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Report of the Director of Environment & Neighbourhoods

Environment and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board

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Subject: Safer Leeds 2006/07 Annual Performance Report

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform members on the progress made towards the three-year Safer Leeds Strategy running from 2005 until 2008. In 2006/07 recorded crime in Leeds fell by 4% from 2005/06. However, despite this drop in recorded crime and other achievements in a number of areas, it is unlikely that Safer Leeds can achieve the 35% reduction in British Crime Survey comparator offences by 2007/08 as required by PSA1.

1.0 Annual Report 2006/07

Attached is the Safer Leeds Annual Report for 2006/07. The period covered by the report, April 2006 to March 2007, represents the second year of the three-year strategy period. The report summarises the priority themes identified in the Safer Leeds Strategy and reviews crime trends, PSA1 performance, residents' perceptions, the activities and interventions commissioned or supported by Safer Leeds and looks at performance against the Safer Leeds Strategy targets.

2.0 PSA1 Quarter 1 - 2007/08

In quarter 1 of 2007/08, PSA1 performance has improved from the level reported on page 7 of the annual report. The overall reduction in British Crime Survey comparator offences in quarter 1 of 2007/08 was 25.5% compared to 24% at the end of 2006/07. This improvement in performance is largely due to falling numbers of offences of common assault, theft from vehicle and criminal damage compared to the previous year. The performance reported in the table on page 9 of the report presents the year-end position for the Safer Leeds strategy targets for 2006/07.

3.0 Community Safety Priority Areas

The table below presents, as far as possible, the results for the first quarter of 2007/08.

Priority 1 – Acquisitive Crime		
Measurements of Success for Q1 2007/08	Target	Progress
To reduce the rate per 1000 households of recorded domestic burglary	22.3	6.1
To reduce the rate per 1000 population of recorded theft from motor vehicles	11.9	2.7
To reduce the rate per 1000 population of recorded theft of motor vehicles	4.5	0.97
Priority 2 – Anti-Social Behaviour and Environmental Crime		
Measurements of Success for Q1 2007/08	Target	Progress
To reduce the level of recorded criminal damage	28.5	6.4
To reduce the number of people begging in the city centre	25	Annual Reporting
To reduce the number of people sleeping rough	10	
To increase the number of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, with young people, supported by an intervention	80	11
Priority 3 – Drugs		
Measurements of Success for Q1 2007/08	Target	Progress

To increase the number per 1000 population of drug users (aged 15-44) in treatment from 2004/05 baseline	8.20	Not yet available from NTA
To increase the % of drug users retained in treatment at 12 weeks	80%	
To reduce the number of deaths related to illicit drug use	18	Annual Reporting
Priority 4 – Reassurance		
Measurements of Success for Q1 2007/08		Target
Reassurance targets measured on an annual basis using the results from the Leeds annual residents' survey.		Annual Reporting
Priority 5 – Violent Crime		
Measurements of Success for Q1 2007/08		Target
To reduce the rate per 1000 population of recorded violent crime	22.9	5.6
To reduce the rate per 1000 population of recorded robbery	2.2	0.5
To reduce the rate per 1000 population of recorded common assault	4.9	1.3
To reduce the rate per 1000 population of recorded wounding (serious and other)	10.0	2.4
Excellent Performance	Progress Made	Weak Performance

4.0 Domestic Burglary

The increase in domestic burglary began during 2006, appears to follow national trends, and could be linked to prison releases and the number of prolific burglary offenders resident in the community. West Yorkshire Police are currently working with partners to develop an integrated offender management process to help address these issues.

5.0 Anti Social Behaviour

New Home Office guidance and the requirements of the Respect Task Force have shifted the emphasis on tackling anti-social behaviour with a greater priority being given to early intervention and prevention. There is work in progress to review the use tools and powers to address anti social behaviour, these will be applied as part of the ongoing work of the Corporate Safety Outcome Group

6.0 Recommendations

Members are requested to note the report.