



Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2011-14

2012 Priorities

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SAFER PETERBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

COMMUNITY SAFETY PRIORITIES 2012

(Part of the 2011-14 three-year Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan)

Our Vision Statement

Peterborough Together: reducing crime, building safe and confident communities

1. INTRODUCTION

The plan provides details of the Safer Peterborough Partnership's priorities for 2012.

This does not replace the three-year Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2011-2014, rather it should be read as an addendum representing a continuation of the three-year journey to reduce crime in our City.

It continues with the three-year plan's overall strategy and strengthens our approach in tackling the root causes of crime rather than reactively responding only to the symptoms.

2. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

This plan is written in accordance with the responsibilities placed upon Community Safety Partnerships as set out within the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. It represents the annual refresh of the three-year plan as mandated within the above named Act.

Full details of the legislative framework can be found within section 2 of the aforementioned three-year plan.

3. THREE YEAR PRIORITIES

The three-year partnership plan identified three areas of overarching priority for its duration. These priorities will remain for the coming year; the partnership will concentrate its resources on activity to support these priorities. The overarching priorities remain:

- **Reducing crime**
- **Tackling anti-social behaviour and hate crime**
- **Building stronger and more supportive communities.**

The Partnership will continue to have only **one target**: a 10% reduction in victim based crime over the three year duration of the plan.

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In addition to our single target we will continue to monitor our performance against our peers with a view to:

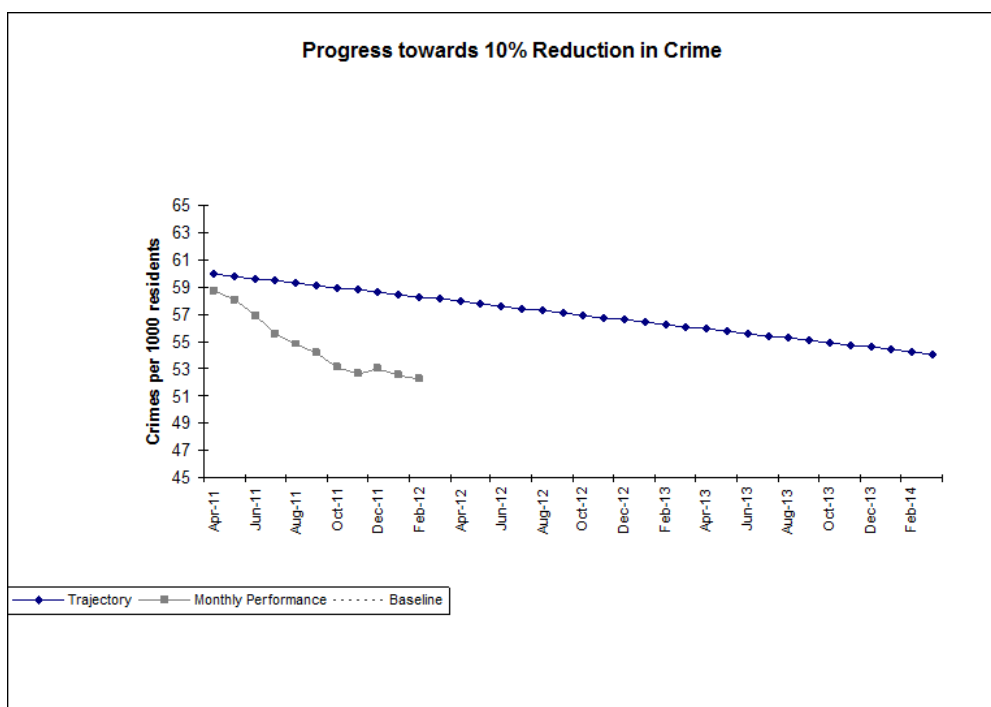
- Continuous improvement;
- Closing the gap on our peers;
- Out-performing our most similar group's average crime rates.

A performance framework will support this single target and will continue to be reported to the Partnership Board on a monthly basis.

4. BACKGROUND

This plan is informed by the 2012 Safer Peterborough Partnership Strategic Assessment which sets out a number of recommendations for continuing the fight against crime and continuing to make Peterborough a safer place.

2011 has seen significant success in reducing the numbers of victims of crime within the City. To the end of February 2012, the rolling twelve month average shows a reduction in crime of 13.1% representing over **1300** fewer victims of crime. Whilst this is a significant improvement for the City there is much work still to be done to reduce Peterborough's traditionally high level of crime when compared to its peers.



The three-year plan is clear that the Partnership will be committed to tackling the **underlying causes of crime and offending**, but **equally clear** that **those who continue** to break the law will be **targeted** with the full weight of the criminal justice system. It remains the Partnership's view that this approach will bring sustainable reductions in crime by preventing crime and escalation in offending further 'upstream'.

The Partnership will ensure that the direction of travel for community safety work in the City places the law abiding citizen at the heart of its approach and one of its priority work streams will reflect this.

The Partnership will therefore **continue to support** our statutory agencies in delivering their own core function but will co-ordinate and lead on the work where it feels it can **provide the biggest impact - that of prevention**.

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The Partnership will continue to develop its multi-agency team approach to tackling the underlying causes of crime and it is these areas that will form the basis for continuing partnership activity for the coming twelve months.

The benefit of such a multi-agency approach is clear when analysis of the economic burden of crime on the City is undertaken. The Partnership will continue to monitor and demonstrate the value for money of its preventative approach: crime costs the City almost £50m a year in economic and social costs. A priority work stream to demonstrate the cost avoidance and direct financial impact of this work will continue in the coming year.

A preventative approach will reduce this burden on the police, the fire service, the health service, the probation service and other criminal justice agencies.

	Number of Peterborough crimes ¹	Estimated cost	% of Total Crime	% Total Cost
Violence against the Person	2544	£23,233,287	18.4%	47.9%
Most Serious Sexual Offences	204	£7,538,208	1.5%	15.6%
Serious Acquisitive Crime	2326	£7,461,012	16.8%	15.4%
Commercial Burglary	884	£4,073,472	6.4%	8.4%
Theft and Handling	4780	£2,708,620	34.5%	5.6%
Criminal Damage	3045	£3,429,325	22.0%	7.1%
Attempted Vehicle Theft	67	£41,339	0.5%	0.1%

True and sustainable change comes from within and as such the Partnership will continue to support the work of the Council in integrating its approach to neighbourhood management with the community safety agenda by the development of community action plans for each of the seven neighbourhood areas of the City. These are long-term plans to improve the quality of life in each area and the Partnership supports the view that improving quality of life and equality of opportunity for all will reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

The integration of public health within the local authority will also add an extra and important dimension in helping to tackle the long term effects of crime, as well as playing its part in preventing the opportunity for offending behaviour to deteriorate; in particular this will include developing further links with mental health and learning disability professionals in order that the most vulnerable victims and offenders gain the support they need.

During 2011 the City has continued to develop its Single Delivery Plan (SDP). The Partnership is committed to playing its part in moving the City forward by embracing the guiding principles of the SDP:

- Outcomes not organisations
- Tackling root causes
- Being innovative
- Embracing localism

Programme 6 of the Single Delivery Plan is dedicated to reducing crime and the Safer Peterborough Partnership Board will continue to act as the Programme Board for this area of work.

5. SAFER PETERBOROUGH PRIORITY WORKSTREAMS

Having taken into account the 2012 Strategic Assessment, the three-year plan and the professional judgement of officers, areas of work have been identified that will form the priority work streams for the partnership for the coming year. Each area will have a City strategy together with a clear action plan that will drive its work.

¹ December 2010 - November 2011

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The identified areas are as follows:

- **Reducing reoffending** by supporting the Probation Service where possible with its statutory clients and the Social Impact Bond with its cohort of voluntary clients but also by continuing to develop an integrated approach to offender management (IOM) for those offenders who present the biggest risk of reoffending within the City.
- **Developing modern, effective and efficient substance misuse (drugs and alcohol) schemes** that play a significant role in reducing offending and reducing the harms to our community and individuals suffering from drug misuse and addiction.
- **Developing the Neighbourhood Management model** by supporting a neighbourhood management and integrated approach to neighbourhood delivery that is responsive to local needs and concerns improving the long-term quality of life in our communities. It will link the Neighbourhood Managers with community safety issues and ensure that the neighbourhood management approach is central to long-term improvements across our City.
- **Developing an over-arching strategy on Domestic Abuse** that includes all of the partners on whom domestic abuse impacts; the strategy will interlink this individual work and ensure a consistent and coherent response.
- Improving perceptions of safety in Peterborough City Centre by prioritising **violent crime linked to the night time economy**. This will ensure that those socialising in the City Centre feel safe and will further secure Peterborough's reputation as a primary destination for visitors and investors.
- **Making Peterborough's roads safer** by addressing anti-social road use and ensuring that the numbers of those killed or seriously injured on Peterborough's roads continues to decrease.
- **Anti-social behaviour and improving quality of life in our neighbourhoods** is a priority at the heart of many of our communities in Peterborough. We will continue to deliver support for victims of anti-social behaviour and develop further preventative work to root out the causes of anti-social behaviour in our neighbourhoods.
- **Targeting the families that cause most harm, cost and disruption to the City** by supporting the Family Recovery Project and other initiatives to help those families with complex needs who are at risk of losing their children, their liberty or their homes.
- **Ensuring victims, witnesses and law abiding citizens are at the centre of our work.**

By close scrutiny and monitoring of its performance framework, the Partnership will respond quickly to areas of additional concern and may from time to time initiate short-term task and finish groups and plans to address issues. These will be reported to the Partnership Board.

6. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this plan sets out the Safer Peterborough Partnership's desire to make real and long lasting positive improvements to the safety and perceptions of safety within our City. It is innovative in that it does not simply concentrate on traditional categories of crime; but does that in the knowledge that this approach is already making real change in the city and in with belief in the City's preventative agenda.

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