

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITY 1 SEPTEMBER 2009

COMMUNITY SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To give members an opportunity to comment on the progress of the work by the Exeter Community Safety Partnership to deliver the actions in the Community Safety and Misuse of Drugs Strategy. The 2008/9 Annual Report is attached.
- 1.2 This item is before the Committee for it to fulfil its role, as agreed at Executive on 16 June, in the scrutiny of the work of the Exeter Community Safety Partnership, as required by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 under the Police and Justice Act 2006.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Exeter Community Safety Partnership was established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 2.2 The current membership is

Exeter City Council
Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
Devon and Cornwall Police Authority
Devon Primary Care Trust
Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
Devon and Cornwall Probation Area of the National Probation Service
Exeter Business Forum
Youth Offending Service
Exeter Council for Voluntary Services
HM Prison Exeter
Exeter Drug and Alcohol District Implementation Group
Devon Partnership NHS Trust
Magistrate

3. STRATEGY AND REVIEW

- 3.1 In summary, the themes of the strategy are

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Alcohol and alcohol-related crime | Anti-social behaviour |
| Domestic violence | Drugs and drug-related crime |
| Prolific and other priority offenders | Vulnerable victims |

- 3.2 Much of the work to address these themes is commissioned through the funding available to the Safer Devon Partnership via the Devon Local Area Agreement (LAA). Alcohol and drug treatment services, domestic violence refuge and outreach services, and the prolific and other priority offender scheme are all funded in this way.

- 3.3 The work of the Community Safety Partnership is seen as long-term, with the principles of early identification and early intervention, with diversion and support, agreed as the way forward. Much of the early intervention and diversion work has been funded through the Respect antisocial behaviour funds awarded to Exeter as part of the Respect Action Area status. This has also funded the Family Intervention Project, though this funding is on a tapering basis.
- 3.4 The figures for all crime categories at the end of March 2009 are shown below.

| | Recorded 08/09 | Recorded 07/08 | %age Change |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Homicide | 0 | 2 | -100 |
| Other violence | 1930 | 2176 | -11.3 |
| Sexual offences | 148 | 125 | 18.4 |
| Robbery | 65 | 76 | -14.5 |
| House burglary | 572 | 518 | 10.4 |
| Other burglary | 559 | 593 | -5.7 |
| Theft of vehicle | 180 | 267 | -32.6 |
| Theft from vehicle | 721 | 892 | -19.2 |
| Other vehicle crime | 50 | 115 | -56.5 |
| Theft of cycle | 451 | 371 | 21.6 |
| Theft from shops | 874 | 898 | -2.7 |
| Other theft | 1522 | 1662 | -8.4 |
| Handling Stolen Goods | 28 | 14 | 100 |
| Forgery & other fraud | 241 | 234 | 3.0 |
| Criminal damage | 2318 | 2247 | 3.2 |
| Drug offences | 372 | 353 | 5.4 |
| Other offences | 206 | 129 | 59.7 |
| TOTAL | 10237 | 10672 | -4.1 |

- 3.5 Given that crime had been reduced by some 20% over the previous 3 years, these continued reductions are outstanding.

4. RECOMMENDED

- 1) That the Exeter Community Safety Partnership progress be noted.

EXETER COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

S:PA/LP/Committee/909SCC1
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COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)
Background papers used in compiling this report:
Exeter Community Safety Strategy