



Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Time and Date

10.00 am on Wednesday, 16th April, 2014

Place

Committee Rooms 2 and 3 - Council House

Public Business

1. **Apologies and Substitutions**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 8)
 - (a) To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th March, 2014
 - (b) Matters Arising
4. **Crime and Nuisance Performance 2013/14** (Pages 9 - 14)

Briefing Note of the Head of Community Safety for items 4, 5 and 6

Report on Recorded Crime Performance

10.30 a.m.

5. **Strategic Assessment 2014/2015: Early Overview and Findings** (Pages 15 - 40)

Report of Community Safety Partnership

11.15 a.m.

6. **The Draft Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan 2014/15** (Pages 41 - 42)

Report of the Police and Crime Board

The following partnership representatives have been invited to attend for the consideration of items 4, 5 and 6:

Councillor Townshend, Chair of the Police and Crime Board and Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities)

Councillor Abbott, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner

Alethea Fuller, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Claire Bell, Chief Superintendent, West Midlands Police

Jon Waterman, Operations Commander, West Midlands Fire Service

Jacqueline Barnes, Chief Nurse, Coventry and Rugby CCG

Angie Parks, Head of Integrated Youth Services

Kobina Hall, Head of Coventry Probation Service

11.40 a.m.

7. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies

- (a) Voluntary Action Coventry (Pages 43 - 46)
Report of Councillor Clifford
- (b) Coventry Partnership (Pages 47 - 50)
Report of Councillor Lucas, Cabinet Member (Policy and Leadership)
- (c) Local Government Association General Assembly (Pages 51 - 52)
Report of Councillor Lucas, Cabinet Member (Policy and Leadership)
- (d) West Midlands Joint Committee (Pages 53 - 54)
Report of Councillor Lucas, Cabinet Member (Policy and Leadership)
- (e) Coventry and Warwickshire Local Transport Body (Pages 55 - 56)
Report of Councillor Kelly, Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment)

8. Outstanding Issues

All outstanding issues have been included in the Work Programme

11.55 p.m.

9. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2013/2014 (Pages 57 - 62)

Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator

10. Review of 2013/14 Scrutiny Activity (Pages 63 - 64)

12.10

11. Any Other Items of Public Business

Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as a matter of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

Private Business

Nil

Chris West, Executive Director, Resources, Council House Coventry

Tuesday, 8 April 2014

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Membership: Councillors F Abbott, J Blundell, J Clifford (Deputy Chair), C Fletcher (Chair), T Khan, R Sandy, T Skipper, S Thomas and K Taylor

By invitation Councillors

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Agenda Item 3

Minutes of the Meeting of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee held at 10.00 a.m. on 19th March, 2014

Present:

Committee Members: Councillor Mrs Fletcher (Chair)
Councillor Clifford (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Abbott
Councillor Blundell
Councillor Sandy
Councillor Skipper
Councillor Thomas

Other Members: Councillor Mrs Gingell (Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Services)) (For item contained in Minute 74 below)

Councillor Lakha (For item contained in Minute 75 below)

Employees (by Directorate):

Chief Executive's: K. Bichbiche, H. Shankster

Resources: S. Bennett, T. Savill, A. West

Apologies: Councillors T. Khan, Taylor and Lucas

Others present: M. Buxcey (District Operations Manager, Department for Work and Pensions)
J. Fraser (Universal Credit Implementation Lead, Department for Work and Pensions)

Public Business

72. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

73. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th February, 2014 were signed as a true record.

74. Welfare Reform

Further to Minute 51/13, the Committee considered a Briefing Note of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator, together with comprehensive presentations on the following issues relating to the Government's Welfare Reform agenda, which had introduced an unprecedented level of change in welfare reform to which the City Council and partners were responding:-

- An update on progress relating to the introduction of Universal Credit and any implications
- A review of progress towards the implementation of Local Support Services Framework to help people with the transition onto Universal Credit
- The implications of changes to Welfare Reform on disabled people: and
- The implications of some of the wider non-financial impacts of the economic downturn and welfare reforms, particularly relating to health

Background information to support the presentations, questions and discussions at the meeting was appended to the Briefing Note. Working with local partners, the Council's Corporate Research Team had produced a detailed analysis of the impacts of the Welfare Reform changes on individuals, communities and the City, which was also appended to the Briefing Note.

In addition, a further appendix to the Briefing Note provided an overview of the possible health impacts on Coventry's population, which had been provided by the Institute of Health Equity, University College London, commissioned on behalf of the City Council. The results of this research would be considered by the Marmot Steering Group on 14th May, 2014, who would be responsible for reviewing recommendations arising from the findings and overseeing implementation.

The Committee noted that work was still being undertaken by the Coventry Law Centre and local partners in relation to a detailed analysis of appeals against benefits sanctions in Coventry and that the outcomes of this work would be submitted to the Committee in due course.

The Committee questioned officers and the partner representatives on a number of issues, including:-

- The Universal Credit pilot currently being operated in Rugby and how this and the Local Support Services Framework would be operated in Coventry
- Issues relating to a single payment per household and the implications of this on vulnerable people.
- In relation to disabled people, the assessment criteria and processes in place, evidence that these were being applied fairly and up to date data on the impact on Coventry residents.
- The application of and current spend on the Discretionary Housing Payment in Coventry.
- The short term health impacts of the welfare reforms and how data was being collected
- The "Making Every Contact Count" programme for frontline staff and how this initiative was being evaluated

RESOLVED:-

1. **That in relation to single payments per household:-**
 - a) **The views of those organisations providing support to the victims of domestic violence be sought**
 - b) **That information and assurances be sought from the Department for Work and Pensions in relation to how decisions are made regarding which member of the household will receive the payment**
2. **That in relation to the impact on disabled people, the Department for Work and Pensions be requested to provide:-**
 - a) **Information on the details of the assessment criteria and process**
 - b) **Evidence and assurances in relation to the fair application of the assessment criteria and process**
 - c) **Up to date data on the real position in relation to the impact on people in Coventry**
3. **That a further report on the impact of the welfare reforms on health be submitted to the Committee after consideration of this issue by the Marmot Steering Group**
4. **That the Committee be provided with the outcomes of the evaluation currently being undertaken in relation to the “Making Every Contact Count” initiative**

75. Reports Back on the Work of Outside Bodies

The Committee considered two reports outlining the work of the following organisations over the preceding twelve months, together with details of attendance by the City Council’s representatives on those organisations:-

- a) **Coventry Citizens Advice Bureau**
- b) **Coventry Association for International Friendship**

(Councillor Lakha, the City Council’s representative on this body, attended the meeting and provided the Committee with further details in relation to the work of this association, for which the Committee thanked him)

RESOLVED that the City Council at their Annual General Meeting continue to nominate representatives to the following Outside Bodies:-

- a) **Coventry Citizens Advice Bureau**
- b) **Coventry Association for International Friendship**

76. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2013/14

The Committee considered the Work Programme for 2013-2014.

77. Outstanding Issues

The Committee noted that all outstanding issues had been included in the Work Programme for the current year.

78. Any Other Items of Public Business – Meeting Evaluated

The Committee evaluated the meeting and gave guidance to officers in relation to information provided by external speakers.

(Meeting closed: 12.30 p.m.)



Briefing note

To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 16th April 2014

Subject: Update on work of Community Safety Partnership via Coventry Police & Crime Board

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To provide an annual overview of performance in relation to crime and nuisance levels in Coventry, between 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014. Appendix 1 refers.
- 1.2 To update members on the findings of this year's strategic assessment; which has determined the priorities and work of the Community Safety Partnership for 2014-15; overseen by the Coventry Police & Crime Board. Appendix 2 refers.
- 1.3 To seek comments on the draft Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan 2014-15. Appendix 3 refers.

2 Recommendations

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the findings of the latest Strategic Assessment and endorse the subsequent priorities for inclusion in the Coventry Police, Crime and Community Safety plan 2014-15.
- 2.2 Make any further recommendations about how Officers from the Council and partner organisations can work together better on common effects of substance misuse, poor mental health and lifestyle including unemployment, poor attendance and achievement in schools, safeguarding children and adults.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Responding to Community Safety issues is a statutory requirement of a number of agencies including the Local Authority. These agencies have responsible authority status with which they must do everything they reasonably can to prevent and detect crime and disorder and prevent re-offending. There is a collective requirement for them to do this by working together in partnership. In Coventry this is achieved through a Community Safety Partnership made up of members of each of the Responsible Authorities and Community Representatives that have formed a Coventry Police & Crime Board to provide governance to this work.

- 3.2 Each year the Partnership is required to carry out a joint partnership strategic assessment of threat and risk to the City in terms of Crime, nuisance and disorder. This analytical assessment provides the evidence of the City's priority crimes and any trends and patterns with which to plan collective action to address such.
- 3.3 The assessment should have a significant focus on the causes and drivers of the various crime and nuisance categories that affect our City. This focus then enables the Community Safety Partnership to link in with a other partnerships in the City to achieve greater reductions in other areas of work that are affected by the same causes, i.e. high unemployment, dependency on benefits, low education attainment, poor health and well-being.
- 3.4 The latest strategic assessment has identified issues that have been identified in previous assessments and therefore provides the evidence and reinforces the need to prioritise such, including Domestic and Sexual Violence and abuse, Anti-social behaviour including public place environmental crime and nuisance, Hate Crime and Burglary. However this year there is an additional focus on sexual exploitation and vulnerability that is increasing the risk of people becoming victims of those crimes. Therefore as a partnership our overarching aim will be to minimise risk of harm and protect vulnerable people which is detailed in the Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan 2014-15. Appendix 3 refers.
- 3.5 Additionally the Partnership has consulted with members of the public through various mechanisms including; Police & Crime Commissioner survey, Police "feeling the difference survey, ward forums and safer neighbourhood groups. These consultations identified public place nuisance and environmental issues including fly tipping, graffiti and vandalism as priorities for communities. These issues have also been included in the Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan.

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Coventry Recorded Crime Performance 2013 / 2014

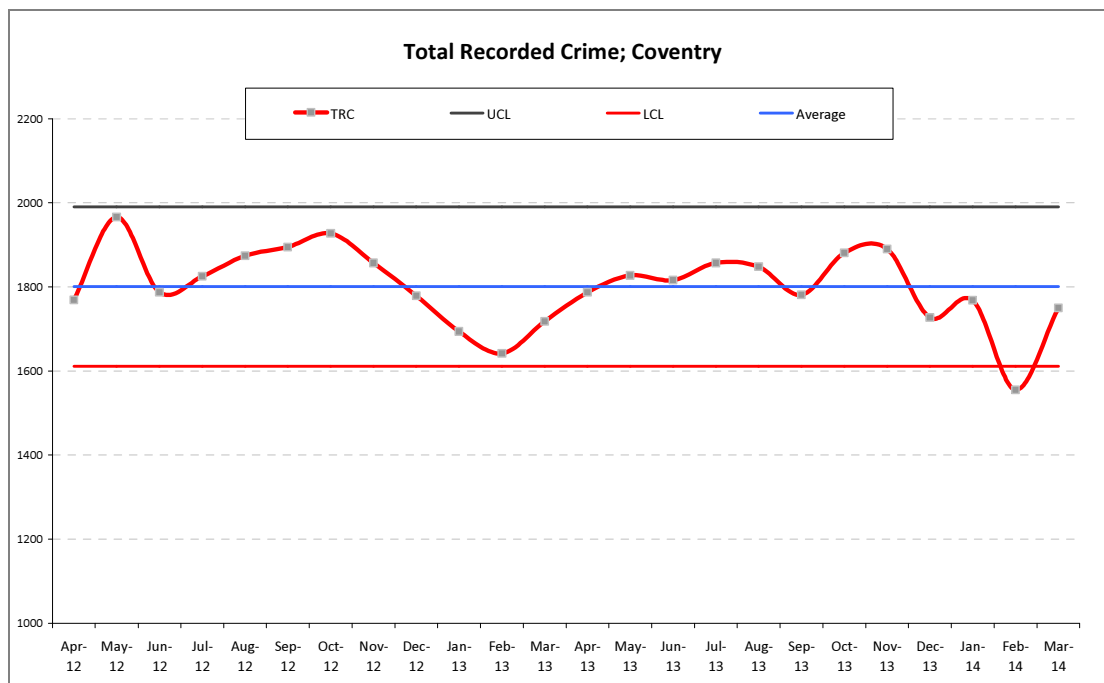
Summary of recorded crime 01 April 2013 to 31st March 2014; Compared with the same period 2012/13.

Performance Measure	Total Offences 2012/13	Total Offences 2013/14	Difference (Numeric)	Reduction Target	% Change	Ranked performance ¹ (7 W.Mids LA's)
Total Recorded Crime	21,828	21,574	-254	-4%	-1.1%	1 st
Burglary Dwelling	2,247	1,897	-350	-10%	-15.5%	1 st
Violence with Injury	2,324	2,273	-51	-10%	-2.1%	1 st
Anti Social Behaviour (Police)	10,116	8,537	-1,579	NA	-15.6%	1 st
Domestic Violence (Police)	1,823	1,981	+158	NA	8.7%	NA
Domestic Non Crime (Police)	2,138	3,469	+1,331	NA	62.3%	NA

¹'Ranked performance' indicates position in terms of the % reduction in recorded offences achieved in 2013/2014 compared with a year earlier.

Performance in Context

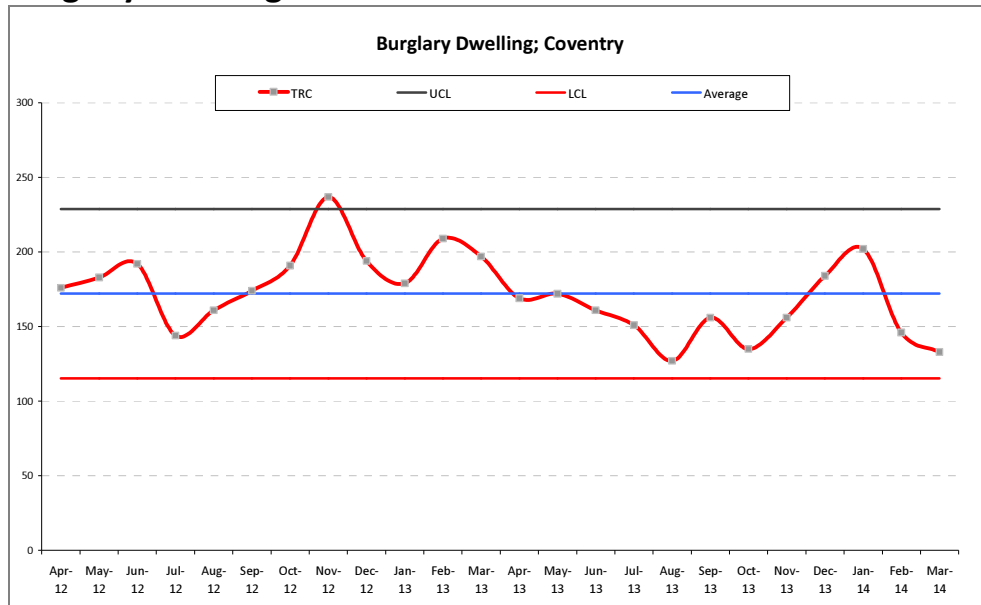
Total Recorded Crime



The overall rate of total recorded crime in 2013/14 has generally been below that seen in 2012/13; seasonal trends are present which indicate that in general more crime is reported in the spring and summer months with a decline between November/December and March.

¹ 1st = Greatest reduction, 7th greatest increase

Burglary Dwelling



Over the course of the past year there were only two months where offence levels were higher than the corresponding month in 12/13; as a result a significant reduction of 15.5% has been achieved (350 less burglaries).

Reducing Burglary has been a priority for Coventry and a number of initiatives have been put in place;

Operation Magpie – Dedicated team developing intelligence and activity in relation to outlets for stolen goods. Criminals are finding it more difficult to dispose of stolen property.

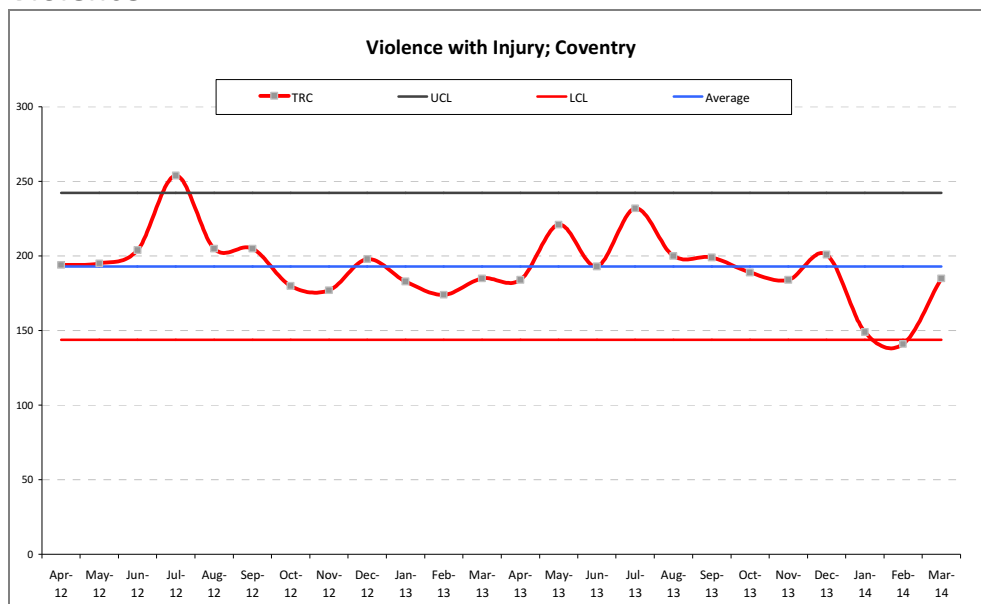
Operation Intrusive – Targeting of known burglars, information gathering around burglary offenders / patterns.

Partnership Working – Strong partnership working with key stakeholders, particularly Coventry & Warwick Universities; Able to influence activity and advice offered to students by the University; Has led to positive results around student victimisation.

Funding - Integral towards engagement with community and offering crime prevention equipment and introduction of property marking scheme, including Smartwater.

Target Hardening – Identification of vulnerable areas and repeat addresses (generally student households), subsequent visits - security advice and alarms supplied. Seasonal leaflets (insecurity, leaving items on show, etc).

Violence



A slight drop in offences which is largely attributable to falls over recent months; though Coventry was the only authority of the seven W.Mids areas to deliver a reduction.

Latest trends indicate that for the first time in recent history as much violence is taking place in household setting compared to public places. This makes policing issues and putting preventative interventions in place more challenging; Domestic violence is one area, though students & new communities are also factors as they are perhaps more adversely affected by budget restrictions and are choosing to socialise in different ways.

In terms of the work that has been undertaken;

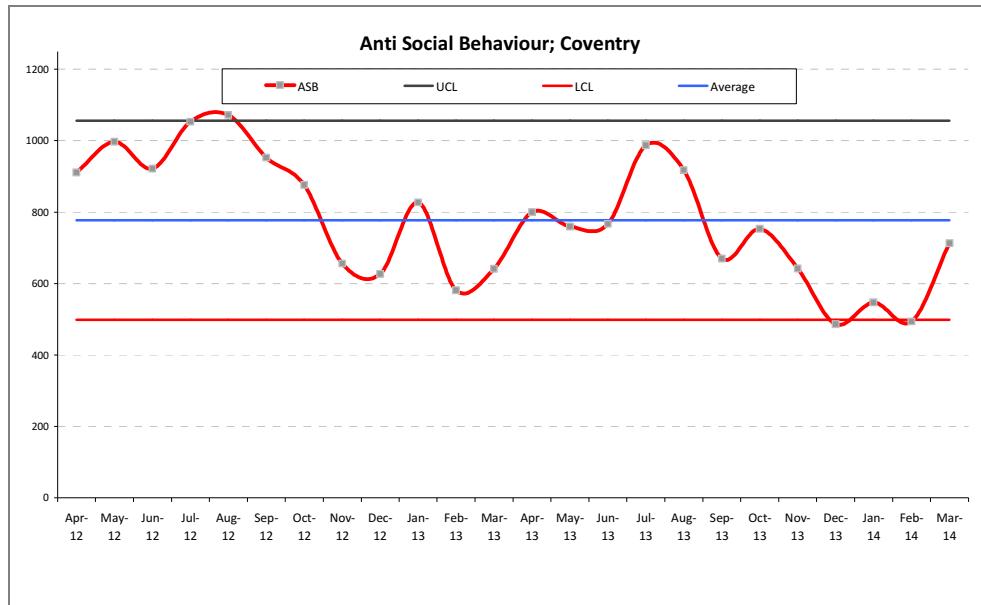
Continued work to monitor licensing issues on a daily / weekly basis; this has led to the closure or restrictions placed on a number of venues, over the course of the past year.

Working with the RA meeting and using partner influence to obtain compliance; e.g use of Environmental Service Team (noise) to support activities (Earlsdon Cottage).

Improving Links between the council noise team and police have been strengthened to improve the response to wider noise issues (household drinking / parties)

Conflict resolution training with budget hotels; links have been identified with Night Time Economy 'after parties', and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) activity.

ASB



A continuation of reductions around ASB; which is itself a strongly seasonal issue (warm weather = increased ASB). In terms of the work being undertaken there is a dedicated officer who looks specifically at ASB calls and works to identify vulnerabilities through either the type of incident or through repeat calls.

Where appropriate ASB Non Crime numbers are assigned to specific individuals or locations where issues are ongoing. Based on the inherent issues then partner agencies and organisations will become involved where they are needed. This problem oriented approach coincides with a general reduction within ASB.

The advent of the Priority Locations group has also undertaken considerable amounts of work at 'hotspots' in an attempt to improve the environment and discourage this type of behaviour from manifesting itself.



Strategic Assessment; 2014 / 2015

Overview and findings from the Coventry Strategic Assessment

Document Objective:

The Strategic Assessment is a statutory annual document* produced by the Community Safety Partnership. *(Policing & Crime Act 2009).

The assessment is based on a wide range of data which is analysed in the context of wider social trends and knowledge sought from a range of professionals and agencies.

The document seeks to understand trends within crime and disorder, to prioritise across the breadth of community safety and determine and understand the relationship between Crime and wider social issues that are affecting or impacting upon community safety.

Coventry Background Statistics

Coventry Population

323,100



↑ 1.5%
(since 2011 census)

Coventry Households

126,771



Now 133,800

↑ 4%
(since 2011 census)

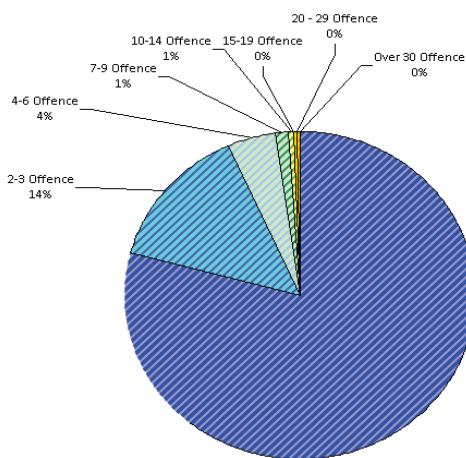
Not including new phases of Bannerbrook Park & Spirit quarters - there are further applications for 657 houses currently being considered.

The Coventry Crime Picture

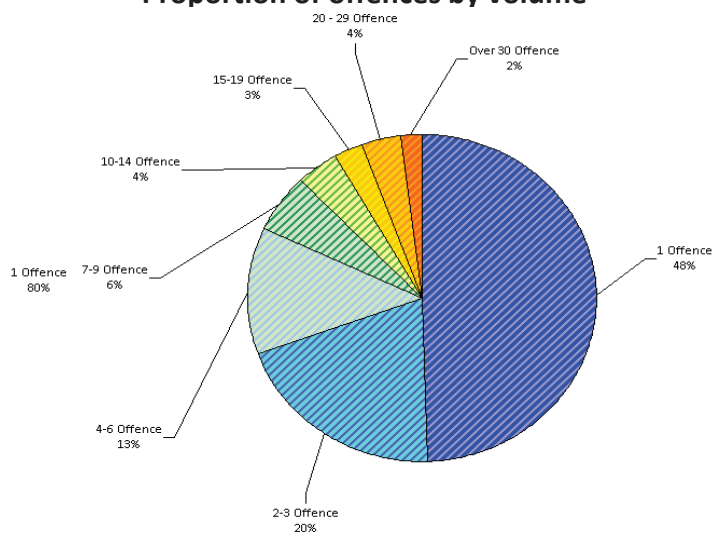
Most crime and disorder incidents do not happen sporadically, whilst ‘opportunistic’ offending often indicates a level of disposition toward crime. To these ends within community safety it is clear that a minority of individuals are driven to offend where others, with similar backgrounds, are not. Working to limit the number of people who move into committing crime is as important a part of the assessment as working with those who offend.

To demonstrate how a few offenders disproportionately affect crime, the charts below shows how ½ of all shoplifting offences have been committed by around 20% of people charged with shoplifting offences. This disproportionate effect is true across acquisitive offences such as burglary and robbery.

Range of offences by volume

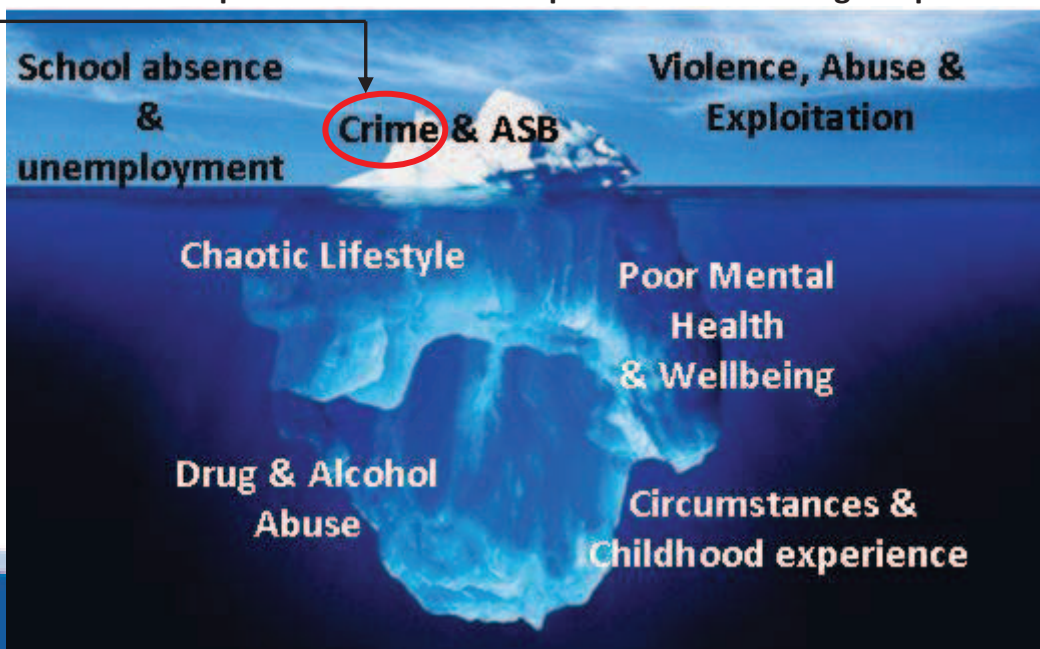


Proportion of offences by volume



Police recorded incidents indicate that **66%** of incidents were against property (Burglary, Theft, vehicle crime, Damage, Fraud), **28%** were directly against people (Violence, Sexual Offences, Harrassment, etc) and **6%** other (drugs, breaches etc).

However this is not representative of the scope of issues affecting the partnership;



True(r) extent of Community Safety Issues

Calls for Service	Number	Rate per 1000 Popn
Recorded Crime	22,495	69.6
ASB (Police)	8,843	27.4
CRASAC contacts	4,900	15.2
Environmental	3,315	10.3
Social Landlords	2,821	8.7
It's Your Call	2,232	6.9
Child Protection Plans	755	2.3
DV 3 rd party Agencies (new 2013)	704	2.2
Looked After Children	649	2.0
Troubled Families	450	1.4
School Exclusions	358	1.1
A&E (Violence related)	298	0.9

47,820 separate incidents

Crime Trends

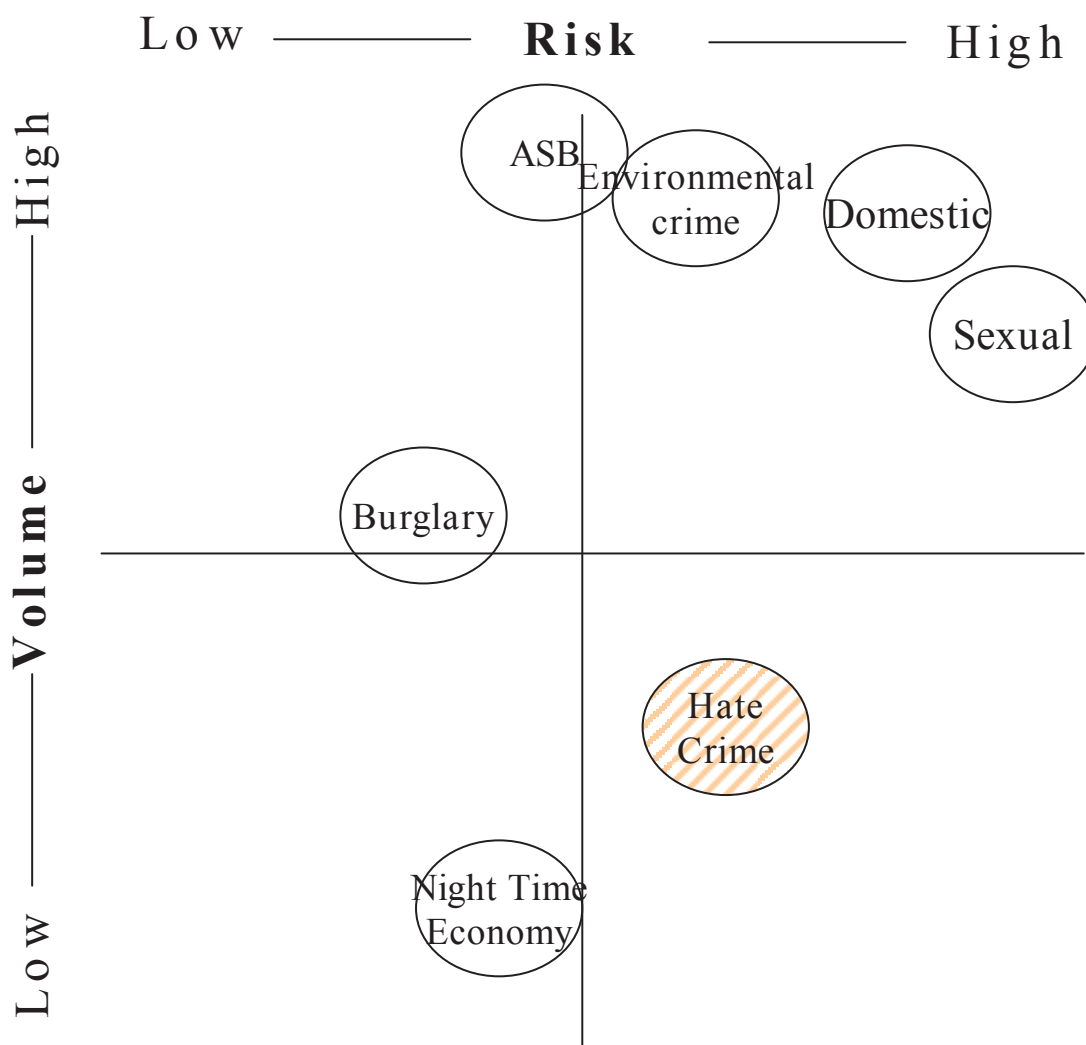
Recorded Crime has been decreasing from a **peak in 1999** to **lowest level across 2013** (down by **40%** between the two periods)



Levels of Sexual offences and Domestic Violence across the same timeframe are relatively static; and making up ever increasing proportions of offences; (**9% of all offences were domestic in 2013**)

Priority Offence Types & Level of Risk

The issues that affect community safety are broad; far broader than those addressed at a **thematic level** within the Strategic Assessment; prioritisation occurs because resources are finite, focusing around these particular areas offers the greatest benefit to the city. As such the issues shown below form the basis of a deeper analysis and consideration within the Strategic Assessment.

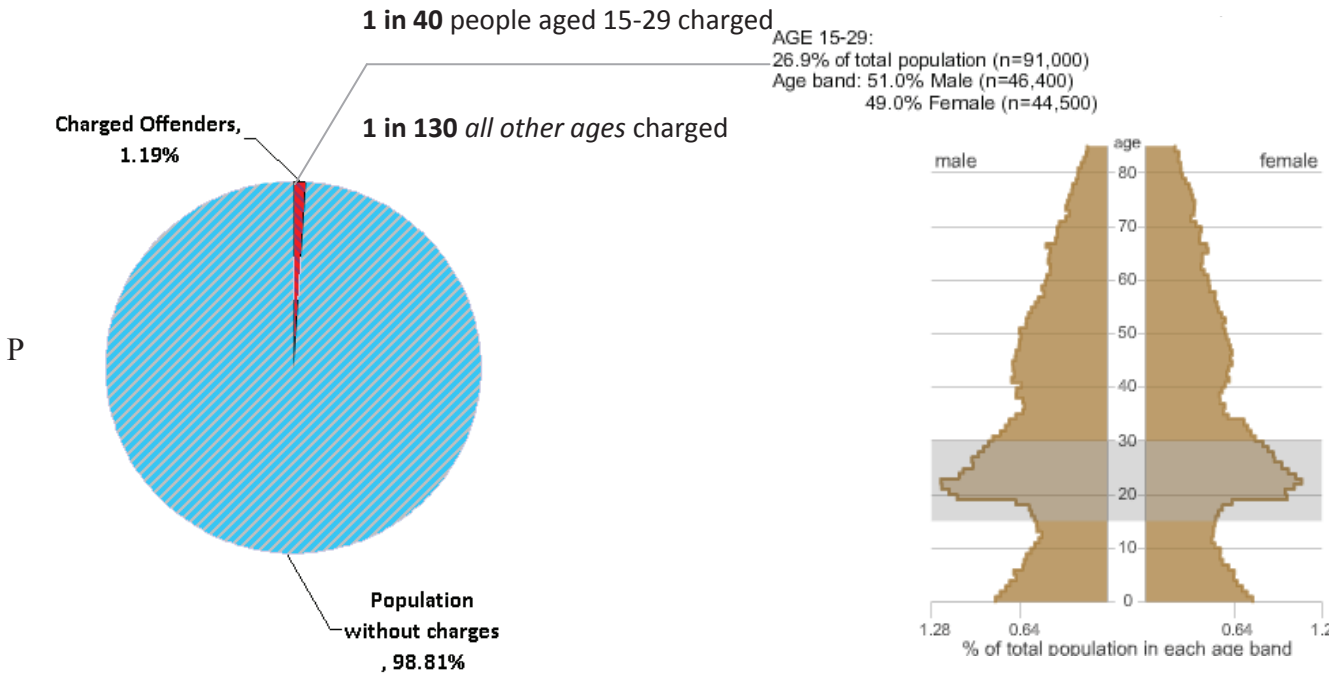


The chart above draws distinction between offences and their impact - issues are shown a context of volume / damage. Events such as ASB / Environmental crime have the greatest volumes but are generally less damaging, the level of domestic offences are also relatively high in volume - and mostly far more damaging, sexual offences despite being less frequent produce greatest harm. Issues such as Hate Crime are considered as they are both damaging and under reported, whilst the Night Time Economy is considered as it reflects a reputational issue which impacts more broadly on the city.

People Offenders

In total **3,855 individuals** were charged with at least one offence in 2013. A quarter of all people charged were charged with more than one offence.

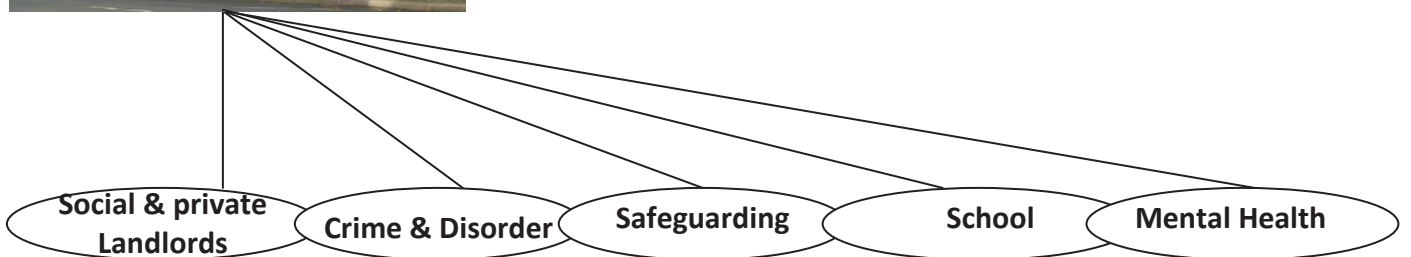
54% of all offenders were aged between 15 and 29 (this age group makes up 27% of the Coventry Population). The majority of offenders were male (Around 80%).



Household issues



Indications are that around 1% of households in the city (circa 1,300) present issues that span several issues or agencies. Analysis of this data is *ongoing* to determine the links between occupants and agencies.



People Victims

Around 15,000 individual victims of crime in 2013 (Further offences involve businesses)

Many issues around property (which victims own) these are sometimes stressful, but generally not damaging in the long term or offences which increase vulnerability issues.

Victims – Hidden Harm

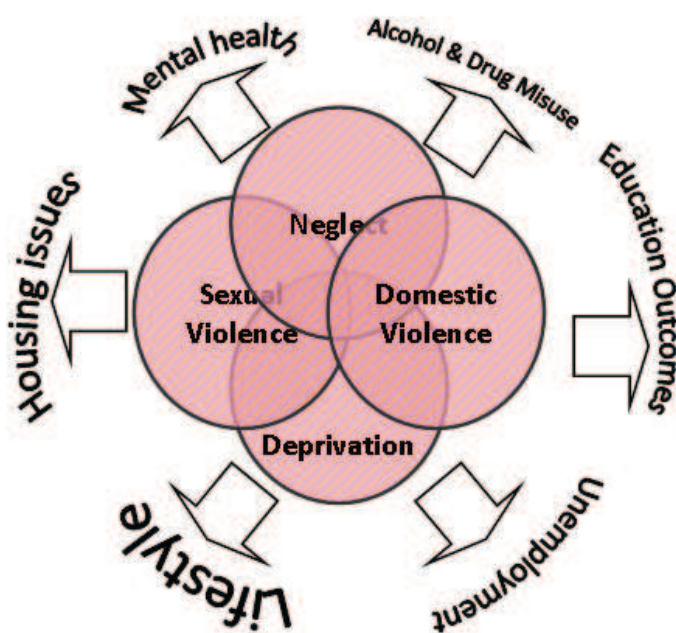
In total there were **1,950** domestic crimes and a further **3,197** domestic non crime incidents; however **estimates** suggest **3,000** victims of Domestic Abuse and around **2,500 – 3,500** victims of sexual offences fail to report issues to authorities each year.

In 2013 there were **755** children on Child Protection Plan's and a further **649** Looked After Children.

The true cost of damage caused during early years presents the biggest cost across a series of agencies as time progresses, the social fallout affects everybody. The effects of poor early life are multiplied and reflected back across a series of agencies.

The graphic below shows how this type of damage impacts widely across a victims lifestyle and future prospects.

Hidden Harms and their impact on prospects & wellbeing



Which results in.....

- Anger and Self Harm
- Low self esteem
- Increased likelihood of victimisation (female) or offending (males)
- Failure to realise potential
- Reliance on services
- Teenage Pregnancy
- Poor Health and higher levels of need - often from an earlier age
- Cyclical patterns (Troubled Families)

There are children involved in **60-70%** of abusive relationships (Domestic); (Sexual) **50%** of police records and **70%** of CRASAC contacts involved victims aged 15 or under.



Every £1 Spent on prevention



Saves up to £4 upstream

Cause or Effect?

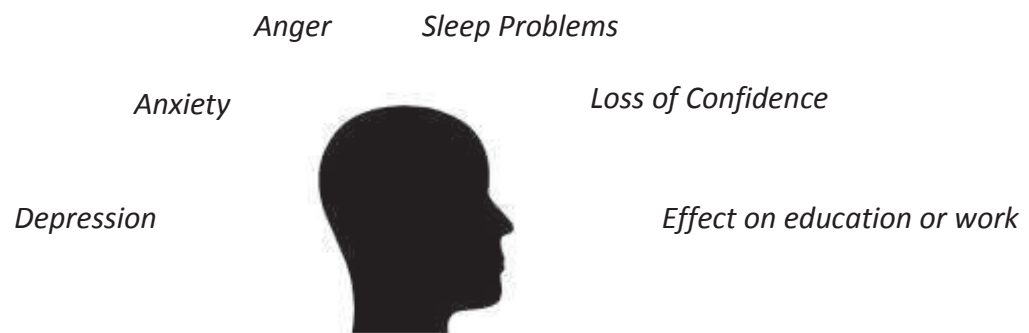
Mental Health

Victims of domestic abuse report increased prevalence of depression (40% of victims) **4x higher** than the 10% noted across the general Coventry population; most victims of sexual violence report **anger, anxiety and depressive** conditions; many go on to receive **counselling & medical treatment** for conditions brought on by abuse.



Domestic victims are **15x** more likely to drink to excess and **9x** more likely to use drugs; this in turn affects social and work functioning and impacts upon children. Children who are then - at best - receiving a lower quality of parenting care than children in households where these issues are not apparent, or, at the other end of the scale this is a common background to **child neglect**.

Victims of **sexual violence** display a range of negative psychological effects resulting in damage that can affect daily functioning - including post traumatic stress disorder.



Multi systemic workers in Coventry indicate that emotional or physical abuse is identified in the background of most young people that they work with.

More broadly research suggests people with mental health conditions are **5x** more likely to become a **victim** of crime.

15% of new drug users in treatment are given a dual diagnosis (Drugs & Mental health)

Drugs & Alcohol

Drug & Alcohol use are higher amongst people affected by hidden harm issues (Domestic / Sexual / neglect)

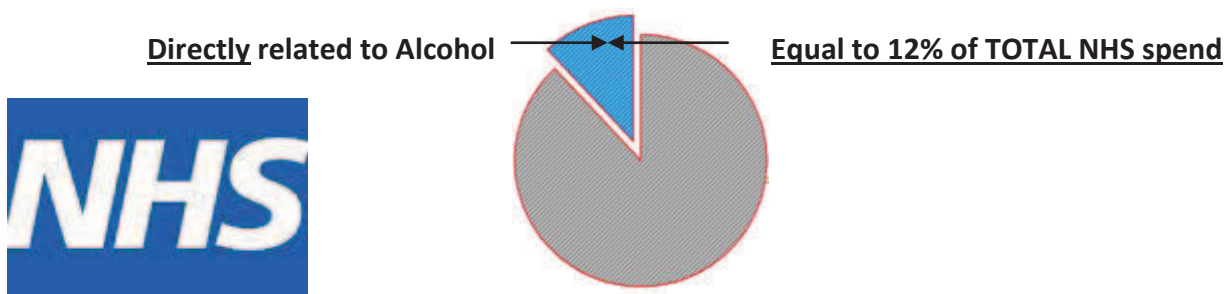
Substances are often used as coping mechanisms to alleviate ongoing problems or as an escape from past issues, can lead to a cycle of dependency and subsequent ill health (mental & physical); likely to increase vulnerability and anger.

There are some positives, drug trends indicating a pattern of improvement (Heroin use in particular is declining); however some of the most challenging individuals in terms of repeat offending have drug or alcohol addiction issues.

There is a trend for increasing proportions of individuals in drug treatment who have used drugs for longer; 60% of those in treatment have been using drugs (often Heroin) for 12 or more years.

Health services spend disproportionate sums on issues connected with drug misuse (mental health, blood borne viruses such as Hep 'B', rehab, etc).

Alcohol



Locally there are higher (than national average) rates of hospital admissions for alcohol related harm.

Estimates place the number of Opiate / Crack users in the city at around **2,050**; there are an estimated **13,738** higher risk drinkers in Coventry; **8 - 9,000** of this cohort are classed as alcohol dependant (higher risk & Dependant drinkers drink in excess of 50 units per week).

Alcohol is a factor in **1 in 5** child protection cases.

Alcohol related admissions to hospital have increased by 16% over the past five years

There is an increasing trend (started by the recession) of **people drinking at home**, this is problematic as costs are less prohibitive and people lose track of measures. From services perspectives household parties have increased dramatically as young people and particularly immigrant communities choose to socialise this way more. Limits on staff numbers serve the entire city and 'moveability' of issues – particularly private rentals makes enforcement difficult.

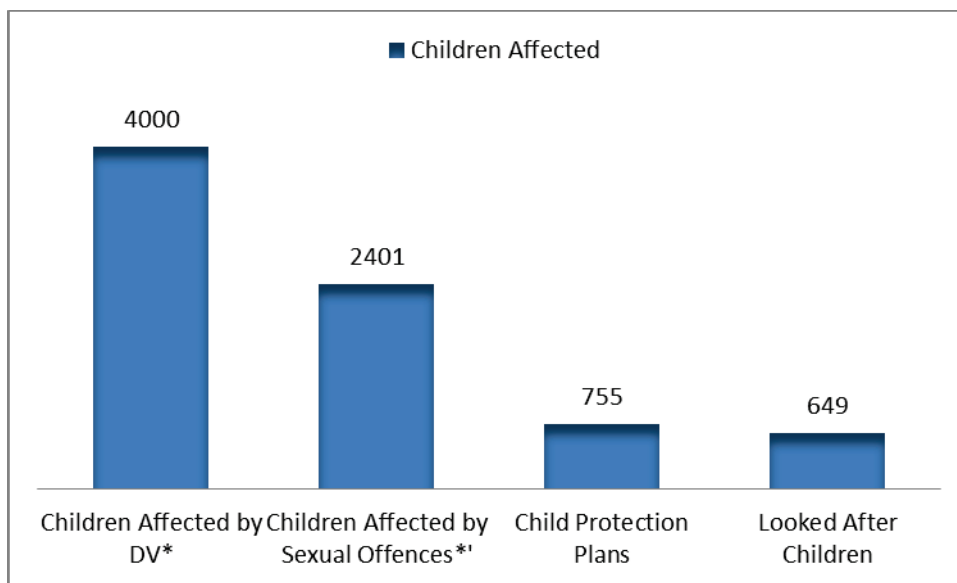
Cannabis use and use of New Psychoactive substances (Legal Highs) means drug misuse is more fragmented and as users mix substances is potentially becoming more dangerous.

Lifestyle

There are significant numbers of people and families where **lifestyle is damaging** and where replication of **intergenerational** problems and **peer pressure** drives people down similar pathways, leading to the same negative outcomes

There are a range of reasons as why this occurs and marking problems as down to deprivation masks wider issues; though it is true that there is more crime in the most deprived priority areas - twice as much as the rest of the city, and twice as many offenders¹.

Early issues involve attitude and upbringing, and there are large numbers of children born into households where neglect, domestic violence and sexual violence are an issue. Then it is not perhaps surprising the range and volume of fallout that agencies deal with; the chart below gives an **indication** of some of the issues;



Parenting plays a part and in addition to apathy other factors such as drugs / alcohol and mental health issues have already been shown to affect children.

Schools are also an important part of the equation in terms of identifying vulnerability and working with others outside their organisation to deal with issues. Increasingly primary schools should play more of a role as health research indicates that attitudes and pathways can be set at an early age.

Youth Offending data shows that over 60% of lower level offenders recognise a lack of education as a placing a significant barrier to their future prospects.

On a more positive note there has been a decrease in the rate of teenage pregnancy locally (**38.6** per 1000 in 12/13 from **49** in 11/12);

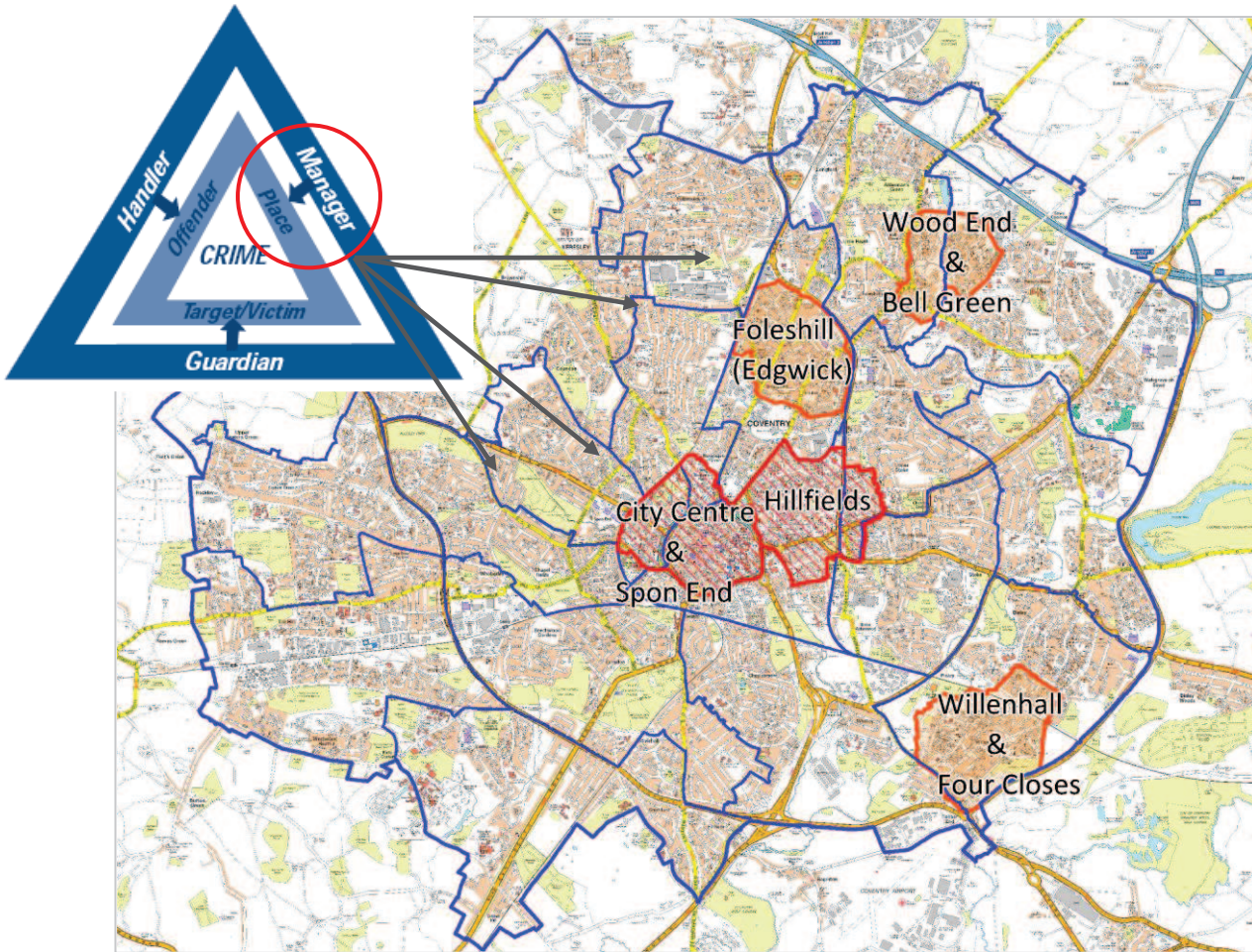
¹ 129.5 crimes per 1000 residents in Priority areas compared to 62.7 in rest of city; 16.7 offenders compared to 8.1

Places

People (Offenders & Victims) are the main constants in offending; however offending takes place at a fixed point and often that location is chosen because features it has facilitate crime and disorder.

Priority areas have been identified by looking across a series of indicators to assess the level and extent throughout the city; the boundaries of these areas were drawn in accordance with the findings.

Coventry Priority Areas



Why Priority Areas?

Area	Crimes (2013)	Population	Rate per 1000 pop
Priority Areas	7456	59,998	124.3
Rest Of City	15046	261302	57.6
Coventry	22502	321,300	70.0

In 2013 Coventry had an overall crime rate of **70** offences per 1000 population; the spread of offending is not uniform. In priority areas this rate rises to **124**; and with these excluded from city calculations falls to **57**.

The number of **troubled families** in priority areas is three times the rate of the rest of the city.

Ongoing work in priority areas suggest that there is an obvious correlation between offending and a series of issues that are more prominent in these areas;

- *Higher rates of resident offenders*
- *Deprivation issues such as unemployment, low income*
- *Younger populations*
- *Lower levels of educational attainment*
- *Lower physical health (Around 1 in 3 adults in Willenhall smoke - compared to 1 in 13 in Wainbody)*
- *Mental Health*
- *Fewer positive peers and role models/ More negative peers*
- *Lower levels of home ownership and higher rates of transience*
- *A range of Lifestyle factors*

The Priority Area group has taken these issues into consideration, but has found that the wider social determinants that are the foundation of many issues are not easy to target. At this stage more emphasis has been placed on environmental features which facilitate problems.

- Lighting
- CCTV coverage
- Specific locations suffering repeat issues
 - Edgwick Park
 - Broad Park Road
- Specific issues within locations
 - Street Drinking in the City Centre
 - Sale of high strength alcohol in nearby off licences
 - Repeat offenders
 - ASBO's / CRASBO's
 - Begging in the City Centre
 - Links to alcohol
 - Genuine beggars V 'Career' beggars

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Community Safety

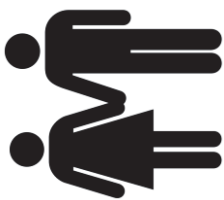
Early Overview and findings from the Coventry Strategic Assessment


2014-15


Document Objective

- Statutory Annual Document *(since 2009)*.
- Based on a wide range of data – analysed in context of wider social trends and knowledge sought from a range of professionals and agencies.
- Seeks to understand trends within Crime & Disorder and determine / understand relationships between wider social issues impacting on Community Safety
- Identify causes and drivers of various crime and nuisance with which to tackle collectively

Local Context



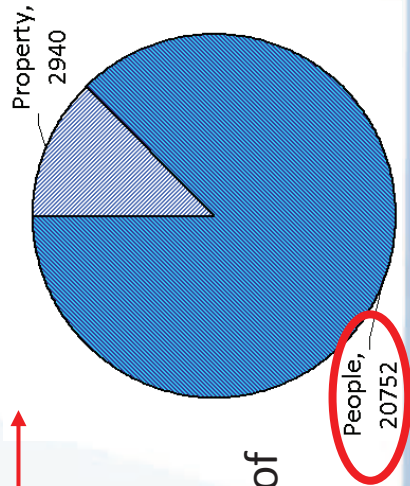
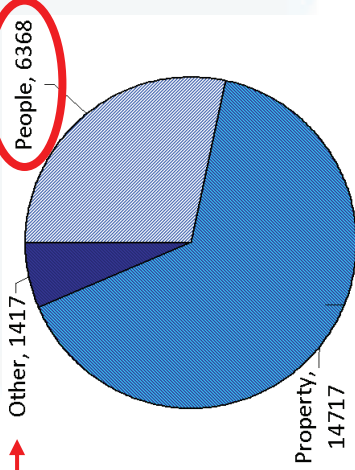
Population 323,100  2% since 2011 Census

Households 133,800  6% since 2001 Census



Increasingly diverse Non White British 33.3%

Calls to Services	Number	Rate per 1000 Population
Recorded Crime - Police	22495	69.6
Anti Social Behaviour - Police	8843	27.4
Coventry Rape & Sexual Assault Centre	4900	15.2
Environmental Services	3315	10.3
Registered Social Landlords	3400	10.5
Council Reporting Line	2232	6.9
Domestic Violence 3rd Sector Agencies	704	2.2
Accident & Emergency (Violence related attendees)	298	0.9
Total above	46187	142.9



In Addition

CCC Social Care; **649** Looked After Children
 CCC Social Care; **755** Child Protection Cases
 Around **450** Families have been worked with as part of Program

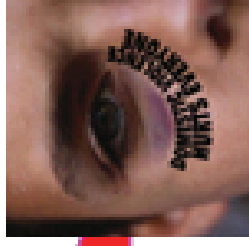
Crime Trends *Continued...*

Recorded Crime has been decreasing from a **peak in 1999** to **lowest level across 2013** (down by **40%** between the two periods)

Most offence types falling.
General trend - Predates recession



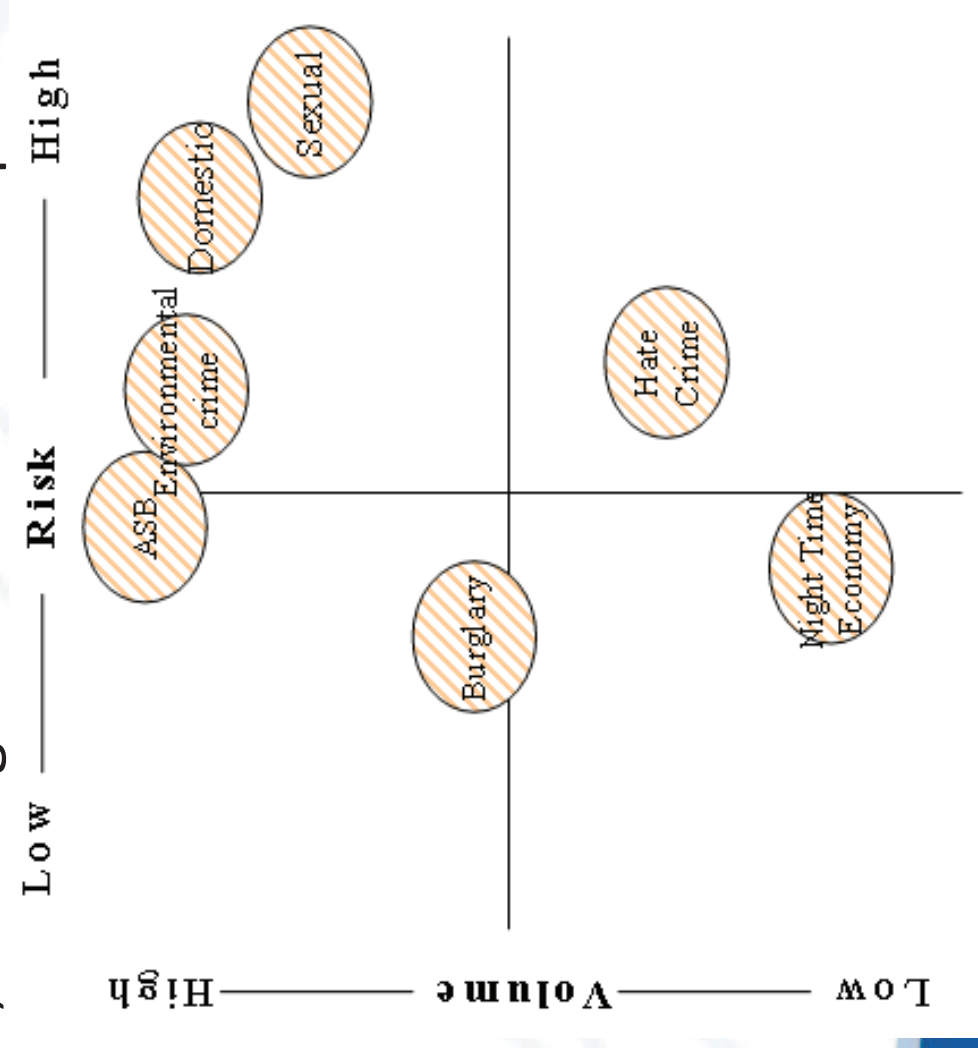
Increases in Reports of most damaging issues – **Sexual offences / Domestic Violence**



Levels of Sexual offences and Domestic Violence across the same timeframe are relatively static; and making up ever increasing proportions of offences (9% of *all* offences were domestic in 2013)

Prioritising Offences

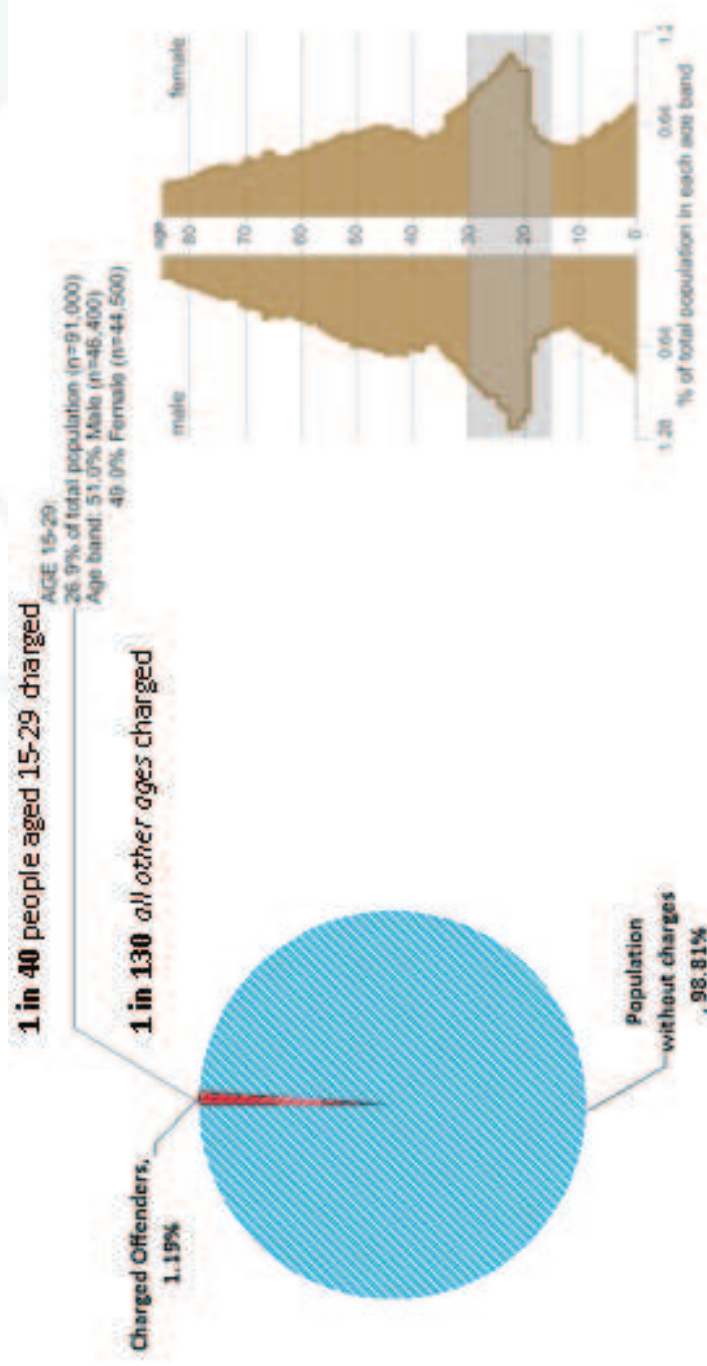
- Despite Crime & Disorder often being symptomatic of wider issues, the Strategic Assessment addresses some issues in greater depth, allowing a more directed response



Offenders

Trends & Issues

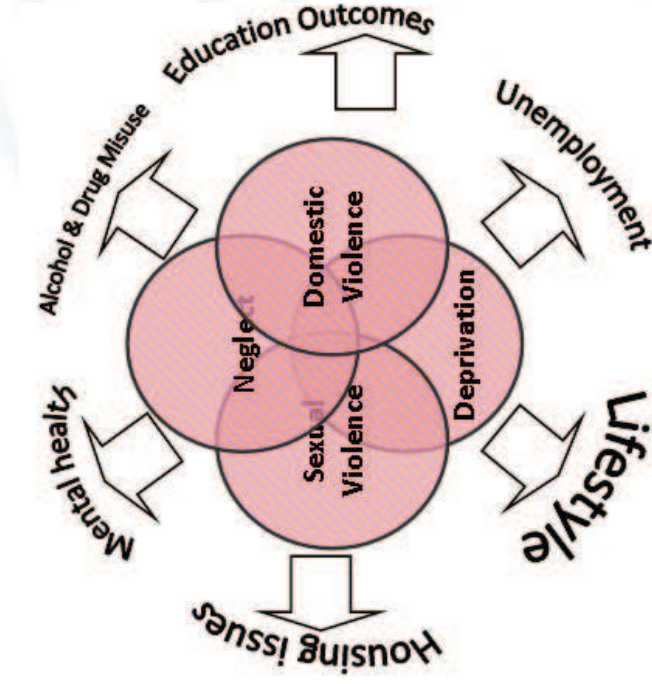
- Disproportionate Young People aged 15 – 29 years, peaking 14 – 26 years.
- Drugs and Alcohol are a factor; Mental Health is an issue
- Learnt behaviour; Limited Education; Peer Pressure; Chaotic Lifestyle



Victims

- Mainly younger people; 14 – 40 years, peaking aged 17 – 30
- Crosses Ethnicity; but broadly in line with cities changing demography
- Contributory factors; Deprivation, Mental Health, Substance misuse, (Lack of) Awareness, Vulnerability, Dependency, Lifestyle issues.
- High risk groups; Young people, Domestic & Sexual Abuse victims (females & children), Mentally ill, Students, Troubled Families

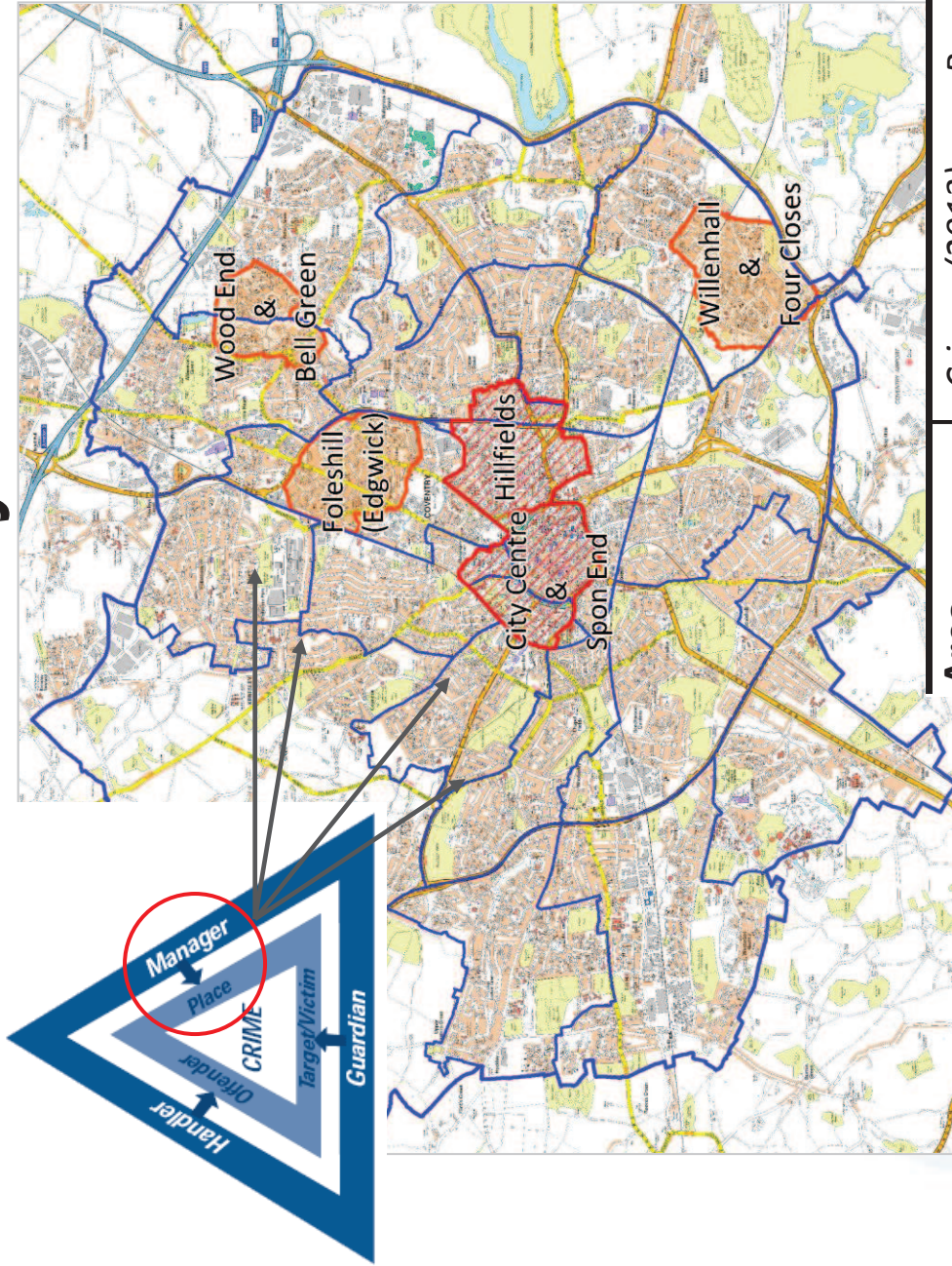
Effects of Hidden Harm offences on victims



Often resulting in.....

- Anger and Self Harm
- Low self esteem
- Increased likelihood of victimisation (female) or offending (males)
- Failure to realise potential (child & Adult)
- Reliance on services
- Teenage Pregnancy
- Poor Health and higher levels of need - often from an earlier age
- Cyclical patterns (Troubled Families)

Priority Locations



Higher levels of need across broadest range of issues And indicators

Example of crime issues Experienced in Priority Areas

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Priority Focus – Cause & Effect

Moving from dealing with symptoms to tackling cause

Symptoms

School absence
&
unemployment

Crime & ASB

Violence, Abuse &
Exploitation

Root Causes

Drug & Alcohol

Abuse

Poor Mental

Health

& Wellbeing

Chaotic Lifestyle

Circumstances &

Childhood experience

Drivers; Mental Health

- Victims of Domestic Violence are **4x** more likely to suffer depression
- Victims of sexual violence suffer a range of issues including anxiety, anger and depressive conditions.
- Alcohol and drug use is a factor; DV victims are **15x** more likely to drink excessively and **9x** more likely to use drugs
- Multi systemic workers in contact with young people identify emotional or physical abuse as a key factor in the early lives of young people they work with.
- 15% of new drug users in treatment receive dual diagnosis (Drugs & Mental Health).

Drivers; Drugs & Alcohol

- Substances often used to excess to 'mask' hidden harm issues (Domestic / Sexual / Neglect)
- Heroin use is falling, particularly amongst younger people - there remains a 'hardcore' of long term users.
- Use of Cannabis and legal highs increasing. Trends indicate Cocaine and like drugs are re emergent.
- Alcohol is a factor in **1 in 5** Child Protection cases
- **12% of NHS spending** is directly linked to alcohol
- Drinkers are doing so more in the home; despite increasing consumption amongst middle classes those in deprived areas undertake the most damaging drinking patterns.

Chaotic Lifestyle

- Damaging lifestyle has a negative on physical and mental wellbeing
- Households where issues such as unhealthy lifestyle (diet, smoking, drugs, alcohol), employment, budgeting etc - shape or impact on social functioning.
- Poor or unstructured parenting and home life can lead to early social norms becoming distorted
- Intergenerational problems and cycle of low expectation and reliance on services
- Coalescence of similar minded peers can result in patterns being repeated – with little or no resistance
- Youth offending data shows **60%** of offenders recognise a lack of education as a significant barrier.

What do we do?

- Whole family approach - troubled & problematic families
- Harm Reduction Partnership – protect the vulnerable
- Street Drinkers, Rough Sleepers & Beggars
- Sex workers- management treatment & support to change lifestyle
- Gangs & Organised Crime Groups
- Target priority locations – public place crime & nuisance

Case Study

- Neighbour Nuisance /Drug Use - case dealt with over a 1 month period from initial complaint to resolution.
- Initial reports of neighbours social drug use causing nuisance, annoyance and distress.
- Initial checks with other agencies & departments including environmental protection and children services - safeguarding
- joint action with the Police – initial joint visit to the alleged perpetrator was carried out by officers from the Community Safety Team.
- Occupants warned about their conduct, with the potential criminal and civil consequences & referral to treatment services
- Repeat of incidents – formal warning issued
- Complainant kept informed throughout the process.
- Police colleagues continued to monitor the property.
- Since formal warning issued – no further incidents and the complainant has confirmed his satisfaction as to how the matter was dealt with.



Coventry Local Police, Crime & Community Safety Plan 2014 / 15

I am pleased to share with you the Coventry Local Police, Crime & Community Safety Plan for 2014/15. This plan was produced following a diverse consultation process involving the communities of Coventry. An online survey, direct consultation with key groups and stakeholders shaped the priorities, and the findings were enhanced by responses to the Household Survey, police data linked to confidence and satisfaction, 12 months of feedback from the 14 multi-agency Safer Neighbourhood Groups that operate across the city and finally 12 months of data/issues identified through street based personnel reports. The findings were then put out for further scrutiny through key reference groups and individuals, before being presented to and approved by the Board.

Furthermore our Coventry Plan has been strengthened by using evidence from our annual strategic assessment of threat and risk to the City, which confirms the issues that are being reported to various agencies by residents of Coventry and is affecting the safety of the City.

2013/14 has been a very challenging and at the same time rewarding year for the city and the region. Mosque bombings, austerity cuts and a national focus on safeguarding tested the resolve of this city and its citizens. 2013/14 was also a year of celebration for the city. The introduction of a new Police & Crime Commissioner has embedded genuine community representation into how services around crime and community safety are delivered to the city. Coventry University became the Modern University of the Year 2013 and we hosted the most successful Godiva Festival yet, hosting more than 125,000 attendees to the biggest free music event in Europe.

2014/15 promises to be an equally challenging and rewarding twelve months.

We asked, you said...

As well as looking at a variety of data and intelligence, we have asked you, the community, to tell us what matters to you most. You have identified the following issues and we will focus our efforts, working in partnership, to tackle these things that cause you concern.

Reduce Total Offending
Tackle Environmental Crime & Nuisance [Inc. fly-tipping, litter and dog fouling]
Reduce Anti-social Behaviour
Tackle Sex working through Prostitution & Brothels
Put Our Victims First
Tackle the unlawful supply of Drugs
Reduce Violent Crime [Inc. Public Place Violence, Robbery, Domestic Abuse, the Nigh-time Economy and Sexual Exploitation]
Reduce Business Crime
Reduce Burglary
Tackle alcohol-related crime and behaviour
Take Gangs and Organised Crime

Local Policing, Crime & Community Safety Plan - Strategic Aims

Agencies working with the community to focus on supporting vulnerable **people and victims**, improving **places** disproportionately affected by crime and nuisance whilst tackling **offenders**, we will:

Improve public confidence & satisfaction in policing

Understand and manage our priority offenders

- Coventry one of 10 pilot sites trialing new 'Diversion and Education' programme through NHS England
- Focus on disrupting organized crime activity and working with individuals to turn away for the gang lifestyle.
- Address problematic and chaotic lifestyle and criminal behaviour

Place our victims at the forefront of activity

- 2014 has seen the introduction of Restorative Justice, and we will ensure victims receive a greater voice in the rehabilitation of the offender
- Protect and minimize risk of harm to those most vulnerable and prevent people becoming a victim of crime

Improve the service the public receive from the police and partner agencies

- Deliver a service that increases local people's trust and confidence in the police, and that exceeds their expectations. Improve response to victims & encourage reporting of offences.

Reduce violent crime

- Reduce the level of violent crime within the city with particular focus on protecting vulnerable victims

Tackle the causes of risky and offending behaviour including criminality

- Alcohol, drugs and poor mental health play a part in offending and anti-social behaviour. We will focus upon tackling dependency and improving access to support

How will we deliver the plan?

Keep our promises

We will

- Respond when we say we will
- Keep people informed and updated
- Make good on the commitments we provide
- Meet the requirements of the **Victim's Code**

Do the right things

We will

- Agencies will work together in partnership alongside communities to collectively address community safety issues.
- Protect and support vulnerable victims/groups
- Aim to put the right resources, in the right places at the right times
- Be open, honest and transparent.
- Ensure the safety and wellbeing of those who most need our help.

Involve our communities

We will

- Listen to the views of our local communities
- Provide a variety of means to allow the community to talk to us and to tell us the service they wish to receive

Involve our staff

We will

- Listen to the views of our officers working in communities
- Provide them with the training and skills to make it easier for them to deliver the service the local community want

Being Productive and Efficient

We will

- Deal where possible with issues at first point of contact
- Deliver a better service with less resources
- Look for opportunities to provide shared services



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16th April, 2014

Report of

Councillor J Clifford

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Voluntary Action Coventry

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out details of the work of Voluntary Action Coventry (VAC) over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Council continues to appoint a representative to the VAC Board.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 VAC is a local infrastructure organisation that supports the voluntary and community sector in the city. Founded in 1957, it is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. Membership of Voluntary Action Coventry is open to all voluntary and community groups in the City and membership of VAC is free.
- 3.2 VAC's mission statement is 'VAC is an advocate for voluntary and community groups, helping to develop effective and diverse communities in the City. Through the provision of support, training and information, we promote good practice and encourage social inclusion. We promote, facilitate and develop volunteering in Coventry and recognise the contribution of individuals and volunteers to communities.'
- 3.3 The strategic aims of VAC are:
- Engaging and enabling voluntary and community sector involvement in strategic decision making
 - Meeting the support needs of voluntary and community organisations in Coventry
 - Championing and demonstrating the contribution of volunteering to civil society
 - Enabling the voluntary and community sector to develop new approaches to service delivery
 - Providing relevant information to local voluntary and community organisations and other stakeholders
 - Maintaining a strong and sustainable organisation
- 3.4 VAC's core values are:
- To tackle inequality, discrimination and social exclusion.
 - To support diversity and promote cohesion within the City's communities.
 - To be a vibrant, dynamic, learning organisation that values the contribution of all its staff and members.

- To promote the real value and positive impact of volunteering.
 - To be an independent, credible, high profile listening organisation that provides leadership and advocacy for the Voluntary and Community sector in the city
- 3.5 VAC like many other agencies has experienced a drop in income as a result of a number of national funding sources drying up. Grant funding from the Council to VAC has also reduced over the last 2 years.
- 3.6 In April 2013 the Council put in place a Grant Aid Agreement with VAC. This sets out the performance management framework and the key objectives upon which VAC is expected to deliver in return for grant funding, see below:
1. Encouraging independence and Self-Sufficiency
 - a. Preparing and supporting the third sector to responds to the increasing cuts in public services.
 - b. Managing market development including development of current and new mechanisms e.g. Here to Help (H2H)
 2. Being fair and support for the most vulnerable
 - a. Early intervention and support to small third sector organisations providing services to vulnerable communities.
 - b. Encourage organisations to work together to merge or assist with closing down where appropriate.
 3. Personal responsibility, pride and releasing the potential of residents
 - a. To work strategically with other partners to develop a cohesive approach to volunteer engagement.
 - b. To promote volunteering in Coventry, providing information on individual and team based voluntary opportunities and matching volunteers to suitable roles.
 - c. Working with other voluntary agencies and partners to up skill volunteers to meet local needs.
- 3.7 VAC reports on its performance on a quarterly basis, this is discussed at the quarterly Management Board meeting which is also attended by the elected members and a Council officer representative. In addition VAC meets quarterly with Council officers to discuss progress in relation to the agreed objectives. During the last 12 months some of the key activities have included.
- Supporting individual groups with their governance and fund raising.
 - Providing training and support on group development, start up and closure
 - Running the Volunteer Centre and delivering a range of outreach events to promote volunteering and match volunteers with volunteering opportunities in the City
 - Bringing local voluntary organisations together to explore new ways of working through the development of the Here2Help consortia arrangements.
 - Go live of Coventry Healthwatch managed through the Here2Help consortium.
 - Involving a range of partners in the delivery of the cook and eat well programme.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 The new Council Plan approved in January 2014 sets out the Council's vision and objectives for the next ten years. With increasing public sector cuts, the third sector has an important role in helping to deliver the priorities for the City. By attending the VAC Board meeting elected members can hear at first hand the support provided by VAC to the sector and any issues that the sector may face.

4.2 VAC Board includes representatives of local voluntary and community organisations elected by their membership. By attending the VAC Board meetings, City Council representatives benefit from discussion with third sector organisations on the VAC business plan and activities. It also provides an opportunity to network with third sector providers.

5 What Financial Contribution Does the Council Make to this Organisation

5.1 Voluntary Action Coventry was granted £190,250 in 2011/12 and this was reduced to £171,225 in 2012/13 and £150,000 in 2013/14 and for 2014/15.

6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

6.1 Coventry City Council's representatives on Voluntary Action Coventry are Councillors Clifford and Sawdon. The representatives are invited to attend VAC's quarterly Management Board meetings and attend as observers rather than voting members of the board. During the period January 2013 to January 2014 inclusive Councillor Clifford attended two Management Board meetings and Councillor Sawdon attended three.

6.2 There is no remuneration associated with this appointment.

List of background papers

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Report of
Councillor Ann Lucas

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – **Coventry Partnership**

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out details of the work of the Coventry Partnership over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council continues its membership of the Coventry Partnership.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The Coventry Partnership is Coventry's Local Strategic Partnership and was established in 2002. The Partnership continues to bring together Coventry's public, private, community and voluntary organisations and aims to narrow the gap between the most disadvantaged communities and the rest of the city through collaboration and joint activity. The Chair of the Partnership rotates on an annual basis. Charley Gibbons, Chief Executive of Coventry Citizens Advice Bureau has been the Chair for the past year.
- 3.2 The current Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy Executive Strategy for 2011 – 2014 is now in its final year. The Strategy is delivered through a range of Partners and groups which work to identify local priorities by co-ordinating and collaborating with partners to achieve agreed outcomes. The four key objectives of the strategy being:
- To create growth, jobs and enterprise particularly in high manufacturing and green technologies
 - To make the city more vibrant.
 - To reduce health inequalities.
 - To ensure all children and young people met their full potential both educational and opportunities.
- 3.3 The Partnership has actively looked to address its four key objectives and has co-ordinated and worked jointly with partners on a number of activities and promotions. In the past 12 months this has included: organising ONC Level 3 Accredited Courses on 'Money Mentors' and 'Teaching Others' through the National Skills Academy with 70 people from Partners organisations being trained. The Community Cohesion Awards were held for fourth year and were well attended. The Big Lunch was promoted along with the Armed Forces Community Covenant and attendance at sub-regional groups.

- 3.4 The primary priority for the Partnership during 2013 was the impact of Welfare Reform in Coventry and this will continue as a priority for 2014. During the year a Coventry Partnership Welfare Reform Working Together Group and an Evaluation Group were formed. The Working Together Group aimed to bring partners together raise awareness of the impacts of Welfare Reform and work together to mitigate these where possible. The group worked to develop and clear and consistent messages around the Welfare Reform, ensuring that local people were made aware of the Welfare Reform Changes and, in particular, that those directly impacted understood how they would be affected. The Welfare Reform Evaluation Group has ensured all partners know what the accumulative effects on the most vulnerable groups are in the city.
- 3.5 Joint activities organised throughout the year included: the launch of the “Are we ready?” booklet; articles in Citivision; Disability Road shows on Personal Independent Payments; and Pop-up Shops on Welfare Reform Changes. The most recent pop-up shop was held in January and focused on eligibility for Discretionary Housing Payments.
- 3.6 The Coventry Partnership Conference held on 1st October, 2013 brought together people who are working to reduce the impact of Welfare Reform on local people and the local economy to share their knowledge and skills with each other. Around two hundred delegates attended and there was live coverage on radio and twitter @CoventryWelfare. Several areas of work came out of the conference and these are being taken forward through existing groups within the Partnership.
- 3.7 A Welfare Reform Strategy has been agreed and an action plan will be developed and implemented throughout 2014 as Welfare Reform remains a priority for the Partnership. Work is currently being undertaken to gear up for Universal Credit and the Local Support Service Framework. A baseline mapping process for the city in respect of digital inclusion, money management and employability has started, the lead partner being DWP.
- 3.8 The Coventry Partnership’s work on Welfare Reform has been reported to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee during the year.
- 3.9 Although austerity measures have impacted on partner organisations over the last few years, stronger emphasis is being placed on partnership working. Partners within the Coventry Partnership have adapted to these changes and challenges and have remained flexible, proactive and adaptive to refocus on identified priorities.
- 3.10 A review of the Coventry Partnership was undertaken during the year and it was agreed that the Partnership should move to a more flexible way of working. This includes reducing the number of standing groups and meetings. The Partnership plans to hold three meetings throughout the year, with one of these being a major strategic conference around an agreed priority area. The groups within the Partnership will change according to priorities and activities.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 The Coventry Partnership brings together organisations from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to work together to improve the social economic and environmental well being of people in Coventry and to strive to improve the delivery of public services. The Partnership is well placed to ensure that a cross-agency response to emerging issues in the City can be developed quickly e.g. Welfare Reform. This is particularly important in areas such as Economy and Jobs, Equalities, Housing and Welfare Reform where the Council is not the lead party in delivering the services.

5 What Financial Contribution Does the Council Make to this Organisation

5.1 Not applicable

6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

6.1 Council representation on and attendance at the Coventry Partnership for the last year was:

Councillor Ann Lucas	2
Councillor Phil Townshend	
Councillor Lynnette Kelly	
Councillor John McNicholas	1
Councillor John Blundell	2
Councillor Alan Andrews	

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Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Local Government Association General Assembly

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out details of the work of the Local Government Association over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council should continue its membership of the Local Government Association and make appointments to the General Assembly.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The Local Government Association (LGA) was created in 1997 to promote the interests of English and Welsh local authorities and is a cross-party voluntary lobbying organisation. The LGA works on behalf of councils to ensure local government has a strong, credible voice with national government. It aims to promote better local government and lobby and campaign for changes in policy, legislation and funding on behalf of its member councils and the people and communities that they serve.
- 3.2 The members of the LGA include county councils, metropolitan district councils, English unitary authorities, London boroughs, shire district councils and Welsh unitary authorities. The LGA also represents fire authorities, police authorities, national park authorities and passenger transport authorities. In total, 421 local authorities are members of the LGA for 2013/14.
- 3.3 The LGA priority areas for 2013/14 are:
- Funding for local government
 - Economic growth, jobs and prosperity
 - Public service reform
- 3.4 The LGA is aiming for greater independence for local government and supports sector-led improvement. It aims to play a leading role in innovation and improvement to enable local authorities to make improvements for local people.
- 3.5 As a member of the Local Government Association the council has entitled to four representatives at General Assembly which meets once a year to hold its Annual General Meeting during the LGA Annual Conference and acts as the "parliament" of the LGA.

- 3.6 This year's LGA General Assembly formed part of the 2013 LGA Conference that was held in Manchester 2-4 July 2013. The LGA Conference is an opportunity to lobby Ministers first hand, both in a cross party and political party way. Delegates met and networked with a number of Politicians and Senior Officers to gain a perspective of how different authorities are grappling with services common to all.
- 3.7 This year's LGA conference was a huge slick information sharing exercise which is to be commended to Council. Speakers at the conference were thought provoking, engaging and contentious at times. Contacts were made with traffic signage and furniture companies which may prove fruitful. Contacts were also made with 'NICE' whose new role in Public Health may be of benefit to the City.
- 3.8 The LGA Conference gave an opportunity for the Leader and Chief Executive to be part of the national launch of the "Key Cities" report. Nineteen cities attended. This initiative aims to ensure that Core Cities do not dominate the national agenda, and so do not hamper Coventry's growth and regeneration plans.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 The Council appoints members to the LGA General Assembly as a member of the LGA. There are a range of benefits to the Council arising from membership of the LGA. These include: access to information; comparative data and training for both members and officers; the ability to influence national policy development and collective lobbying of national government; access to a range of services including shared learning on service improvements and peer support.

5 What Financial Contribution Does the Council Make to this Organisation

- 5.1 The cost of the Council's LGA membership subscription for 2013/14 was £54,094.

6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 6.1 Coventry City Council's representatives on the LGA General Assembly are Councillors Mrs Lucas, Townshend, J Mutton and Blundell. The General Assembly met on the 2nd July, 2013 and Councillors Mrs Lucas, Townshend and Mutton each attended. Councillor Hetheron, the Council's representative on the LGA's Urban Commission, also attended the General Assembly.
- 6.2 There is no remuneration associated with this appointment.

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Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Joint Committee

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out details of the work of the West Midlands Joint Committee over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council is a member of the West Midlands Joint Committee through statute. It is recommended that the Council continue to make appointments to this body.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The West Midlands Joint Committee was set up in 1985 following the dissolution of the West Midlands County Council by the seven metropolitan district councils of the West Midlands: Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton. Formally constituted under the powers given under the Local Government Act 1972, and updated by the Local Government Act 2000, the West Midlands Joint Committee is responsible for a range of specific strategic functions that were formerly undertaken by the West Midlands County Council.
- 3.2 The Joint Committee comprises seven voting members, one from each metropolitan district council. Key functions of the Joint Committee include: making nominations and appointments to a number of regional bodies; exercising the Districts' powers and rights as shareholders of Birmingham International Airport and the co-ordination of actions on important issues and to communicate these to central Government and other influential bodies.
- 3.3 Specific areas of activity include consultation and co-operation on matters affecting the seven districts with the West Midlands Joint Authorities including the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority, West Midlands Police Authority/West Midlands Police and Crime Panel and the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority.
- 3.4 Coventry City Council's voting representative on the West Midlands Joint Committee is Councillor Ann Lucas, Leader of the Council. Councillor Philip Townshend and Councillor John Blundell are observer members. Councillor Townshend is the council's substitute voting member.

3.5 Over the past year a particular area of activity has been consideration of transport issues including revisions to the governance of the West Midlands Independent Transport Authority (ITA); Rail Devolution and provision of evidence about the importance of regional airports to the Airports Commission.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 The West Midlands Joint Committee is a formally constituted body that enables the West Midlands Metropolitan Districts to consider jointly key strategic issues and the allocation of funding that directly impacts on the people of Coventry. Under current Local Government arrangements it is a legislative requirement that Coventry City Council is a member of the West Midlands Joint Committee.

5 What Financial Contribution Does the Council Make to this Organisation

5.1 In 2013/14 Coventry City Council contributed £18,437 as its share of the costs of running the West Midlands Joint Committee.

6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

6.1 Coventry City Council's representatives on the West Midlands Joint Committee from May 2013 are Councillors Mrs Lucas, Townshend and Blundell. Of the three meetings held from June 2013 to December 2013 inclusive Councillor Mrs Lucas attended all three of these meetings and Councillor Blundell one (the AGM).
During the period January to May 2013 inclusive the Council's representatives were Councillors Mutton, Duggins and Foster and in this period two meetings were held with Councillors Mutton and Duggins attending one each and Councillor Foster attending both.

6.2 There is no remuneration associated with this appointment.

List of background papers

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Coventry City Council

Public report

Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

16th April, 2014

Report of
Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) – Councillor Kelly

Title
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies - **Coventry and Warwickshire Local Transport Body**

1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report sets out details of the work of Coventry and Warwickshire Local Transport Body (CWLTB) during the last twelve month period.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Members are recommended to:

- a) Note the report back on the work of the CWLTB.
- b) Support the continuation of the City Council having representation on the CWLTB.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The LTB is autonomous of any single body and comprises Warwickshire County Council, Coventry City Council, the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP) and Centro.
- 3.2 During 2012/13 the main role of the CWLTB has been to prioritise and discharge devolved major transport scheme funding. This process involved a detailed assessment and prioritisation of large pool of major transport scheme bids against specific criteria including their effectiveness at supporting the delivery of the CWLEP's strategic objectives.
- 3.3 Once the Local Growth Deal is finalised, transport funding will be subsumed into the Single Local Growth Fund (SLGF) which will be administered by the CWLEP, although the originally identified priorities will be retained. The release of additional transport funding will be dependent on the quality of the LEP's Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) and be subject to the comparative needs of other LEP priorities, e.g. skills.
- 3.4 It is anticipated that the LTB will continue to have a role following the transfer of funding to the SLGF, but as an informal advisory group to the CWLEP and Coventry and Warwickshire Joint Committee. It will be in the Council's interest to remain as a member of this group in order to have a say in future decisions on transport funding.

3.5 The LTB continues to meet on both an informal and formal basis as required. The last formal meeting was in July 2013.

3.6 More information on the CWLTB is available at: <http://www.cwlep.com/local-transport-body>

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 The City Council benefits from being a member of the LTB by engaging in strategic transport policy decisions relating to the work of the CWLEP.

5 What Financial Contribution Does the Council Make to this Organisation

5.1 The City Council does not make any direct financial contributions to the CWLTB. The City Council only incurs in kind costs in terms of officer time at meetings and administrative support.

6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

6.1 Coventry City Council's representative on CWLTB is Councillor Kelly. During the period January 2013 to January 2014 inclusive Councillor Kelly attended the one formal meeting held and also the two informal meetings held.

6.2 There is no remuneration associated with this appointment

List of background papers

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Work Programme 2013/14

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10th July 13

- Alcohol Strategy
- Olympic Legacy Scrutiny Panel
- Outside Bodies reports back
- Review of Coventry Community Safety Partnership (CSP)

7th Aug 13

- Equalities
- Equalities in Employment
- Changes to the Constitution

11th Sept 13

- Houses in Multiple Occupation Task and Finish group
- Conference Reports –
 - Civic Visit to Volgograd
 - Delegation to City of Volgograd
 - Presentation to the European Union
 - Civic Visit to Kiel

9th Oct 13

- Council Wide Marmot Plan
- Statutory Advisor on Health

6th Nov 13

- Built Environment Enforcement
- Commissioning of Domestic Violence and Abuse services

11th Dec 13

- Welfare Reform

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- Public Safety Services
- Effectiveness and quality of recent consultation exercises carried out by Coventry City Council

19th Feb 14

- Evaluating the impact of the Community Development Service
- Enabling and Empowering Communities through Asset Based Working

19th March 14

- Welfare Reform

16th April 14

- Community Safety Partnership
- End of Year Review

Date to be identified

- Review of Coventry Partnership
- Transition between Children's and Adult's Social Care
- Immigrant communities - access to healthcare and support services, promoting values
- Organisational Change
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Public Safety Services

Meeting Date	Work programme item	Lead Officer	Brief Summary of the issue	Source
10 th July 13	Alcohol Strategy	Jane Moore/ Olivia Taylor	Alcohol has wide ranging impacts on people and communities particularly in relation to health and community safety. A draft Alcohol Strategy has been prepared for consideration by the Community Safety Partnership and Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Services) setting out the position in Coventry and proposals for action and the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee will contribute to this.	Informal Scrucro meeting 10/06/13
	Olympic Legacy Scrutiny Panel	Gennie Holmes	To feedback and report on progress on the work of the task and finish group established following the Cabinet Member (Policy, Leadership and Governance) meeting on 30 th November 2012. A progress report was presented to Scrucro at their meeting on 17 th April 2013.	Scrucro 17/4/13
	Outside Bodies reports back	Scrutiny Officer	To identify which outside bodies appointed to by the Council at their annual general meeting report to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee and other Scrutiny Boards.	Annual review
	Review of Coventry Community Safety Partnership (CSP)	Sara Roach	To present to the Board the proposed changes to the CSP requested by the Police and Crime Commissioner	Informal Scrucro meeting 10/06/13
7 th Aug 13	Equalities	Jenni Venn/ Surindar Nagra	To review the Council's annual equalities report and identify any priorities or concerns for future action or review.	Informal Scrucro meeting 10/06/13
	Equalities in Employment	Shokat Lal	This item will look at the diversity of the Council's workforce and how the Council is encouraging a more diverse workforce. Referred to Scrucro for monitoring from CM(Equalities and Community Safety)	CM(Equalities and Community Safety)
	Changes to the Constitution	Christine Forde/ Carol Bradford	For the Board to discuss and comment on proposed changes to the Constitution	
11 th Sept 13	Houses in Multiple Occupation Task and Finish group	Gennie Holmes/ Vicky Castree	To feedback and report on progress on the work of the task and finish group established following the Scrucro meeting on 20 th March 2013	Scrucro 20/3/13

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2013/14

Meeting Date	Work programme item	Lead Officer	Brief Summary of the issue	Source
	Conference Reports – - Civic Visit to Volgograd - Delegation to City of Volgograd - Presentation to the European Union - Civic Visit to Kiel	Cllr Sawdon, Cllr Crookes, Cllr J Mutton	Conference reports for several civic visits.	
9 th Oct 13	Council Wide Marmot Plan	Jane Moore	To review the Council’s work as one of the Marmot Cities to improve life chances and reduce health inequalities	Informal Scrucoco meeting 10/06/13
	Statutory Advisor on Health	Jane Moore	To review the role and impact of the Director of Public Health’s responsibilities as the Council’s Statutory Advisor on Health	Informal Scrucoco meeting 10/06/13
6 th Nov 13	Built Environment Enforcement	Sara Roach	To review the effectiveness of initiatives to ensure that enforcement activity (across housing, planning, environment and community safety) is effectively joined up to deliver the best outcomes for local people and the environment, including the work of the Strategic Built Environment Group. This could include information on how the issue of empty properties is being addressed.	Informal Scrucoco meeting 10/06/13
	Commissioning of Domestic Violence and Abuse services	Sara Roach/ Mandie Watson	An update on progress since the Streets and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) meeting on 21 st November 2012, to include an update on progress on actions and any further actions from the recent SCR’s.	SB4 Meeting 21/11/12
11 th Dec 13	Welfare Reform	Simon Brake	To consider the approach the Council and partners are taking to co-ordinate services and support for those people affected by Welfare Reform. To include: current position; financial impact on the Council (including Discretionary Housing Payments and the Community Support Grant); impact on individuals, communities and the city. Also links to Credit Unions, Making Every Contact Count and Marmot.	

Meeting Date	Work programme item	Lead Officer	Brief Summary of the issue	Source
22 nd Jan 14	Public Safety Services	Sara Roach	To contribute to a review of risk levels and thresholds for intervention as part of review of how the service operates and engages with local people.	Informal Scrucro meeting 10/06/13
	Effectiveness and quality of recent consultation exercises carried out by Coventry City Council	Helen Shankster	To consider issues raised in a report prepared for the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) on the effectiveness and quality of recent consultation exercises, and particularly the role of elected members in promoting good consultation practice	Chair of Scrucro
19 th Feb 14	Evaluating the impact of the Community Development Service	Cat Parker/ Berni Lee	At his meeting of 9 th July, the Cabinet Member (Community Safety & Equalities) considered a proposal for the future of Neighbourhood Working proposals and requested that Scrutiny support the development and monitoring of performance measures for the new Community Development Service.	Cabinet Member (Community Safety & Equalities) 09/07/13
	Enabling and Empowering Communities through Asset Based Working	Sara Roach/ Jane Moore	To consider the developing approach to enabling and empowering communities through asset based working.	Informal Scrucro meeting 10/06/13
19 th March 14	Welfare Reform	Scrutiny Co-ordinator	During its discussion on Welfare Reform on 11 th December, the Committee agreed that it should return to this item later in the year to review progress in relation to issues including: work being undertaken to understand the non-financial impacts of Welfare Reform, such as public health, and including work commissioned by the Marmot Steering Group; the impact on those people at risk of financial abuse that may be exacerbated by payments being made to households rather than individuals; the full impacts on disabled people and the work to understand the application and impacts of sanctions.	

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2013/14

Meeting Date	Work programme item	Lead Officer	Brief Summary of the issue	Source
16th April 14	Community Safety Partnership	Mandie Watson	To receive a progress report on crime and community safety issues relating to the Community Safety Partnership/ Police and Crime Board including the draft Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan; the strategic assessment; and performance on crime and nuisance.	Scruco 11/12/13
	End of Year Review	Adrian West	To review the work of the Scrutiny Board carried out during the course of the 2013/14 municipal year and identify any priorities or issues for consideration when planning next year's scrutiny work programme.	
Date to be identified	Review of Coventry Partnership	Jenni Venn	To review the current priorities and working model of the Coventry Partnership in the context of new national and local initiatives including the LEP	Scruco 17/4/13
	Transition between Children's and Adult's Social Care			SB2 2012/13
	Immigrant communities - access to healthcare and support services, promoting values		Prompted by Referral and Assessment Service visit by Scrutiny Board 2 during 2012/13	Prompted by RAS visit SB2 2012/13
	Organisational Change		To scrutinise the impact of the significant organisational change being planned with the creation of the People and Resources Directorates.	All Scrutiny Members meeting 26/6/13
	Female Genital Mutilation	Khadidja Bichbiche	Following discussion at full Council, the 24 th February meeting of The Health and Well-being Board commissioned some work with partners to develop an action plan specific for Coventry which includes reviewing data, improving recording and identifying best practice from elsewhere. Scruco will review the outcomes of this work prior to its consideration by the Health and Well-being Board.	Council 03/12/13, and Scruco 11/12/13
	Public Safety Services	Sara Roach	At its January meeting, Scruco considered a pilot approach to reviewing risk levels and thresholds for intervention and how this could affect the way the service operates and	Informal Scruco meeting 10/06/13 and Scruco

Meeting Date	Work programme item	Lead Officer	Brief Summary of the issue	Source
			engages with local people. It was agreed that the outcomes of the pilot and proposals for rolling this approach out be considered at a future meeting early in the 2014/15 municipal year.	22/01/14



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 16th April 2014

Subject: Review of 2013/14 Scrutiny Activity

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To review the work of the Scrutiny Board carried out during the course of the 2013/14 municipal year and identify any priorities or issues for consideration when planning next year's scrutiny work programme.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to review the activities and issues covered by the Board during the year and make any comments or recommendations for consideration as part of work programming and planning for the 2014/15 municipal year.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 During the year, the Board has met 10 times and considered the items set out in the work programme, included at item 9 on this meeting's agenda.
- 3.2 The Cabinet Members and portfolio responsibilities covered by the Board are set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.3 To help with the review, it is suggested that the Board include consideration of the following questions:
- 3.3.1 Recognising that the Board cannot cover everything, the work programme was used to prioritise issues for consideration. There are some issues on the work programme that were not covered during the year and some areas of Cabinet Member portfolios that were not addressed. The national and local policy landscape is also constantly changing.
Are there any issues that should be given priority for next year?
- 3.3.2 During the year, Scrutiny Boards have carried out their business through a range of activities including traditional board meetings, task and finish groups and visits. Boards have gathered evidence from and engaged with Cabinet Members, council officers, partner organisations from the public, private and third sectors and members of the public.
What has worked most effectively and what should be taken into account when planning arrangements for next year?

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Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Cabinet Member	Portfolio Responsibility
Policy and Leadership	Scrutiny
	Liaison with Management Board
	External relations / public relations
	Image and reputation
	Marmot City
	Corporate Plan
	Partnership companies
	Regional Matters
	Risk Management
	Local Enterprise Partnership
	Emergency Planning
	Domestic Violence and Sexual Exploitation
	Community Safety and Equalities
Community Centres	
Community Cohesion	
Legal Services	
Democratic Services (incl. Lord Mayor's)	
Training (Members)	
Constitutional Matters	
Equalities	
Refugees and Asylum Seekers	
Community Safety	
Voluntary Sector	
Welfare Advice Services	
Neighbourhood Services	
Public Protection and Licensing	