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**Partnership  
Business Plan  
2012 - 2015**

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**Safer Leeds**  
*tackling drugs and crime*

## Welcome ~ Chair's Statement

I am delighted to introduce the Safer Leeds business plan and invite you to read about some of the excellent work that partnership has carried out over the past year.

Despite considerable financial pressures that the partnership and individual organisations have faced, we have remained focussed and I am pleased to report significant improvements.

We know there is more to do as, like many other cities, Leeds continues to face the challenges that crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse bring. It is important to me that we build on our previous successes, strengthen our partnership approaches at a city wide and local level, and endeavour to address the most significant issues of concern to the citizens of Leeds.

Crucially, as a partnership we need to address causes and not just symptoms, which means we cannot simply rely on short term 'fixes' if we want to see sustainable reductions in the long term. Through strong leadership and excellent service delivery we are determined to meet this challenge.

Looking ahead, to improve community safety outcomes and the lives of individuals, families and communities, we will concentrate on 'what we must do' and work with others on 'what they can do' in genuine partnership.

We welcome your comments, suggestions or concerns about the work of the partnership ~ please see our contact details on the back page.

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**Councillor Peter Gruen, Executive Member for Community Safety**

## Introduction ~ Safer Leeds

The Safer Leeds is the city's statutory Community Safety Partnership responsible for tackling crime, disorder and substance misuse, in the city.

Leeds is proud of its strong record of partnership working, which was embedded as part of the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) and subsequent legal enhancements.

### Our Ambition

**We want to be the best city in the UK with the best community safety partnership and services.**

### Our Desired Outcome

**People in Leeds are safe and feel safe in their homes, in the streets, and the places they go.**

### Our Commitments and Priority Activity (see page 13)

Reducing crime levels and its impact across Leeds (with the main focus upon Burglary).

- § **Burglary Reduction Programme (BRP)**
- § **More integrated working with Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs), particularly Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's)**

#### § **Drugs and Offender Management Programmes**

Effectively tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour in our communities.

#### § **Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team**

Improving safeguarding and reducing vulnerability for individuals, families and communities.

#### § **Reducing Domestic Violence and Safeguarding the Most Vulnerable Member of Society**

## Governance

Recognising that no single agency can address these complex issues in isolation, the following authorities have made a commitment to work collectively on addressing community safety risks, threats and harms. Together they form the **Safer Leeds Executive**:

Responsible Authorities	Co-operating Bodies
§ Executive Member	§ Leeds Children's Trust Board
§ Leeds City Council	§ Leeds Safeguarding Children's Board
§ Leeds NHS	§ Youth Offending Service
§ West Yorkshire Police	§ Adult Social Care
§ West Yorkshire Police Authority	§ Arms Length Management Organisations (ALMO's)
§ West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service	§ Leeds Primary Care Trust
§ West Yorkshire Probation Trust	§ HM Prison Service Leeds

The Executive have a statutory requirement to:

- Produce a annual Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA)
- Prepare and implement a Partnership Plan, making arrangements for community engagement in its development
- Establish information sharing arrangements
- Be responsible for establishing Domestic Homicide Reviews.

The Executive is required to comply with the Council's financial regulations, and also to co-operate with the Scrutiny process, as detailed in the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2010.

## Performance & Key Facts

Year	Total Crime	Violent Crime	Criminal Damage	Acquisitive Crime	Robbery	Vehicle Crime	Theft of MV	Theft From MV	Burglary
2002/03	128920	14031	22780	44352	2650	25361	9279	16082	16341
2003/04	125692	17074	24821	37170	1961	21433	7286	14147	13776
2004/05	103404	16809	23100	25894	1202	15251	5388	9863	9441
2005/06	98014	18034	21785	21384	1313	12401	3773	8628	7670
2006/07	94196	17294	21237	22392	1641	12507	3326	9181	8244
2007/08	85737	15646	18431	20289	1490	10350	2871	7479	8449
2008/09	82278	14594	16588	21162	1407	10507	2732	7775	9248
2009/10	75344	13177	13519	19935	1303	9111	2000	7111	9521
2010/11	74038	13359	11430	18953	1230	8854	1505	7349	8869
2011/12	70445	12065	10121	16376	1107	7607	1211	6396	7662
<b>% Change (2002/03 to 2011/12)</b>	-45%	-14%	-56%	-63%	-58%	-70%	-87%	-60%	-53%

- **Acquisitive crime: where the offender aims to gain economically from the crime**

The above table highlights the levels of recorded crime across a ten year period for total offences and the most problematic offence categories.

There has been a sustained reduction in the total numbers of recorded crimes in Leeds over the last 10 years, leading to an overall 45% lower level of offences recorded in 2011/12 than 2002/03. Reductions have occurred across all crime types over this period. This has been due to increased partnership work and investment in areas such as burglary reduction, but also through an improved use of intelligence leading to better deployment of resources.

### Reducing crime levels and their impact across Leeds

- § **Burglary** ~ Problematic youths have been identified who view burglary as an extension of ASB and such “up and coming” offenders can rapidly become prolific. In the 12 months to the end of May 2012, there were 7,080 recorded domestic burglary offences, down 22.3% (2036 fewer victims) compared with the previous year.
- § **Thefts** ~ there has been an upward trend in thefts and continued increases are likely, especially in theft from person, metal thefts and theft from shops.
- § **Violent Crime** ~ although the overall levels of violent offences in Leeds is reducing; there continue to be local

concentrations of incidents and sporadic peaks in specific crime types.

- § **Alcohol Misuse** ~ although there is no automatic relationship between alcohol and violence, violent crimes are consistently the highest proportion of offences identified as 'drink involved'.
- § **Drug Misuse** ~ a number of cannabis farms continue to be found across Leeds, suggesting a prolific market. Complaints around cannabis often refer to youths "smoking" in the street (often also linked with on street drinking). Visible drug use is also often associated with other ASB and aggressive or abusive behaviour.
- § Effective drug treatment has a clear role in preventing crime. The Leeds Drug Intervention programme plays an essential role in engaging offenders in treatment services with approximately 20% of people coming into treatment services through this route

## **Effectively tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour in our communities**

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- § **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)** ~ The most common issues across Leeds include youth related nuisance, alcohol misuse, persistent noise nuisance, vandalism and graffiti. Information from the quarterly WYPA household survey states that only 12.24% of respondents feel the levels of ASB in their local area have increased. This is a significant reduction from the 2008/09 baseline of

18.03%. The overall trend is downwards, although there is some variation in quarters and between localities.

- § **Perceptions** ~ In some areas, perceptions of high rates of crime and anti-social behaviour may not reflect reported incidents. Residents may not report incidents due to acceptance ("it's just how it is here") or intimidation and fear of reprisal. Alternatively, due to low tolerance or unsubstantiated fears, there may be higher reporting of relatively minor incidents in some areas. It is therefore recognised that more work needs to take place to improve reporting rates and develop a better intelligence picture of crimes across the city.
- § **Repeat Victims** ~ Repeated incidents of damage and ASB can result in residents leaving their homes and the levels of harassment and fear for individuals can be extensive. In some estate areas, there are also issues around specific families or groups highly involved in local ASB and crime.

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- § **Mental Health** ~ A significant proportion of 'disability' related hate crimes involve victims identified as having mental health issues or learning difficulties. Mental health issues do not only relate to victimisation, individuals in custody with mental health disorders are over-represented compared to the general population.
- § **Sexual Exploitation** ~ The extent to which some vulnerable people, including children in care or in chaotic family homes, and those who regularly go missing from home or care and are sexually exploited, is subject to investigation. A strategy group and action plan have been established to take forward this important area of work and develop work-streams to protect those that may be targeted by abusers.

## Improving safeguarding and reducing vulnerability for individuals, families and communities

- § **Domestic violence** ~ The impact of domestic violence has negative consequences on families and children's lives and many agencies accept it as an indicator of child abuse. There is also a very high repeat victimisation rate indicating victims are often subjected to long term abuse.
- § **Hate Crime** ~ Victims of severe hate incidents, such as assault or damage, frequently report long-term, repeated intimidation and abuse with escalating levels of violence and threat.

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## Recent Achievements

The Safer Leeds Partnership is a mature and effective partnership that has delivered integrated services to our customers.

- § There has been a steady and sustained fall in the total numbers of recorded crimes in Leeds over the last 10 years. Robberies, vehicle crimes and violent crimes all see significant and continuing reductions.
- § Burglary has been a particular problem within Leeds for some years and is seen as a key priority by Safer Leeds. Significant reductions have been achieved by bringing together the city's main crime reduction and prevention agencies into one focused city-wide team to ensure that activity is co-ordinated for the greatest impact. This freshly invigorated and highly collaborative approach has proven to be incredibly successful. In December 2011 the city recorded its lowest burglary count in over 10 years. Work has progressed to further improve burglary levels through the introduction of predictive mapping and partnership responses.
- § Integrated Offender Management has led to a more connected approach, identifying, targeting and managing problematic criminals in our community. Close working with HM Prison Leeds and other HMP establishments has supported a more co-ordinated approach to managing offenders on release into the community.

- § The Drug Intervention Programme is helping adult offenders who misuse drugs out of crime and into treatment. More integrated working with the prison service have been established to minimise the risks of those released from custody returning to crime. More people are receiving treatment more quickly and more people are leaving support services drug free.
- § Safer Schools Partnerships have been developed to prevent young people engaging in criminal activity. They have contributed to increased attendance and a decrease in exclusions as well as a drop in crime-related incidents.



- § Residents expect public agencies to tackle Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) in their localities in a responsive and effective manner. In Leeds multi-agency teams have been introduced to specifically tackle this issue.

- § Through the development of shared case management systems, community links, and improved information sharing, offenders can be identified and targeted through a range of disruption and enforcement tactics. This partnership approach also provides a co-ordinated and improved level of response and support to victims.
- § Partnership working between Anti-Social Behaviour Teams, Children's Services and Offender Management Services (Youth Offending Service, Probation and Police) has delivered intensive family support for those in greatest need with acute, complex issues. This has resulted in significant reductions in offending and anti-social behaviour amongst those receiving this assistance.

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- § Partnership approaches have been developed and implemented to address many of the safeguarding and vulnerability issues across Leeds. Tackling domestic violence and hate crimes continue to be priorities across the city. Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences have improved partnership working with vulnerable victims and assisted in dealing with problematic offenders.
- § There is increasing public and partnership concerns around sexual exploitation of children. Specific multi-agency groups have been set up to identify and support victims and target offenders engaging in such activities.
- § Community work is ongoing to help identify areas or groups at risk of escalating tensions, so that direct interventions and support can be targeted where and when they are most needed. The effectiveness of such partnership working was demonstrated in the summer of 2011, when Leeds was able to avoid the widespread disturbances and rioting that took place in other major cities across the country.
- § Partnership work is also ongoing to identify those most at risk of influence through extremist agendas, to focus support and intervention to prevent radicalisation of these individuals.

## Partnership Expectations

Safer Leeds will focus on our desired outcome:

**'People in Leeds are safe and feel safe in their homes, in the streets, and the places they go'.**

We expect all partners to:

Continue funding programmes that have a direct impact on individuals, families and communities.

Align relevant service delivery to our 3 commitments.

Ensure value for money through cost effective deployment of services, utilising existing resources more effectively and efficiently.

Manage risks, threats and harms by reviewing, challenging and scrutinising delivery.

This clear partnership commitment has potential to make significant cost savings and will improve public satisfaction and confidence.

### Equalities

The partnership aims to serve all members of its communities effectively.

All actions and plans should give due regard to implications for different groups and sections of the community.

We will ensure people are not excluded or disadvantaged because of their Race, Gender, Age, Disability, Religion and Belief, or Sexual Orientation.

### Why is this important?

Leeds has seen steady and sustained reductions in total crime over the last 10 years. Safer Leeds services have been critical to this success (e.g. ASB teams, Burglary Reduction, Drug Intervention and PCSO's etc) despite economic and social pressures.

The expectations we have of ourselves and others are important as they will have an impact on:

The wider long term vision of Leeds Initiative (see page 17); the work of the entire city Priority Boards and our contribution to the prosperity and future of the city.

The communities we serve, and how we to continue to listen, involve and act on the issues that matter to local people.

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## Reducing crime levels and its impact across Leeds

### **Priorities**

- § Reduce and prevent offending and re-offending
- § Develop victim led approaches to restorative practise
- § Support crime reduction and partnership working

### **Key Indicators**

Reduce burglary  
Reduce Theft from Person  
Reduce Offending rates (10-17) (18+)  
Reduce Re-offending rate (10-17)(18+)  
Increase the Restorative Practice outcomes as a part of overall Detection Rate  
Increase the percentage of Young People on statutory court orders who undertake a restorative intervention as part of the their sentence  
Reduce alcohol fuelled violence  
Increase the rate of successful completions for those exiting drug treatment

### **Priorities for 2013/14**

Continue to reduce domestic burglary through a targeted multi agency approach

Continue to support offender management services, which seek to rehabilitate and reintegrate offenders back in to society and away from crime

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## Effectively tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour in our communities

### Priorities

- § Extend multi-agency approaches to ASB, providing effective solutions for residents experiencing persistent noise nuisance
- § Tailor responses and support to the needs of local communities
- § Target troubled families involved in ASB and offending through intensive interventions

### Key Indicators

Reduce proportion of residents who believe that ASB has increased  
Reported ASB level per 1,000  
Increase the proportion of ASB cases with positive outcomes  
Increase customer satisfaction Reported ASB for families using Signpost  
Improved school attendance for children in families using Signpost

### Priorities for 2013/14

Continue to develop and deliver multi agency responses to effectively deal with all forms of anti-social behaviour, including persistent noise nuisance

Continue to provide community reassurance and build confidence through neighbourhood policing

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## Improving safeguarding and reducing vulnerability for individuals, families and communities

### Priorities

- § Safeguard individuals and families by tackling domestic violence
- § Safeguard communities by dealing with hate crime and preventing groups and individuals becoming involved in extremist behaviour
- § Protect and support vulnerable young people from crime related risks, threats and harms

### Key Indicators

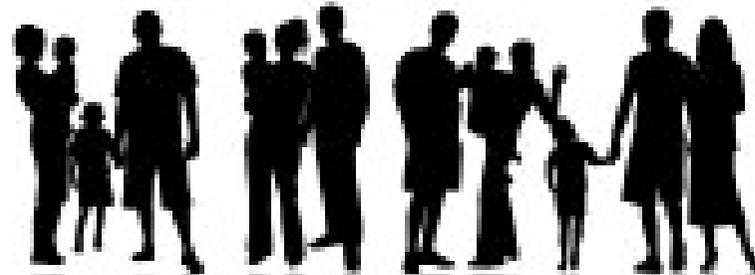
- Reduce repeat victimisation rate for Domestic violence cases
- Reduce repeat victimisation rate for high risk Hate Crime cases
- Reduce the number of violent crimes against young people (U18)
- Improve the percentage young people who report feeling safer

### Priorities for 2013/14

Expansion of the DASSL initiative to increase the city's capacity to work with domestic violence (DV) perpetrators, including the secondment of an officer from HMP Leeds.

Continue to develop and deliver multi agency responses to effectively deal with sexual exploitation and other forms of sexually harmful behaviour

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## Safer Leeds Partnership - Our Priorities 2013/14

The strengths of Leeds' current approach to reducing crime and protecting communities, is driven by strong and effective local leadership and partnership work. The citizens of Leeds want to live in communities that are safe and free from crime. However to achieve this, the Safer Leeds Partnership recognises that many of the issues that matter most to local people, cannot be dealt with in isolation. It has therefore invested in a range of multi- agency initiatives which it considers critical to achieving its ambition that, **'People in Leeds are safe and feel safe in their homes, in the streets, and the places they go'**.

### Reducing crime levels and its impact across Leeds

**Burglary Reduction Programme** – Established in September 2011, the Leeds Burglary Reduction Programme consists of Officers from the Council, West Yorkshire Police, Probation, Youth Offending and other key partners. Its focus, is to deal with prolific offenders in the city's localities of concern, to work closely with individuals who are considered likely to enter the criminal system with burglary as their first offence and to work with our most vulnerable communities to reduce their likelihood of being a victim of burglary. Since the initiative commenced, domestic burglary has reduced by 33% in the city (01/09/2011 to 31/07/2012).

**This project is currently funded through the Community Safety Fund, which will become part of the PCC pooled budget from 2013/14.**

**The Leeds Integrated Offender Management Service** (The Hub) provides offenders with the opportunity to access a broad range of services such as housing, employment, substance misuse and debt management to support their re-integration back into the community and help reduce re-offending. Delivered through a multi agency approach involving Police, Probation, HM Prison Leeds, Foundation Housing, Leeds DIP and a range of other partners, it provides a vital lifeline to those wishing to change and improve their lives and break the cycle of re-offending prevalent in some sections of our community.

**This project is currently supported by the Drugs Intervention Programme (DIP) funding for which become part of the PCC pooled budget from 2013/14.**

**Leedswatch – CCTV** – This multi agency service monitors the city's network of public surveillance cameras. It houses a dedicated Police liaison team who pro-actively and re-actively work with Council officers to reduce crime and improve detection rates, making Leeds a safer place to live, work and visit.

### Effectively tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour in our communities

Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) - Three multi-agency teams, consisting of officers from the Council, Police, the three Leeds ALMO's and Victim Support, operate across the city to effectively deal with all types of anti social behaviour. Since it began delivery, the LASBT has dealt with 1937 reports of ASB, reduced the amount of time it takes to

deal with individual cases by 106 days and improved overall satisfaction with the service provided by 24.3%.

**West Yorkshire Police currently provide dedicated resources to work as part of the LASBT.**

**Police Community Support Officer's (PCSO's)** – Nothing illustrates more the Partnership's determination to prioritise Community Safety than the decision by partners – in the face of massive budgetary cut-backs - to support PCSOs in Leeds. PCSOs play a vital role in supporting crime reduction and community safety in Leeds. The value placed on PCSOs by LCC is demonstrated by our commitment to jointly fund 5 PCSO's for each Ward of the city, over the last 7/8 years at a cost of over £1.5million per annum. Over the past 12 months, work has taken place to develop more joined up delivery between local services delivered by the Council, ALMO's and Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT's) to more effectively address crime and grimes related issue.

**The City Council match funds 30% of 165 PCSO's costs, with the remainder coming from the Home Office via West Yorkshire Police Authority. This match funding contribution will become part of the PCC pooled budget from 2013/14.**

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**Domestic Abuse Scheme Safer Leeds (DASSL)** - The DASSL project works with the perpetrators of domestic violence to lessen the risk of harm within families and to reduce repeat victimisation. At present referrals are almost exclusively from childrens social work, where child protection plans are in place. A key focus for 2013/14, will be to extend the reach

of this scheme to include police referrals from custody suites, self referrals and group work. Recently, HMP Leeds has seconded an officer to work as part of the DASSL team, to work with male offenders with a history of domestic abuse, supporting them to re-settle within the community, thereby reducing the risk of harm within the family environment.

**West Yorkshire Police provides dedicated support to help reduce domestic violence via Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) process.**

**A multi-agency response to safeguarding** continues to develop across Leeds. As an illustration of our commitment to the most vulnerable in our communities, the partnership arrangements which have evolved over the past 12 months are developing specific products and projects which seek to protect those at greatest risk

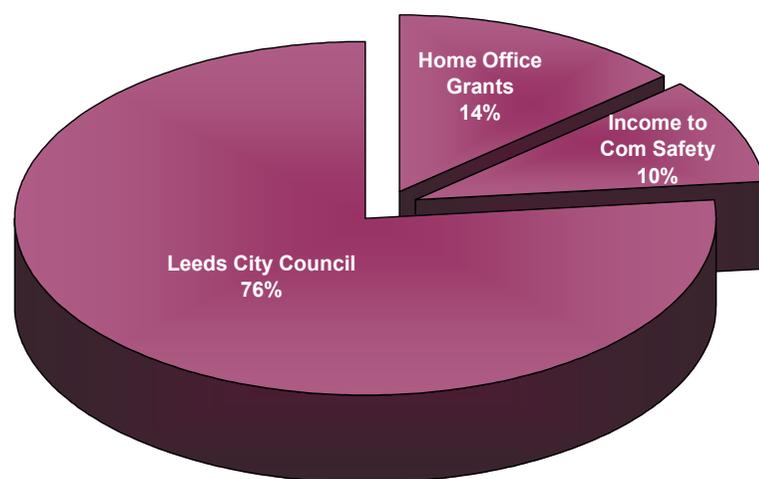
**Conclusion**

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In November 2012, the residents of West Yorkshire will vote for their first Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The PCC will be responsible for deciding police and crime priorities, and allocating resources to supporting these. This new way of working will fundamentally change the way that policing and crime across West Yorkshire is commissioned and delivered. This may put some of the initiatives outlined above at risk. We assert that the residents of Leeds, would be best served by continuing to support these priorities, helping the Safer Leeds Partners to build on the excellent work that has taken place over many years to make Leeds a safe and welcoming place to live and work.

# Financial Budget Safer Leads Budget 2012/13 \*

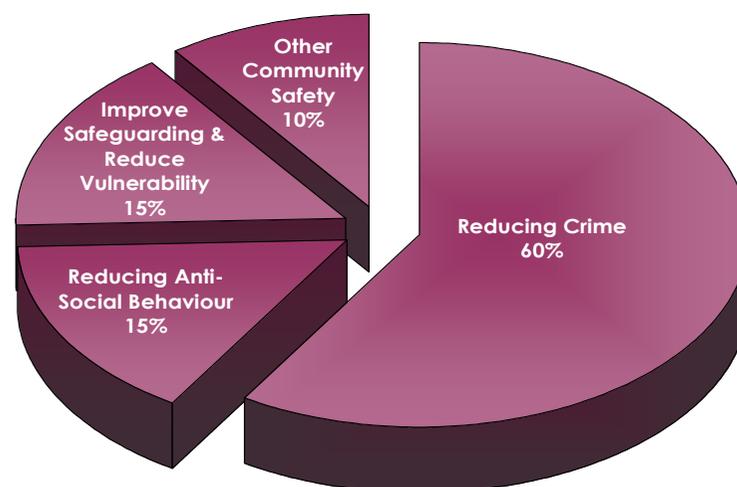
Funding Source	
Home Office Grants	1,381,637
Income to Com Safety	1,001,550
Housing Revenue Accounts (LCC)	4,488,580
Grant Funding (LCC)	3,315,580
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,187,347</b>



**Future** ~ New funding and decision making arrangements will be in place with the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) in November 2012. From April 2013, all Community Safety related funding derived from the Home Office will be pooled within the PCC's budget.

A number of Safer Leads priority programmes, including Leeds Anti-Socials Behaviour Team, Burglary Reduction, Drug Intervention, CCTV and PCSO's, rely directly on funding from the Home Office. It is anticipated that these programmes will continue receive funding through the office of the PCC.

Allocation by Commitments	
Reducing Crime	6,011,327
Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour	1,578,310
Improve Safeguarding and Reduce Vulnerability	1,571,080
Other Community Safety	1,026,630
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>10,187,347</b>



**Constraints** ~ To manage budget pressures, Safer Leads restructured in 2011/12. This involved a review of existing services to ensure the continuation of priority activities. Staff teams previously based in West Yorkshire Police divisions were centralised and co-located with LCC teams. Grants related spend was also reduced by £568k.

\* Does not include funding for local policing through West Yorkshire Police, and other drugs programmes funded via West Yorkshire Probation Service and the Leeds and Bradford NHS Trust.

## Changing Landscape

Over the next few years, the landscape in which Crime and Policing is delivered within our communities will change. However, the Community Safety agenda will continue to play a critical role in improving the well-being and success of individuals, families and communities. Listed below are the key factors and policies that will have a direct impact on how we as a partnership work.

- § **Police and Crime Commissioners** ~ Elected for a four year term, Police and Crime Commissioners will hold the police and other partners to greater account for the delivery of policing and crime reduction. Replacing the Police Authority, the PCC will appoint the Chief Constable, decide priorities, and make decision about how funding will be spent on policing and community safety services (including services outside direct policing).
- § **Localism** ~ Seeks to redistribute power and funding from government to local people to deliver what they want for their communities, transforming public services and ensuring that all communities are equipped and incentivised to grow and prosper.
- § **Reducing Reoffending** ~ Introducing greater involvement of the private and voluntary sectors in the rehabilitation of offenders, including use of payment by results, to cut reoffending and introducing more effective sentencing policies.

- § **Restorative Justice** ~ Further develop programmes to repair the harm caused by offenders, utilising restorative justice approaches, which address the needs of victims and the responsibilities of offenders.
- § **Families First** ~ The introduction of targeted programmes of activity which aim to break the cycle of crime and ASB that exist amongst some of the city's families, by supporting adults in to work, and moving children & young people in to education or training. This initiative includes an element of payment by results.
- § **ASB** ~ Proposed changes in legislation may require a greater focus on partnership responses to the needs of victims, community resolution, and longer term solutions.
- § **Welfare Reform** ~ Changes to be introduced in April 2013 may have the potential to directly impact on community safety outcomes.
- § **Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults** ~ Following a review there are government plans to provide statutory protection for those who may need care, who are unable to safeguard themselves, and are at risk of significant harm. Proposals include Councils having a legal duty to investigate suspected instances of adult abuse and NHS trusts and police required to appoint representatives to adult safeguarding boards.
- § **Safeguarding Vulnerable Children and Young People** ~ Continued focussed on partnership working to ensure that vulnerable children who are at risk of abuse receive protection and support, particularly in the light of a number of serious incidents in recent years.

# Our City Priorities & Governance

## Leeds Initiative

The Leeds Initiative is the city's local strategic partnership. Founded in 1990, it brings together the public, private, community, voluntary and faith sectors to work together to achieve success, encourage improvement, and overcome problems for the benefit of all citizens.

## Vision for Leeds

After listening carefully to what local people, businesses and organisations have said, the Vision for Leeds is:

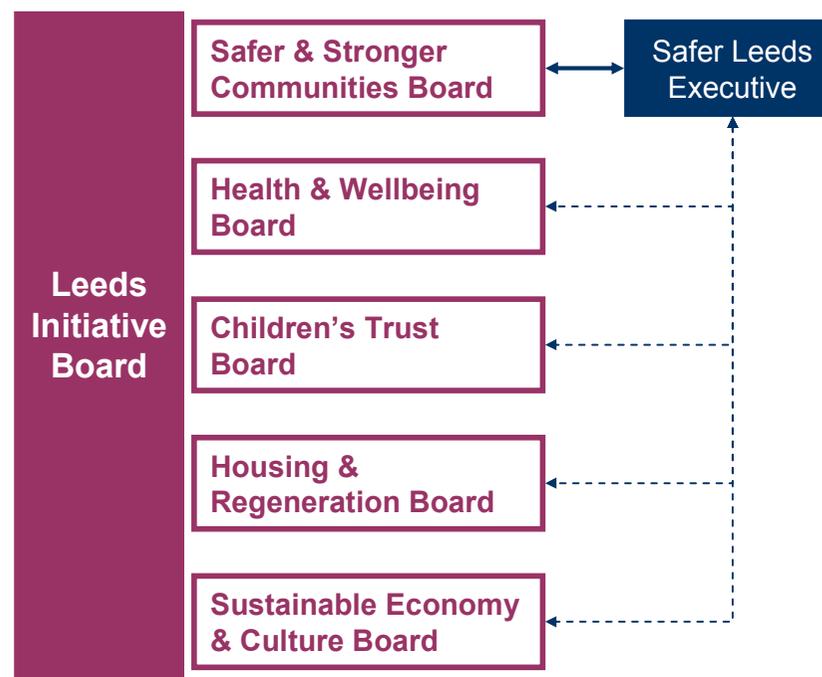
**By 2030, Leeds will be locally and internationally recognised as the best city in the UK**

This long-term Vision is supported by three aims

- Leeds will be fair, open and welcoming
- Leeds' economy will be prosperous and sustainable
- All Leeds' communities will be successful

Under the **Leeds Initiative Board**, there are five strategic partnership boards, which provide a strong lead and focus on the actions that will make a difference.

Each of the five Boards has a City Priority Plan which sets out the key outcomes and priorities to be delivered by 2015. Each Board is responsible for measuring and tracking progress towards the Vision aims.



Safer Leeds links directly to the wider **Safer and Strong Board** and its City Priority Plan (2011-2015) and also supports the delivery work of the other key Boards.

Safer Leeds will seek the support, energy and enthusiasm of local people, organisations and businesses throughout the city, to help deliver against our commitments and annual priorities for change.

# Appendix ~ Leeds Community Safety Services

## Area Community Safety Partnerships

Area Community Safety Co-ordinators work with Neighbourhood Police Teams and other local partners to tackle community safety concerns and priorities at a local level. These partnerships are essential in delivering community safety activity at a local, community level.

## Crime Reduction

The Crime Reduction Team works in partnership to develop a whole range of programmes, including activities to reduce burglary and repeat victimisation, 'Alley gating' (a ginnel gating programme), the use of property marking and tracking devices to reduce crime.

## Domestic Violence Team

The Domestic Violence Team works with partners to improve services for people affected by domestic abuse. This includes training and awareness raising work with a range of service providers and work with partners to improve the effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System. Specific programmes designed to disrupt perpetrators are being developed.

Additionally, the coordination of Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences across the city for the most high risk cases is led by Community Safety. Current work is being developed with the police, children's services and other

partners to improve support for families affected by domestic abuse.

## Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team

The Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (comprising of staff from a range of agencies including LCC, Housing (ALMO), Victim Support, West Yorkshire Police and West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service Arson Task Force) was established in April 2011, to provide an integrated, effective response to anti-social behaviour and increase public confidence in key agencies' responses.

## Leeds Watch CCTV and Security Services

In April 2011 CCTV and Security Services were merged, including the transfer of the Out of Hours Noise Nuisance service from Environmental Health. A new CCTV monitoring facility has been developed in partnership with West Yorkshire Integrated Passenger Transport to provide improved surveillance across Leeds and at all 26 Metro Bus Stations across West Yorkshire.

Work is ongoing to streamline WYP resources to work alongside Council colleagues in delivering an enhanced and value for money service. In 2012/13, it is anticipated that the CCTV monitoring service for East North East Homes Ltd will transfer to Leeds Watch.

## Performance and Intelligence Team

A re-shaped District Intelligence Function is in place to ensure a more co-ordinated and partnership based intelligence function across the city. The unit has responsibility for the development of problem profiles and

products to inform city-wide tasking to address key crime issues. Additionally, leading on research and development including new approaches and community safety strategies.

### **Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)**

Despite massive budgetary cuts, support for PCSO's has continued in Leeds. PCSOs play a vital role in supporting crime reduction and community safety, acting as "eyes and ears" within local areas to report on and tackle a range of issues such as anti-social behaviour, truancy and safeguarding.

### **Prevent**

The Prevent work stream now sits within Leeds Community Safety. A calendar of training and awareness sessions is being developed to raise awareness, tackle the rhetoric of violent extremist groups, train local individuals and develop a peer learning network.

### **Proceeds of Crime Act Team (POCA)**

The three divisional Proceeds of Crime Act teams (officers charged with seizing assets and cash gained through criminality) have merged into a single unit within Safer Leeds. This will increase the capacity and coordination of activity across the district focusing on strategic areas of concern including individuals linked to burglary and firearm offences.

### **Safeguarding**

In May 2011 three Police Divisional Safeguarding Units merged into a single district unit. There are also opportunities around co-locating staff from Children's Social Care with Safer Leeds that would assist in refining referral and investigative practice, especially in relation to domestic violence, missing children and child sexual exploitation.

### **Safer Schools Partnerships**

The Safer Schools Partnerships, where dedicated WYP officers work in partnership with the whole school community, have been developed to prevent young people in engaging in criminal activity.

### **Signpost- Family Intervention Service**

Signpost is a citywide service that provides intensive support to families with a range of complex needs, through 3 locality based multi-disciplinary teams specifically targeting:

- § Families who are persistent perpetrators of anti-social behaviour, particularly targeting young people who are on ASBO's or families facing eviction.
- § Households where a member of the family is a prolific offender, with a particular emphasis on burglars.
- § Families who are known to Children and Children's Social Work Service and at risk due to safeguarding / child welfare concerns.



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