated Care Boards

1.2 The Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood CSP (BNSCSP) meets on a quarterly basis with wider partners through the Joint Strategic Group (JSG). The chair of the JSG represents the CSP at the Nottinghamshire Safer Neighbourhoods Board and this role alternates between the two district councils on a biennial basis. A refreshed Community Safety Strategy has been drafted to detail the complex make up of Community Safety and how the groups and boards fit and work together. Linked to this will be a delivery plan, specific to each area. This delivery plan will detail the work required to meet the statutory and countywide requirements alongside our Community Plan objectives and wider activities and priorities.

1.3 The CSP and its priorities are determined by statutory requirements set by government and localised priorities and requirements through the Safer Notts Board and related strategic groups. At the last meeting of this Committee its was agreed that members would like an opportunity to review and influence the local priorities moving forward and requested to review wider data related to crime and Anti-Social Behaviour across the district. It is intended that the Delivery Plan will be shared with this committee in December 2024 to enable discussions on priorities for the coming year.

## 2.0 Proposal/Options Considered

2.1 Each month the CSP analyst produces a performance report based on all crime and anti-social behaviour. This shows the comparative performance of the Community Safety Partnerships in the county (there are three) and each district. This shows the change in all crime/ASB compared to the same period last year as well as providing some more detailed analysis on the locations and causes of any hot spots.

2.2 The performance for Crime for 2023/2024 is shown below, which shows NSDC had a 1.1% increase in crime when compared with the previous year:

All Crime				
	FYTD Volume 22/23	FYTD Volume 23/24	Volume Change	% Change
Force	105,034	101,957	-3077	-2.9%
City	41,256	40,262	-994	-2.4%
County	61,543	60,092	-1,451	-2.4%
Ashfield	11,009	10,987	-22	-0.2%
Mansfield	11,835	12,058	223	1.9%
Bassetlaw	10,939	9,781	-1,158	-10.6%
Newark & Sherwood	8,636	8,731	95	1.1%
Broxtowe	7,146	7,111	-35	-0.5%
Gedling	6,478	6,274	-204	-3.1%
Rushcliffe	5,487	5,133	-354	-6.5%

Source: Nottinghamshire Police's Management of Information Crime and Outcomes Dashboard

The performance for ASB for 2023/2024 is shown below, which shows NSDC had a 11.8% reduction in ASB when compared to the previous year:

All Anti-Social Behaviour				
	FYTD Volume 22/23	FYTD Volume 23/24	Volume Change	% Change
Force	31,390	28,948	-2,442	-7.8%
City	13,734	12,673	-1,061	-7.7%
County	17,590	16,197	-1,393	-7.9%
Ashfield	3,219	2,988	-231	-7.2%
Mansfield	3,210	3,036	-174	-5.4%
Bassetlaw	2,846	2,531	-315	-11.1%

Newark & Sherwood	2,876	2,538	-338	-11.8%
Broxtowe	2,139	1,977	-162	-7.6%
Gedling	2,050	1,781	-269	-13.1%
Rushcliffe	1,250	1,346	96	7.7%

Source: Nottinghamshire Police's Management of Information Crime and Outcomes Dashboard

- 2.3 Following discussions with Chair and Vice Chair of the committee, we have worked with our Police Analyst to develop a more detailed, ward-based data set for crime and ASB. The format and data included has been considered and agreed as the format to use moving forward. **Appendix 1** sets out the data, by ward for both crime and ASB in the last six months.
- 2.4 In addition, it was also agreed that rather than a once a year update report on the previous year's data and activities, that a further report would be provided to the committee six months later around the end of Quarter 3. This will provide another set of data part way through the year but would enable members of the committee to review and consider actions and activities undertaken and enable discussions on any additional priorities Members would like to see add to the new plan for the year.
- 2.5 Members will be aware that the new Community Plan for NSDC contains an objective to reduce Crime and Anti-social Behaviour, which lists 22 objectives for delivery. These have been added to the annual priorities alongside statutory requirements and the delivery of ongoing projects such as Safer Streets 5 and the delivery of diversionary activities through Locality Funding provided by the OPCC.
- 2.6 There are a number of key priorities that are linked to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board that we also must be mindful of, many are either statutory requirements or impact wider areas. These include:
- Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)
  - Counter-Terrorism - Prevent
  - Domestic Abuse (DA)
  - Hate
  - Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking
  - Serious Violence (SV)
  - Violence against Women & Girls (VAWG)
  - Neighbourhood Crime
  - Vulnerability and Safeguarding

#### **Activities and Improvements 2023-2024**

- 2.7 Substantial changes and improvements have been made in relation to Community Safety during 2023-2024 and we are actively seeking to build on these improvements moving forward. The below sets out some of the improvements, projects or changes that have taken place over the last twelve months:

- **Increase in staff resources within Community Safety Team** – Cabinet approved the creation of a Senior ASB Officer, this post was recruited internally. An additional ASB Officer was also created and recruited to. The team has now increased from two ASB Officers, to 1 Senior ASB Officer and 3 ASB Officers. The vacant Community Safety Officer and the Anti-Social Behaviour Support Officer roles were reviewed and merged to create a new Community Safety Support Officer post, which has also been recruited to. The team is now fully staffed and working well
- **New Temporary Post funded by the OPCC** – Following the work created by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to Immediate Justice, we have created a new fixed term role, funded by the OPCC, to look at how we can engage and assist with the Immediate Justice Programme. The role is funded for a period of 12 months and looks to review NSDC policies and procedures to consider how NSDC can refer adult offenders into the scheme and to update and relevant policy reviews. NSDC has also been approached to pilot an Immediate Justice Plus scheme which will look at using the principles of Immediate Justice alongside dedicated case work for those aged 14 to 17.
- **Community Protection Officers moved to patch working** – Following successful recruitment to vacant posts we now have 4 full time CPOs that work across the district, each has been assigned a patch linked to the ASB Officers. Officers work collaboratively with local areas and the Police beat teams. This change has seen positive feedback from local communities
- **Completion of Safer Streets 4** – Project ended at the end of September 2023 and saw nearly all of the original projects completed. This included replacement and additional CCTV cameras, gating at St Marks Precinct, creation of a Safer Gym Scheme, Nights of action related to Cocaine and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), improved street lighting in the town centre around Church Walks, environmental improvements and ShopWatch. Safer Streets 5 commenced in October and between October and March 2024 the youth shelter and related infrastructure was installed alongside environmental improvements at Balderton Lakes and the development of attitudinal change activities.
- **Commencement of Safer Streets 5** – The BNS CSP submitted a bid to the OPCC in August 23 for funding to support improvements in one of the areas identified by the scheme. This was the first year it moved away from Newark Town Centre and a bid submission for Balderton North was submitted and successful. The project started in October straight after Safer Streets 4 finished and includes environmental improvement (new bins, benches and lockable lifebuoys) at Balderton lakes, a new youth shelter at Coronation Park, the creation of a neighbourhood watch and associated training and a calendar of attitudinal and behavioural change events for young people. Year 2 of the project has commenced and aims to install new CCTV and lighting at the Balderton Lakes car park alongside other CCTV improvements.
- **CCTV Review and Replacement Scheme** – Following the ASB Working Party Review a comprehensive review of all the CCTV cameras, locations, condition and processes was considered and reported to cabinet. This included setting out the CCTV replacement scheme that aims to replace 10 CCTV cameras per year starting with the oldest.
- **Changes to CCTV Control Room Monitoring** – At the March 24 Cabinet meeting members approved the commencement of the project to come out of the CCTV Partnership for the monitoring of our cameras to create a Newark based CCTV control room to enable proactive monitoring.

- **Enforcement Actions** – There has been many positive enforcement actions that have taken place in the last year, this has included:
  - 3 Closure Orders on premises that were negatively impacting the communities
  - 3 Injunctions on young people who had been involved in serious incidents in Newark Town Centre
  - Criminal Behaviour Order jointly secured with Nottinghamshire Police on a person committing ASB and persistent shop theft in Ollerton.
  - 1 Injunction on an individual causing nuisance in Newark
  - 9 Community Protection Warnings have been issued in the past 12 months to adults causing anti-social behaviour in communities. A Community Protection Notice was issued to 1 person following a breach of the Warning.
  - In the past 12 months, 16 first stage and 2 second stage Warning Letters have been issued to young people causing nuisance in the community.
  - In this same period, 13 young people have entered into Acceptable Behaviour Contracts.
  - 3 Enforcement Warnings (pre-Court enforcement) have been issued to young people in this period.
- **The creation and submission of the BNS CSP Serious Violence Local Response Plan** – This is a statutory requirement to be completed by the end of January 2024. All plans were submitted to the Home Office by the deadline. This is a live document reviewed each quarter and reported back to the Violence Reduction Partnership at the OPCC who monitors the requirements.
- **Four Designing Out Crime Reports completed** – Site reviews and reports have been completed by the Nottinghamshire Police Designing Out Crime Officer. These reports look at specific locations, the police data, the issues that are arising and makes recommendations for improvements. The areas completed include Newark Town Centre, Hawtonville around the Co-op, Welcome Break Service Station at Balderton, Lakeside Shopping Centre, Balderton (final report pending)
- **Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Review** – The existing PSPOs place controls in relation to Alcohol and Dispersal in Newark Town Centre, Dispersals at Balderton Lakes, Lakeside Shopping Centre and Coronation Park, fire control at Vicar Water and dog control district wide. A full review and public consultation is ongoing with the aim of submitting updated orders for approval at the July Cabinet. It is likely that all existing orders subject to minor amendments will remain with the addition of fire control at Sconce and Devon Park, Prohibition of vehicles at Eakring Road and an additional dispersal order at Hawtonville.
- **Diversions Activities** – through OPCC funding, a range of diversionary activities have taken place across the district, including cookery sessions delivered by Community Development and Health and Wellbeing teams, Extreme Wheels commissioned to deliver 42 sessions in locations across the district and currently hosting sessions at Sherwood Avenue Park, Newark. A two week safety event is scheduled to take place in June 2024, with circa 900 Year 6 students attending sessions at Sconce Park, Newark, and Vicar Water Country Park, Clipstone – the sessions will include partnership working with NFRS, Police, NCC VIA, Newark First Aiders, NSDC Environmental Services, Hope Drug Prevention, and Sherwood Forest Trust. Learning will focus on water and fire safety, first aid, wildlife crime and conservation, incorporating the Great Big Green Week.

## Planned Activities and Priorities for 24/25

2.8 There are a number of ongoing projects running through 24/25 alongside key priorities aside from the specific Community Plan objectives these include:

- **Completion of Safer Streets 5** – Year 2 of SS5 will see the completion of key projects, the installation of lighting and CCTV at Balderton Lakes car park, the creation of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the delivery of the diversionary activities programme. A Water Safety event is scheduled for July 2024 at Balderton Lakes, with 100 Year 5 students from local Balderton schools attending. A programme of specialist outreach work is due to take place in the summer, which will lead into a graffiti art project at Coronation Street Park. Prison Me No Way have been funded to deliver sessions within Newark Academy in September 2024 on a range of topics including ASB, knife crime, etc.
- **Prevent** – We have a statutory duty in relation to Counter Terrorism known as Prevent. We are required to have plans in place, publish our Counter Terrorism Local Profile, undertake staff training and provide support to the Counter Terrorism Team in relation to requests for information. This work will be ongoing throughout this year to ensure we are meeting our requirements
- **Localities Funding** – We have submitted to the OPCC our bid for Localities Funding for 24/25. We use this funding each year to deliver these activities across the district. These events are crucial in our holistic approach to dealing with ASB and is vitally important to continue to engage with young people across the district.
- **Enforcement Activities** – The Community Safety Team will continue to push forward on all enforcement cases. There is currently 2 Criminal Behaviour Orders, 1 Closure Order and 2 Interim Injunctions pending.
- **Developing the Partnerships** – A significant amount of effort took place last year to review and improve a number of different panels that are used to monitor and deal with offenders. In April 2024 these were reviewed with feedback from partners and further improvements will be made as we move through the year.
- **Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance** – This is a large organisation wide project that started in April 2024 at NSDC. We are the last of the 3 councils to go through this accreditation. Mansfield and Bassetlaw have already been through the process and we have taken their learning to assist with our project. This project will look at how we deal with and support both survivors and perpetrators of domestic abuse both as service users and staff. There will be council wide training and a review of all policies to ensure that we are meeting the requirements.

### 3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations officers have considered the following implications; Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding, Sustainability, and Crime and Disorder and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

### **3.1 Financial Implications FIN24-25/628**

The posts that support the work of the CSP are fully budgeted. Any activities that are undertaken to support the CSP are funded from existing budgets or are subject to bids to a variety of sources.

There are no additional unforeseen financial implications and no direct financial implications to the current budgets or the medium-term financial plan.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Cabinet Report – Community Safety Resources – July 2023

Cabinet Report – CCTV December 23 and March 24

Cabinet Report – Public Spaces Protection Orders – February 2024