



Report to: Policy & Performance Improvement Committee: 10 February 2025

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Report Summary	
Report Title	<p>Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood Community Safety Partnership Progress and Performance Update and Review of Priorities.</p> <p>The report’s Appendix 1 contains exempt information as defined under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Paragraph 7 under which the Committee has the power to exclude the press and public if it so wishes.</p> <p>It is considered that the need to treat the information in the Appendix as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosure because it contains information which is deemed Officially Sensitive.</p>
Purpose of Report	<p>To provide an update on the work undertaken by the Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood Community Safety Partnership. The report will set out the current performance and introduce the new Community Safety Partnership Strategy and Delivery Plan.</p>
Recommendations	<p>That Policy & Performance Improvement Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) note the Community Safety Partnership performance information; and b) review the new Community Safety Partnership Strategy and Delivery Plan in advance of Cabinet review and adoption in April 2025

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:

- i. The District Council(s)
- ii. The County Council
- iii. The Chief Officer of Police
- iv. The Fire and Rescue Authority
- v. 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.
- 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.

2.0 Performance

- 2.1 Each month the CSP analyst produces a performance report based on all crime and a separate smaller report based on antisocial 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 24/25 when compared with the previous year is shown below:

	All Crime Volume May- Dec 2023	All Crime Volume May- Dec 2024	Volume Change	% Change
County	40,534	38,713	-1,821	-4.5%
Ashfield	7,357	6,844	-513	-7.0%
Mansfield	8,314	7,054	-1,260	-15.2%
Bassetlaw	6,445	6,425	-20	-0.3%
<i>Newark & Sherwood</i>	<i>5,879</i>	<i>5,971</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>1.6%</i>
Broxtowe	4,872	4,790	-82	-1.7%
Gedling	4,239	4,085	-154	-3.6%
Rushcliffe	3,421	3,541	120	3.5%

The table above illustrates that Newark & Sherwood experienced a 1.6% increase in All Crime compared to a 4.5% reduction in the county.

The performance for ASB for 24/25 when compared with the previous year is shown below:

	ASB Volume May-Dec 2023	ASB Volume May-Dec 2024	Volume Change	% Change
County	11,295	10,355	-940	-8.3%
Ashfield	2,076	2,014	-62	-3.0%
Mansfield	2,156	1,857	-299	-13.9%
Bassetlaw	1,746	1,535	-211	-12.1%

<i>Newark & Sherwood</i>	1,747	1,493	-254	-14.5%
Broxtowe	1,385	1,396	11	0.8%
Gedling	1,230	1,184	-46	-3.7%
Rushcliffe	955	876	-79	-8.3%

The table above illustrates that Newark & Sherwood experienced an 14.5% reduction in ASB compared to an 8.3% reduction countywide.

- 2.3 As agreed at the previous committee the more detailed, ward-based data for crime and ASB is provided in **Appendix 1** (exempt).

3.0 Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Strategy

- 3.1 Every CSP should have in place a Strategy and a delivery plan that sets out the key themes within the CSP alongside the delivery plan on how actions, activities and other work programmes linked to the strategy to seek improvements for the community. The delivery plan enables a clear oversight of the wider priorities and actions alongside detailing more locally based activities and priorities.

- 3.2 The Bassetlaw, Newark & Sherwood Community Safety Strategy is provided in **Appendix 2**. This document has been developed through the CSP and has now been formally adopted by Bassetlaw. Members of the CSP have reviewed the document in its draft form and had an opportunity to provide feedback. The strategy has been formally adopted by Bassetlaw District Council alongside their own delivery plan. The strategy document sets out the key legal requirements within the area of community safety and sets out key themes. The key themes are:

- Serious Violence (SV), Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) and Domestic Abuse
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Vulnerability and Contextual Safeguarding
- Community Cohesion
- Neighbourhood Crime

- 3.3 The strategy document provides the overarching roles, responsibilities and legal requirements and requires a local delivery plan to detail how each council is working towards the main themes. The NSDC Delivery Plan is provided in **Appendix 3**.

- 3.4 This encompasses work and activities from the NSDC Community Plan, statutory requirements such as PREVENT, Serious Violence, Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) to name a few. The local delivery plan enables a fuller picture to be provided and how our work feeds back through the key themes and statutory requirements.

- 3.5 The delivery plan will become the localised action plan for community safety matters and will replace presenting to this committee the previous limited set of priorities but instead enable the committee to have a full oversight of the work to be undertaken and the progress of those actions in line with the key themes. This will further enable the committee to have a broader conversation about priorities for our communities and see the scale of the work being undertaken.

- 3.6 It is proposed that the strategy and the delivery plan will be presented for adoption at the April Cabinet meeting and therefore seek the views of this committee in advance of the cabinet process. The delivery plan will then come back to this committee each year in advance, setting out the priorities and activities for the coming financial year.

4.0 Community Safety Partnership Review

- 4.1 A countywide decision was taken to complete a full review of the Community Safety Partnerships in place across the county. This work has been ongoing for the last 6 months and draft proposals have been submitted for consultation. A key benefit of this review is to look at the meetings that are attended, the documentation linked to the CSPs and how these can work more efficiently.
- 4.2 As the BNS CSP Strategy was the most recent document in place, it has proved a useful starting point for discussions. The other CSPs have also agreed to adopt the thematic approach developed by Bassetlaw as the basis of their strategies but also as a countywide approach to this work area.
- 4.3 The aim is to ensure that all the work activities and meetings set up, or new or emerging issues that come into place, will always fit within one of the key themes, with cross cutting issues embedded across the areas. This will ensure that any new emerging area is properly considered in line with existing meeting structures and delivery plans rather than creating another meeting, groups, panel etc.
- 4.4 The aim is to also provide a consistent approach at a district and borough for all multi agency meetings held by the district. This will ensure that all partners attending have a clear understanding of the meeting, the terms of reference and allow for more consistent attendance and information sharing.
- 4.5 As part of this review, as a group of Community Safety Managers, we have set up a Community Safety Managers Group to assist each other in the scale of the work required within this area to ensure that best practice and knowledge can be shared and to ensure that there is adequate representation across the meetings that require attendance. In some cases the meetings have to be attended at a CSP level with the information shared back as there is insufficient capacity for all to attend every meeting. Feedback from the review to Safer Notts Board on the scale and number of meetings is also proposed alongside discussion on how to rationalise these where possible.
- 4.6 Members will be aware that the new Community Plan for NSDC contains an objective related to Crime and Anti-social Behaviour, which lists 22 objectives for delivery, some of which have been completed. 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.

5.0 **Community Safety Activities**

5.1 **Safer Streets 5**

This project has been in operation since November 2023 and comes to an end in March 2025. Since the last meeting of this committee the project is nearing completion of all activities that formed the bid. CCTV and lighting has been installed at Balderton Lakes car park, neighbourhood watch training has commenced in advance of setting up a new scheme and a final graffiti project is planned in early March.

5.2 **Enforcement Activities**

The team have been busy throughout the year with enforcement action across the district this includes the following enforcement activities on adults:

- Closure Orders – 8
- Injunctions – 4
- Criminal Behaviour Order – 1
- Community Protection Warnings – 18
- Community Protection Notices – 2

There have been 38 young people referred to the ASB Panel from the following locations:

Area ASB Occurred	No of Referrals
Newark Town Centre	11
Balderton	9
Boughton	6
Clipstone	5
Hawtonville	3
Yorke Drive	2
Southwell	1
Bilsthorpe	1

5.3 **Yorke Drive**

Significant concerns were reported to NSDC and the Police regarding crime and anti-social behaviour severely impacting residents on Yorke Drive in the summer of 2024. Working with Nottinghamshire Police the ASB and Housing Teams have lead on a multi-agency enforcement programme to deliver improvements to the community. This in addition to the regeneration programme.

As a result of the enforcement action undertaken, we secured 4 closure orders on properties which were the source of criminal activities and anti-social behaviour. Successfully applied for civil injunctions banning named individuals from entering the Yorke Drive area and specific addresses.

A number of the specific individuals are currently on remand and are away from Yorke Drive which has benefitted the community. This remains under review, however current feedback from the residents is that the situation is much improved.

5.4 Immediate Justice

In April 2024, the OPCC set up a pilot for Immediate Justice, to deliver on this project and to engage from the local authorities, funding was made available for a project officer post to develop this project and how the council can be part of any referrals.

The scheme is now up and running and referrals are being made by the Police and the council. Some community clean ups have taken place in our district through this scheme which has been well received.

A decision as to whether this project will continue into 2025/26 is yet to be decided by the OPCC. The project officer role funding ends at the end of March 2025 and there is not at this time any proposal to extend this role.

5.5 CCTV Replacement Scheme

As agreed at Cabinet in March 2024 where the proposed replacement scheme was presented and approved, we have been working through the CCTV camera replacement this year, prioritising those that are not working or are the oldest. We have completed 14 replacements/installations, which include:

- Carter Gate (Beaumont Cross)
- Appleton Gate
- Sherwood Avenue Park
- Brunel Drive NSDC Depot
- Stodman Street/Middle Gate
- Church Street
- Castle Station Car Park
- Waitrose Station Car Park
- Riverside Car Park
- Balderton Lake
- St Marks Lane
- Church Walk Camera
- Newark Market Place/Newark Church
- Southwell - Leisure Centre

5.6 CCTV Control Room

At the March 2024 cabinet meeting a business case was presented that detailed the costs and design for a new in-house CCTV control room. Cabinet approved the recommendation to issue the 2-year notice period to the CCTV Partnership as required by the legal agreement. A further report is due to be presented to cabinet in April 2025.

5.7 Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)

The full review of the PSPOs was completed and approved at July cabinet. The following orders are now in place for a three-year period:

- Dispersal Order – Newark Town Centre
- Alcohol Control – Newark Town Centre
- Dispersal Order – Balderton Lakes, Lakeside Shopping Centre, Coronation Park
- Dispersal Order – Hawtonville
- Fire Control – Vicar Water
- Fire Control – Sconce and Devon
- Prohibition of vehicles – Eakring Road
- Dog Control – includes dog fouling controls district wide, dogs on lead by direction district wide, dogs on lead in specified areas, dog exclusion at all enclosed play areas district wide and dog exclusion at specified locations.

5.8 Diversionary Activities/Education Sessions

The team organised a number of diversionary activities and educational sessions funded through the OPCC Localities Funding, Safety Streets 5 and from NSDC. These include:

Safety Challenge – Approximately 820 year 6 pupils attended sessions at Vicar Water and Sconce and Devon Park in the summer 24, learning about Fire Safety, Water Safety, First Aid, Recycling and wildlife crime. We intend to run this again in the summer 2025

Extreme Wheels – weekly sessions run at Sherwood Avenue Park and Ollerton ran throughout the summer for children to attend the park and learn BMX bikes skills

Prison Me, No Way – Sessions have been arranged for all secondary schools in the district with a number of these being completed. These sessions aim to teach pupils about the consequences of their actions and behaviours and develop their knowledge and confidence in making better decisions. A replica prison cell is brought alongside hearing directly from ex inmates to provide real life situations.

Boxing Project (Newark/Blidworth/Rainworth) – Provides session to young people to take part in boxing sessions at a local club. Some young people may be referred into this project through the ASB Panel

DJ Skills workshops – to be delivered through the Young Peoples Centres across the district to allow for further engagement sessions with Youth Service.

Cooking Project (Newark and Sherwood) – Continuing a successful project run on Yorke Drive in 2023-24 there will be 4 sessions per rotating around the district with 15 young people per session. Provides an opportunity to learn cooking skills alongside budgeting and cost saving methods. Aims to improve community cohesion and relationships between groups of young people

Graffiti Projects (Edwinstowe and Balderton) – Engagement with young people in the locality to develop the design and deliver of graffiti art. The Balderton project forms part of Safer Streets 5.

6.0 Implications

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

6.1 Financial Implications FIN

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 – CCTV December 23 and March 24

Cabinet Report – Public Spaces Protection Orders – February 2024 & July 2024