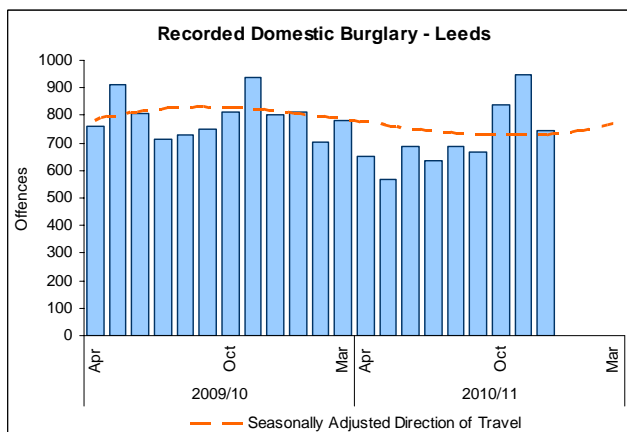


Overall Progress
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**Why is this a priority**

The public have the right to be safe and feel safe in their own home, on the streets and the places they go. Tackling serious crime and diffusing tensions in our communities is vital to people’s quality of life. This is a government and local priority and the performance indicators are part of the LAA.



**Overall Progress to date and outcomes achieved**

**1) Overall Summary:** (Acquisitive crime with a focus on domestic burglary)-

Leeds continues to progress positively in performance against target and is showing greater rates of reduction than other comparable core cities, although it is recognised that the number of offences still remains higher than our comparable family.

The sustained trend for falling acquisitive crime offences continues, down 7.7% (1,179 fewer offences) against the previous year. Recorded figures at December 2010 suggest that Leeds can achieve the 2010/11 performance target, with an estimated out-turn of 18,800 offences.

The main focus within this indicator has been on securing improvements in recorded domestic burglaries. The medium term trend for falling domestic burglary offence numbers continues, down 11.0% (789 fewer offences) against the previous year. A burglary reduction target for 2010/11 was set at 8,440 and despite the increases in October and November; indications suggest that the likely outturn will be in the region of 8,500, reversing a four year increase. The Increase in offences over these two months follows a consistent pattern of previous years when dark evenings commence earlier. Specific awareness campaigns were delivered at NPT level that helped reduce the anticipated increase. The table below provides an overview of the monthly burglary figures:

	2009/10	2010/11	Difference
Apr	761	653	-108
May	914	570	-344
Jun	806	690	-116
Jul	712	634	-78
Aug	727	689	-38
Sept	749	668	-81
Oct	814	841	27
Nov	940	946	6
Dec	801	744	-57

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In June 2009, Safer Leeds identified six long term strategic localities of concern for burglary. Analysis of offences in 2009 compared with 2010 shows improvements in four out of the six wards; Hyde Park & Woodhouse down 38% (261 fewer offences), Headingley down 44% (270), Gipton & Harehills down 11% (59), Beeston & Holbeck down 47% (220); whilst Armley has seen a 9% increase (59 more offences) and Burmantofts and Richmond Hill a 7% increase (34). The latter is also a problematic area for theft from motor vehicles. Partnership activity continues in these areas as well as other areas of concern, including of note, Kirkstall, Killingbeck & Seacroft and Chapel Allerton.

Achievements since the last report:

### Autumn Initiatives – Victim, Offender and Location activity

- A city-wide publicity campaign that included leaflet distribution, mobile signage in priority areas and web-based advice was provided to residential and business addresses, with over 100,000 recipients recorded.
- In City & Holbeck, 3 of the outer Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT), conducted 'on street floodlit briefings' in 2 key areas of each NPT area. The high visibility policing offered crime prevention advice to local residents and targeted known offenders.
- In North East Leeds, several operations took place targeting key offenders committing '2 in 1' burglaries and cash in transit robberies. Funding was secured to establish 4 'Cold Calling Zones' in the Roundhay and Moortown Neighbourhood Policing Area, covering 1700 properties, 3 are now up and running and consultation is taking place with local people to establish 5 new schemes in the Chapel Allerton area.
- In North West Leeds, Operation Champion ran during October half term in the Hyde Park area, engaging local residents. Several Operations took place targeting offenders dealing with stolen goods in the Armley and Bramley area. CASAC were commissioned to install target hardening packages in vulnerable properties in streets in the Armley area. A 'Backyard Breeze' project involving young people from Armley took place between November and Xmas and has been extended into the New Year.
- During September and October a number of community safety promotional events took place at various student sites, including students' halls of residence, in partnership with the University. Advice and information packs were given to over 2,000 students and parents. A computrace (tracking device) campaign delivered by North West Police and 13 volunteers was offered free of charge to students living in rented accommodation, around Headingley and Hyde Park/Woodhouse, confirmation of the number of students taking up this scheme are still to be finalised. Students were approached through door to door activity and crime prevention advice given to over 1500 addresses.
- All the above initiatives are currently being evaluated in terms of impact on reported crime and vfm to inform future plans. This will be available during the next quarter.

### Development

- The 5 Area Community Safety Co-ordinators have been transferred to Community Safety. All existing community safety neighbourhood management plans have now been reviewed. This will ensure direct links are made between Safer Leeds Executive and DCSP delivery plans, with local delivery managed and coordinated by the CSC's.
- The statutory annual joint strategic assessment identified four priorities for the coming year; Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour, Reducing Priority Crimes, Preventing and Reducing Re-offending, Improving Safeguarding and Reducing Vulnerability. In addition; alcohol, drugs and mental health were identified as cross cutting issues. Work has commenced on drawing up a partnership action plan to ensure effective delivery against identified priorities and manage performance against milestones. This will have clear links into the new emerging City Priority plans.
- The HMIC and Audit Commission joint inspection took place in November and recognised the progress that Leeds has made. In their report, received in January 2011, it states that 'The partnership has responded to this problem more effectively and this has delivered improvements in

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2010'. Based on their 7 recommendations a Partnership 'Reducing Crime' strategy will be developed to cover the new planning cycle (2011-2015). The recommendations included:

1. Development of a long term strategy that includes milestone targets demonstrating ambition.
2. Increase support and regulation of landlords in the private sector
3. Greater focus on addressing the stolen goods market
4. Continued review of the Integrated Offender Management programme
5. Developed understanding of the impact of burglary within emerging communities
6. Criminal Justice system to review the proportion of charges arising from arrests.
7. More systematic approach to value for money reviews.

**Challenges/Risks**

- Securing continued partnership buy-in to support key activity and targeting resources in areas of need.
- Continue priority focus on the development of the Safer Leeds Performance and Intelligence Unit, ensuring that it has experienced specialist staff to deliver on partnership intelligence requirements
- Co-ordination and management of multi-agency intervention plans for those emerging problematic offenders causing the most harm.
- Longer term impact of the economic recession and potential for this to impact on crime levels, including burglary.

<b><u>Council / Partnership Groups</u></b>	<b><u>Safer Leeds</u></b>		
<b><u>Approved by</u></b> <i>(Accountable Officer)</i>	Simon Whitehead	<b><u>Date</u></b>	
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1) Key actions for the next 6 months				
	Action (Desired Achievements)	Contributory Officer / Partner	Milestone / Actions	Timescale
1	<p>Develop a Partnership level reducing crime strategy linked to the new City Priority Plan, this to focus on the need to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Hold a Partnership wide Improvement Workshop to develop a clear plan to address the key recommendations from the Inspection and support a strategy development.</li> <li>□ Give priority focus on the reduction of domestic burglary, but also to include other crime types including robbery, vehicle crime and violent crime.</li> <li>□ set out a bold and clear vision of what we are trying to achieve and consider the broader long-term ambition of the City;</li> <li>□ develop a set of clear and measurable milestones to plot out how it we may achieve this over the next four years, with regular and formal review points;</li> <li>□ ensure the plans of individual partners and the district partnerships are aligned with the new strategy; and</li> <li>□ formally draw on and share good practice and learning from elsewhere in the country</li> </ul>	<p>Neil Evans Simon Whitehead Ian Whitehouse All responsible authorities on the Safer Leeds Executive</p>	<p>Agree the milestone targets through the Safer Leeds Executive</p> <p>Develop and Agree the Partnership Crime Strategy with Action Plan for 2011-2015</p> <p>Integrate the recommendations from the recent Joint Inspection as clear actions for the partnership following the planned workshop across all key stakeholders</p> <p>Continue the development of the Partnership intelligence and tasking process, in conjunction with WY Police and key partners at a strategic and tactical level.</p>	<p>April 2011</p> <p>April 2011</p> <p>March 2011</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

**Performance Indicators**

Performance indicators aligned to the Improvement Priority

Ref	Title	Owner	Frequency & Measure	Rise or Fall	Baseline	2009/10 Result	2010/11 Target	Q3 Result	Predicted Full Year Result	Data Quality
NI 16	Serious acquisitive crime rate	Community Safety	Monthly Number per 1000 population	Fall	27.0 per 1000 population (2007/08)	25.9	25.2	6.7	24.3	No Concerns with Data