

<b>13 March 2012</b>		<b>ITEM</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>			
<b>THURROCK COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (TCSP) STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2011</b>			
Report of: Lucy Magill Head of Public Protection			
<b>Wards and communities affected:</b>	<b>Key Decision:</b>		
All	Non-key		
<b>Accountable Head of Service:</b> Lucy Magill Head of Public Protection			
<b>Accountable Director:</b> Jo Olsson Director of People Services			
<b>This report is</b> Public			
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> To inform the Committee of the current situation with crime and disorder in Thurrock.,			

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Summary of Emerging Priorities and plans for 2011/12**

In 2011/12 the Partnership agreed it's priorities for 2011/14

- o Reduce Anti-social Behaviour
- o Improve community safety through Education, Engagement and Prevention
- o Reduce re-offending
- o Reduce Serious Crime, including sexual offences and Domestic Abuse
- o Tackle Hate crime (race, disability, sexual orientation and religion)

The strategic assessment which has been carried out indicates that the priorities are still valid and a continuing focus is required on anti-social behaviour, educating residents to prevent acquisitive crime (burglary and car crime), domestic abuse and hate crime.

Some of the data used in the formation of the strategic assessment comes from iQanta. Figures from iQuanta are provisional and subject to further quality assurance. They are not to be used in the public domain before quality assured figures are published as National Statistics. These figures are therefore not part of this report, although some conclusions within the report may have been formulated from this data.

1. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**That members recommend that Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Board agree the following recommendations**

**1.1 Thurrock Community Safety Partnership continue to prioritise serious crime and anti-social behaviour and domestic burglary volume crime**

**1.2 That the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership alcohol strategy is implemented as a priority to address the increasing violent crime.**

**1.3 Distraction burglary, whilst being low volume, often goes unreported and affects the most vulnerable in the community. It is recommended that TCSP continue to promote prevention in relation to this crime in order to prevent another increase in this crime.**

**1.4 Integrated Offender management needs to be a priority to embed over the coming year to address re-offending**

**1.5 Locality Action Groups should continue to target offenders of ASB and safeguard our vulnerable people.**

**1.6 Awareness raising in relation to hate crime, in particular around disability should continue.**

**1.7 Violence against women needs to have a stronger focus, in particular ensuring that we link into the work in children's services which Professor Kelly is leading on and we need to look at how we commission our services aligning ourselves to the Council's process and working closer with Essex.**

**1.8 Thurrock Community Safety Partnership continue to promote and work with the illegal money lending team to determine the extent of loan sharks in Thurrock and work to identify perpetrators and support victims of this crime.**

**1.9 The Olympics and PREVENT agenda need to have a strong focus for the first 6 months of 12/13.**

2. **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

2.1.1 Part of the role of the crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committee is to contribute to the development of strategies and to examine the performance of the partnership.

2.1.2 This summary report of our strategic assessment for 2011, will provide the committee with an overview of the current situation and recommendations for sustaining / improving our performance over the coming months and years.

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- 2.1.3 The purpose of our strategic assessment is to inform partners about the scale and scope of crime, disorder and community safety issues within Thurrock. It will inform debate and assist in the production of the Partnership's programme of work from April 2012.
- 2.1.4 This community safety strategic assessment is a legal requirement and is to be reviewed and refreshed annually.
- 2.1.5 A strategic assessment has certain mandatory requirements:
- Analysis of the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and substance misuse;
  - Changes in the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and substance misuse since the last strategic assessment;
  - Explanation of why these changes have occurred; and
  - An assessment of the extent to which the previous plan was implemented.
- 2.1.6 It should assist the Partnership to:
- Understand the patterns, trends and shifts relating to crime and disorder and substance misuse;
  - Set clear and robust priorities for our partnership;
  - Develop activity driven by reliable intelligence and which will meet the needs of the local community;
  - Deploy resources effectively and present value for money; and
  - Undertake annual reviews and plan activity based on a clear understanding of the issues and priorities.

**3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 **National changes in 2012/13** which the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership will respond to:
- 3.1.1 Introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners from Nov 12 who will have a wider responsibility for community safety which means closer links to CSP's.
- 3.1.2 The changing economic climate and the impact on crime
- 3.1.3 The civil unrest seen in August and the need to plan locally for such an eventuality
- 3.1.4 Changes to benefits and the impact this will have on some of our already vulnerable residents
- 3.1.5 Changes within Public Health and move to local authority
- 3.2 **Local changes** which Thurrock Community Safety Partnership will respond to
- 3.2.1 Budget cuts within our partner organisations and potential impact on organisational effectiveness
- 3.2.2 Development of the enlarged policing area where Thurrock will merge with Brentwood, Epping and Harlow
- 3.2.3 Potential for increased migration from London due to changes in housing benefit
- 3.2.4 Establishment of the Thurrock shadow health and well being board
- 3.2.5 The development of the regeneration programme bringing new businesses to Thurrock and increasing our night time economy
- 3.3 **Risks** on the horizon which Thurrock Community Safety Partnership will respond to:
- 3.3.1 There is a changing face of crime with cyber e-crime and social media. As well as threats this brings opportunities to improve communications through a variety of means

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1. a brief summary of options considered;
2. consultation outcomes
3. a risk assessment.
4. Whether the responsible cabinet members have been consulted/contributed to the report (NB professional and political advice must be clearly distinguished)

- See para.5.5 of the report writing guidelines.

3.3.2 The 2012 London Olympics and torch relay event

3.4 **Opportunities** which Thurrock Community Safety Partnership will respond to:

- 3.4.1 Introduction of integrated offender management and opportunity for closer working
- 3.4.2 Opportunity for some joint commissioning of resources, in particular analytical capability and domestic abuse services

3.5 **Headline Statistics from TCSP Strategic Assessment 2011**

- 3.5.1 All data comparisons are between 1st Apr 09 – 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 10 and 1<sup>st</sup> Apr 10 – 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 11, unless otherwise stated.
- 3.5.2 Figures for 2010/11 for Thurrock show a 5 per cent <sup>1</sup> reduction in crime (6,338) which compares to an average 8 per cent fall in England and Wales. Crime in Essex fell by 4 per cent.
- 3.5.3 The figures show that in Thurrock there are 40 crimes committed per 1,000 population which is lower than the national average of 41 per 1,000.

Table 1: BCS Crime

Offence category <sup>2</sup>	Offences recorded			% Change, year on year
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	
Violence against the person	2209	2096	2160	+ 3%
Sexual offences	103	95	126	+33%
Robbery	176	143	165	+ 15%
Burglary – dwelling	877	726	695	- 4%
Theft of a motor vehicle	810	630	634	+ 1%
Theft from a vehicle	1361	945	1009	+ 7%
Interfering with a motor vehicle	196	120	108	-10%

- 3.5.4 Whilst Thurrock maintained a downward trend on overall crime for the year 2010/11 figures for the year 2011/12 are already giving rise for concern.
- 3.5.5 Whilst this assessment focuses on the year 10/11 TCSP are carefully monitoring this years crime trends and reacting and reviewing priorities.

3.6 **Summary of Emerging Priorities and plans**

- 3.6.1 **Serious acquisitive crime** – in particular Domestic Burglary which has shown an increase in 10/11 & vehicle crime which continues to be high volume.
- 3.6.2 **Violent crime** is an increasing problem in Grays and is linked in many cases to alcohol
- 3.6.3 **Theft Other** is a key emerging crime which is increasing, linked primarily to metal thefts.
- 3.6.4 **Anti-social behaviour** – whilst reports are falling this continues to be resident’s primary concern, in particular youth nuisance. West Thurrock and Grays Riverside are the priority wards.

<sup>1</sup> Data taken from the database used for the National Statistics bulletin on crime in England and Wales published in July 2011. Recorded crime figures remain subject to revision in future publications as forces resubmit data to reflect the latest information.

<sup>2</sup> Not all crime types within BCS recorded measurement are detailed in the National Statistics

- 3.6.5 The Partnership notes that **sexual violence** continues to be an under reported crime and will be working closely with South Essex Rape and Incest Crisis centre (SERICC) in delivering the Violence Against Women Strategy
- 3.6.6 **Domestic Abuse** continues to be cause for concern with an increase in reporting and the ability for services to meet demand.
- 3.6.7 **Hate crime** is an under reported crime, in particular against those with a disability. TCSP need to continue to work with Thurrock Disability Network and the Learning Disability Partnership as well as Essex gay men and The Coalition to ensure that vulnerable residents are able to report abuse.
- 3.6.8 **Distraction burglary** increased at the start of this year and there needs to be a constant awareness raising of this issue amongst the most vulnerable members of our community
- 3.6.9 Adult **re-offending rate** has reduced in 2010/11 by 5.6% which is positive compared to Essex at +2.78%. Reduction in PPO re-offending of -21.37% compares favourably to national at -14.55%, but not as good as Essex at -31.47%.
- 3.6.10 The **DAAT** continues to deliver excellent performance with 234 Opiate & Crack Users (OCUs) in effective treatment in May 2011.
- 3.6.11 The **Loan shark** campaign has been launched and reports are now starting to come in. This campaign needs to continue targeting the deprived areas of our community.

4. **CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)**

- 4.1 Contributions were made to this assessment from a variety of sources, other than data:
  - o Feedback was taken from our partner walk about days held in a number of wards in the Borough.

5. **IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT**

- 5.1 Thurrock Community Safety Partnership works with the Council with regards to its priority around Cleaner, Greener and Safer Thurrock.

6. **IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 **Financial**

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There are no financial implications from this report

6.2 **Legal**

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**Comment [sj]:** See Guideline 6.2

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This report fulfils our legal obligations and there are no legal implications arising from this report

6.3 **Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **Samson DeAlyn**  
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This report is used to provide the information and evidence of impact of crime on the community. This is then used to complete an Equality Impact Assessment and set the strategy for the coming years.

6.4 **Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental**

This report will help the Partnership ensure that it is delivering on its commitments to Section 17.

7. **CONCLUSION**

7.1 The data analysed in this report has led to the recommendations which have now been carried forward into informing our action planning for 2012/13.

7.2 The priorities for the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership for 2011/14 are to:

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:**

- TCSP Strategic assessment

**APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:**

- Copies of the assessment are available, however are restricted.

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