



## Agenda

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To all Members of the

# COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

**Notice is given that a Meeting of the above Panel is to be held as follows:**

**Venue:** Microsoft Teams - Virtual Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, 10th February, 2021

**Time:** 10.00 am

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### Items for Discussion:

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To consider the extent, if any, to which the public and press are to be excluded from the meeting.

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3. Declarations of Interest, if any.
4. Minutes of the Community and Environment Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on the 12th February 2020 and Communities and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on the 22nd October 2020 (*Pages 1 - 16*)
5. Public Statements

**[A period not exceeding 20 minutes for statements from up to 5 members of the public on matters within the Panel's remit, proposing action(s) which may be considered or contribute towards the future development of the Panel's work programme].**

**A. Reports where the public and press may not be excluded.**

6. Crime and Community Safety Performance Report (*Pages 17 - 48*)
7. Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan and the Council's Forward Plan and Key Decisions (*Pages 49 - 66*)

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT CRIME & DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

Chair – Councillor Mark Houlbrook

Vice-Chair – Councillor Nigel Cannings

Councillors Mick Cooper, Martin Greenhalgh, David Hughes, Tosh McDonald, Ian Pearson, Kevin Rodgers and Sue Wilkinson

Invitees:

Bob Ellis - Unison

# Agenda Item 4.

## DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

### COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT CRIME & DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 2020

A MEETING of the COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT CRIME & DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL was held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICE, DONCASTER on WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 2020 at 10.00 AM

#### PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Mark Houlbrook

Councillors Jane Cox, Nigel Cannings, David Hughes, Tosh McDonald and Sue Wilkinson

#### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Superintendent Thomas, South Yorkshire Police  
Bill Hotchkiss, Head of Service Community Safety  
Pat Hagan, Head of Localities and Town Centre  
Debbie McKinnie, Complex Lives Team Manager  
Helen Conroy, Public Health Specialist

#### APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ian Pearson

		<u>ACTION</u>
13.	<u>TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING.</u>	
	None.	
14.	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY.</u>	
	Councillor Mark Houlbrook declared an interest in agenda item 6 specifically relating to the Crime in Prisons element and stood down from the Chair during discussion.	
15.	<u>MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON THE 13TH FEBRUARY 2019</u>	
	RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019 were agreed as a correct record.	

16.	<u>PUBLIC STATEMENTS</u>	
	There were no public statements made.	
17.	<u>CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PERFORMANCE REPORT</u>	
	<p>The Committee received a presentation from South Yorkshire Police, the Heads of Community Service and Localities and Town Centre and Public Health relating to the following areas, with questions being posed by the Committee following each section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership priorities and performance overview;</li> <li>• Complex Lives;</li> <li>• Tackling Knife Crime;</li> <li>• Crime in Prisons; and</li> <li>• Child Criminal Exploitation.</li> </ul> <p>The following areas were addressed:</p> <p><u>SAFER STRONGER DONCASTER PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES AND PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW</u></p> <p><u>Off Road Bikes</u> – following a question relating to safeguarding parks and open space areas in Doncaster from damage caused by illegal off road bike activity, it was explained that area teams had undertaken a problem solving approach regularly addressing such issues in hot spot areas. For example, using design features including siting large boulders to stop access to particular areas, however, such solutions must not obstruct public rights of way.</p> <p>It was noted that gathering evidence was key to resolving the situation in problematic areas with local communities being essential in providing the information. In addition Members of the National trail riders association had been trained to identify possible illegal bikers and report this information to the local police force, who in turn provide resources in hot spot areas. Publicity was also used at key locations stating that if bikes were used illegally they would be ceased by the Police.</p> <p><u>4 x 4 vehicle nuisance</u> – Follow the above discussion, it was reported that reports of anti-social use of vehicles was much lower than for off road bikes however, they were responded to in the same way. It was noted that links had been made with car cruise organisations to assist the local Police with investigations.</p>	

Organised crime – following concern expressed that Doncaster had a larger problem than larger cities in the area, it was outlined that some Members of communities were more prevalent in this type of activity. It was not a result of mismanagement but more about the people who wished to be involved with such crimes and where they chose to live.

Organised crime was being mapped against the prison population in Doncaster which attributed to the high percentage due to their location. It was noted however, that when prisoners were released it would be wrong to suggest they remained in the local area and start/contribute to further organised criminality.

It was stressed that whilst organised crime had increased it was worth noting that overall crime in Doncaster had reduced compared to other areas in South Yorkshire.

Domestic Abuse – Members recognised and were disappointed that South Yorkshire Women’s Aid Doncaster had recently ceased operation. It was stressed that they had been a key partner for the Local Authority and the partnership was now ensuring that all referrals and victims were being supported and transferred to other groups in the area. It was hoped that funding for future provision could be sought.

Reporting crime – It was confirmed that Atlas Court in Sheffield centrally recorded the crime for South Yorkshire, and acknowledged that the reduction in crime in Doncaster was due effort by the Partnership rather than under reporting.

It was explained that if a member of the public did not wish to have a Police presence at their home, there were a number of methods to report crime, for example, through telephoning or emailing the Neighbourhood Teams, telephoning the 101 service, emailing the control room or crime stoppers to supply anonymous information to the Police.

Police 101 non-emergency number – in response to concerns that people using this service were continuing to hold for lengthy periods before calls were being answered, it was explained there had been a commitment to increase the number of staff to respond to demand. It was acknowledged that for calls to be answered immediately it would require intensive resources both in the call centre and for front line Police officers and a current challenge was to ensure the balance was right. Compared to previous years response times were improving with the average wait time reducing.

Organised Crime – With regard to for the Doncaster area, it was explained that each of the organised crime groups was scored in relation to the threat towards particular communities, therefore the highest scoring received more intensive resources with varying

degrees of support locally and regionally from a Neighbourhood Team to the Special Assets level.

Neighbourhood Policing – Following the Local Police Authority review into PCSO's and community consultation, it was agreed that the number of PCSOs be reduced with the saving being used towards increasing neighbourhood policing. It was also noted that Edlington Police Station would be reopened at the end of February, 2020.

Connect - IT System – Following South Yorkshire Police's review of IT, it was explained that the Connect system was purchased to replace the aging stand alone systems. The new system runs the command and control, communications centre and intelligence case building making daily operations and analytical capability more efficient and effective. It also allowed for certain partners, for example, the Probation Service access to certain information.

Sexual and Domestic Abuse – It was confirmed that there had been an increase in confidence to report this crime therefore the figures would increase but also a positive position in that people were seeking help. Additionally there had been two notable historical sexual abuse cases involving a high number of victims therefore having an impact on the reporting figures.

With regard to the Domestic Abuse Caseworker Service, it was acknowledged that there could be multiple referrals from the same victim but the crime was reported separately and treated individually, because the level of risk could have changed since being first reported.

It was acknowledged that there were still hard to reach communities that had a reluctance to report abuse and it was thought the reason was confidence in the partnership and support provided. The Partnership was undertaking work into finding such communities and established voluntary groups in these areas to promote support and services available. A perpetrator programme was also used to help offenders with behavioural change and was widely promoted.

Proceeds of crime – Within Doncaster it was noted that financial advisors were now aligned to Detectives therefore the seizure of goods and cash was a key feature in the investigation strategy. It was noted that a response would be made to the Committee following the meeting in relation to proceeds recovered.

Substance misuse support programmes – it was explained that there was both structured and unstructured support available. Structured support included support with needle exchange, 1-2-1 Counselling, substitute prescribing and residential rehabilitation out of area. This was suitable for people who were seeking positive change to their lifestyle.

Unreported crime – Following an example of unreported crime provided by a Member, it was noted that under reporting was not unique to Doncaster but a national problem. It was stressed that there were a number of methods that could be used to report a crime to assist the community's confidence. From a Police perspective using the 101 service was essential for them to collate evidence and its promotion would continue.

A piece of work was currently being undertaken to map areas with the lowest and highest confidence of crime reporting to enable future work to be undertaken in these communities. To assist the public with updates on reported crime, South Yorkshire Police use the "Alert" system to provide such information through their website.

In connection with the example provided by a Member, it was stressed that any crimes, particularly around the entrances to schools, then they must be reported to ensure proper investigation.

### COMPLEX LIVES

Members supported the work being undertaken by the Complex Lives Team and were impressed with it's operation.

As explained in earlier discussion the community had been encouraged to report begging incidents in the town centre but it was noted there had been a reduction in the number of people begging. It was outlined that Doncaster continued to undertake assertive support and were currently managing 122 people who were rough sleeping in the town centre and since the introduction of the Complex Lives Programme approximately 200 people had been accommodated and were receiving support. The team had linked to the town centre team and when behaviour was unacceptable then enforcement was required however, the first approach was to help people find support.

The Real Help scheme had been introduced in Doncaster with the aim of encouraging and educating people not to give money to people on the street but to support in other positive ways.

The Committee congratulated the partnership on the positive work being undertaken by the Complex Lives Team and noted that nationally across agencies the work was well promoted. Doncaster had been identified as an exemplar authority by the Welsh Audit Office and other local authorities use the work undertaken as best practice attracting interest from other authorities wishing to learn from the Council's experience. It was recognised that the work being undertaken was receiving recognition nationally however, all local authorities were having to address complex lives in some way.

NOTE: At this point in the meeting the Vice-Chair assumed the Chair following Councillor Houlbrook's declaration of interest.

### Knife Crime

It was clarified that the Police undertake regular proactive stop and search work where knives had been found. It was explained, for example, people carrying craft knives and multi-use knives being used for the correct purpose were not classed as offensive weapons if a person had a legitimate reason to carry them. It was recognised that a lot of preventative work was being undertaken with, for example, Scout Groups who may carry knives for specific activities and ensuring they knew of possible consequences if they continued to carry them once the activity had ceased.

Members were informed of the recently established Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel in Doncaster whose membership included members of the public. The Panel received information on operations and crime figures with feedback from this Panel being fed into how future operations were undertaken.

With regard to number of young people being referred to the EPIC programme, a response would be provided following the meeting.

Following queries relating to the loss of youth provision, the opinion was that there was no correlation between this and the increase in knife crime but more a social acceptance to carry knives. It was therefore important for the Government and Local Police to highlight the dangers of carrying knives. With regards to the media it was stressed that the Partnership should use it effectively to educate and promote messages that carrying a knife was wrong and the consequences of that, including you would be more likely to be a victim.

### Crime in Prisons

Following the presentation there were no questions asked on this issue.

NOTE: At this point in the meeting, Councillor Houlbrook assumed the Chair.

Cuckooing – It was confirmed that this was a form of crime where drug dealers take control of a vulnerable person's home in order to use it as a base for dealing in drugs. Members were informed that in Doncaster there had been a small number of instances however, it was not a regular issue but staff were aware and appropriately trained to assist with any future problems. It was confirmed that victims of this crime had received wrap around support.

### Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

	<p>With regard to preventative work to reduce the risk of this crime, it was explained that the EPIC Team responds to any identified individual or area to provide positive activities, education and support. A weekly partnership CCE meeting was held to ensure that any young person susceptible to this crime was provided with a support package.</p> <p>Again, the provision of youth services as a diversionary tool was raised and noted that research into young people without direction showed they were more vulnerable to exploitation. It was acknowledged that the additional youth provision could be used as a diversionary tactic.</p> <p>To conclude the Chair thanked the officers for their time and the interesting and informative information provided.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) The discussion be noted; and</p> <p>b) The following further information be provided by South Yorkshire Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of young people referred into EPIC in 2019 for knife crime;</li> <li>• The percentage of stop searches in Doncaster resulting in a knife being found; and</li> <li>• With regard to POCA (proceed of criminal act) and how much the PCC (Police and Crime Commissioner) received.</li> </ul>	
18.	<p><u>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PLAN AND THE COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN AND KEY DECISIONS</u></p>	
	<p>The Chair outlined the areas covered by the Panel this year and asked that any issues for in-depth reviews for the 2020/21 period be forwarded to him for consideration.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) the discussion be noted; and</p> <p>b) the possibility of a visit to the 101 call centre at Atlas Court in Sheffield, be investigated.</p>	

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## DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

### COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

**THURSDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 2020**

A MEETING of the COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL was held by MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING on THURSDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 2020, at 2.00 pm.

#### PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Mark Houlbrook  
Vice-Chair - Councillor Nigel Cannings

Councillors Martin Greenhalgh, David Hughes, Tosh McDonald, Ian Pearson and Sue Wilkinson

#### **Other Councillors**

- Councillor Jane Kidd – Chair of OSMC
- Councillor Chris McGuinness - Cabinet Member Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment.

#### **Other**

##### DMBC

- Phil Holmes - Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing
- Paul Evans - Drainage & Street Works Manager
- Caroline Martin - Senior Governance Officer

##### External

- Robert Brown - Technical Engineering Manager - Doncaster East IDB
- Gary Collins - Flood and Coastal Risk Engagement Engineer - Yorkshire Water
- Helen Batt - South Yorkshire Flood Risk Manager - Environment Agency
- Ruth Willis - Chief Executive - South Yorkshire Communities Foundation
- Andrew McGill - Chief Executive - Doncaster East IDB and Water Management Consortium
- Duncan Chamber - Researcher - Sheffield University

#### 1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies made.

#### 2 To consider the extent, if any, to which the public and press are to be excluded from the meeting.

None

3 Declarations of Interest, if any

Declarations of interest were made by Cllr Sue Wilkinson and Cllr Chris McGuinness in virtue that they were both members of the Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board.

4 Minutes of the Communities and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 20th January, 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th January, 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

5 Public Statements

There were no public statements made.

6 Flood Recovery in Doncaster – Partnership Update

The Panel received a report and considered updated information regarding recovery activity across the Borough of Doncaster following the November 2019 floods. The information included actions that had been undertaken and were planned by the Council, the Environment Agency, Independent Drainage Boards and water companies to safeguard the residents and businesses of the Borough over the short, medium and longer term.

Following an overview from the Director of Adult and Social Care, the Panel discussed the following areas;

**Long Term Funding and Investment** - It was explained that ongoing close work and frequent meetings were taking place to consider future investment, accelerating plans for future projects, recovery works, repairs and works that will reduce future flood risks going forward. It was outlined that funding was currently being taken through a process and there was further partner funding that could be matched against that.

It was recognised that there were potential benefits of the schemes to the wider economy, the environment and climate resilience, which were also of interest to investors. It was explained that by working together to better understand the scope, benefits and costs, the Environment Agency was in a much stronger position to work with Doncaster to secure investment and schemes right across the Borough. Reference was made to the benefits of the work undertaken by the Climate Commission for Doncaster that had a current focus on “shovel ready” projects. It was explained that the Government was particularly interested in projects that will assist with an economic recovery and therefore to look at those with investment appeal. It was noted that steps would be undertaken to consider further economic and environment benefits and work was being undertaken with Sheffield City Region to secure match funding against the allocated Government funding.

It was clarified that £11 million had been allocated through the Environment Agency project to repair damage caused by the floods and to improve standards of protection. It was viewed that this was something that had worked successfully in Doncaster.

**Impact of Climate Commission and the Council's Environmental Strategy on Flood Management in Doncaster** - It was explained that there was a range of hard and soft solutions available and natural flood management should not be focused on alone.

Members were assured that the flood agenda was part of the Climate Commission Report and the Environmental Strategy, which were currently in the process of being developed. It was acknowledged that climate change would continue to be a risk in terms of flooding.

Members were informed that the Environment Agency was now leading on the total catchment plan for the River Don. It was further explained that the catchment plan would not only bring the water together but also enable better partnership working to understand what was being done and to provide transparency to communities and potential investors as part of a living process. It was felt that as well as the need to keep driving forward with traditional hard engineering approaches, there was a need to work better as partners.

It was added that Doncaster needed to be more sustainable, that investment in maintenance was vital as well as the need for capital investment. Reference was made to ageing assets owned by different companies that needed further consideration as to how they were going to be maintained.

**Impact of New Developments on Flooding** - Concern was raised regarding the impact on new developments in the Town Centre and the wider borough on flooding and how effective working was being undertaken with developers.

Members were informed that these issues were addressed as part of the planning application process and consultation would take place with the Internal Drainage Board and Environment Agency where building was taking place close to the river. It was felt important to ensure that private developers included what was best for Doncaster.

It was noted that the most significant issue on Humberhead Levels was the displacement of tidal flows as the landscape was so flat.

It was noted that further consideration was needed about communication with Doncaster residents to make them feel reassured that steps taken in other parts of the Borough had not resulted in the flooding they had experienced.

It was recognised that it was important to work with developers prior to developments going forward.

**Lessons Learnt for Winter Preparation and Flooding** – The following areas were outlined;

- Resources and staffing levels (2007) – It was acknowledged that staffing had been previously under resourced to react to the scale of the situation.
- Winter readiness preparation – examples provided included gullet cleansing, desilting work, watercourses, stabilisation in areas and length of time under water, which lent to slippages.

- Members were informed that the sandbag policy would change to enable a quicker response. It was also commented that there would be increased sandbag stocks provided in local areas.
- Reference was made to steps taken with Mary's Bridge and Conisborough Brook and Millpond.
- PFR schemes – that there was £75K towards certain community schemes to improve resilience.
- Improved planning to ensure that schemes were ready for when funding became available as well having the ability to secure investment.
- Ensuring more effective partnership working and communication.
- Sharing experiencing in delivering successful schemes and sharing knowledge.

**Specialised Vehicles and Equipment for Flood Operations** - A Member spoke about their own experiences around springs in their ward area and asked whether operatives involved in flooding situations were resourced appropriately and had received the appropriate training.

In relation to springs, it was explained that there was confidence in diagnostic levels predicting understanding water levels and being able to respond accordingly. It was continued that steps were being taken to look at the bigger picture and see what can be done to address the problem.

Regarding the use and operation of specialised vehicles, it was explained that Council operatives were not trained to be technical drivers and therefore not specialised in that particular field. It was acknowledged that contingencies should be in place and reference was made to Conisborough and Fishlake as examples where a more preventative approach had been applied. Members were advised that it was less traumatic to ensure that the correct response was there in the first place.

It was commented how local knowledge and history was very important and should be taken into consideration.

The Chair commented that he was confident that lessons had been learnt and that search and rescue and other specialist teams could be relied upon.

**Timeline** - It was explained that the Section 19 report had been produced at a time when the first wave of the Covid pandemic had begun and therefore had placed considerable demands on the Council.

Members were informed that Rab Consultants had been appointed to undertake a Section 19 Flood Investigation, which followed the Environment Agency framework. It was noted that there was significant amount of data to process and the report had now been taken through consultation.

It was explained that there needed to be a balance between doing something quickly as well as sufficiently and with clarity to enable the Council and its partners to look at the future and prioritise accordingly. It was acknowledged that following the 2007 floods, colleagues wanted to have strong basis to learn for investment and therefore ensured that there was far more rigour in place.

It was recognised by partners that Doncaster was a step ahead with outlined options and proposals that also mitigated risk and this was viewed as commendable and ambitious.

**Recovery initiatives** – It was explained that some of the recovery initiatives in place included the humanitarian aspect. The Chief Executive of the South Yorkshire Communities Foundation outline areas that had been carried out by their organisation;

- Approximately £1.2 million into Doncaster to address issues around Health and well-being, stress and trauma.
- A focus on long-term projects (of around 3 years) for example, St. Peters in Bentley with a £100K project for debt counselling and four Citizen Advise Bureaus (towards welfare advice and insurance affordability).
- Supporting credit unions and community centres affected by flooding. It was added that there was approximately £10k remained to fund community grants and the Foundation was liaising with DMBC officers to encourage community groups to come forward.
- £360,000 in pro bono support through the house restoration project (in addition to other gifts and services that have come in).

It was stressed how important it was to continue to resolve some of the long-term issues faced. Reference was made to potential projects at Fishlake and Bentley such as local wardens, sandbag schemes for future and buildings/storage facilities. Reference was made to funding available for Phase 3.

A Member requested that funding details to apply for local projects be circulated.

Members were told that there were a number of contingencies in place for the prevention of flooding, examples of these included;

- That defences were “winter ready” through a programme of permanent or temporary repair completed by the end of October 2020 (with permanent repairs undertaken by March 2021 or otherwise with a contingency in place).
- An incidence room that could work remotely and issue warnings with staff working from home. It was added that contingencies in place where warnings could also be issued from national incidence room.
- A South Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum that had organised a recent exercise operation testing processes in time of lockdown and emergency unfolding during that time.
- Additional pumps and equipment that had been invested in and made available locally.
- Explained that as the Environment Agency were dependent on mutual aid during an incident (which was currently compromised due to the current pandemic), further training of the supply chain as well as the military had been undertaken to ensure they were prepared.
- Strengthened community resilience supported by new Flood Wardens and volunteers.
- Ongoing work being undertaken with the Fishlake community to update their flood plan and also working with Doncaster Neighbourhood Community to engage with the community at Bentley.

It was viewed that closer working needed to take place with other groups to engage with hard to reach and more vulnerable groups.

It was commented by the Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing that a great deal of physical work (as outlined in the report's appendices) had been undertaken widely across the Borough by partners. It was explained how some very pragmatic and sensible evidence based work on existing defences across partners had been undertaken with greater confidence going into winter and effective response.

**Community Flood Plans** - Members were informed that work had been undertaken with the Council's Emergency Planning team to role floods plans out (one of the tasks of the newly formed team) and fed into technical parts. It was continued that the Emergency Planning team had links with Flood Wardens, the Environment Agency as well as other partners.

It was acknowledged that it was always helpful to link into the local knowledge and connections of Members.

**Impact of New Developments across Borders and Potential Flooding** - Concern was raised around the lack of communications and connectivity across neighbouring Local Authorities (as part of the planning process), in light of new major development applications that crossed borders and potential flood issues that may occur as a result. It was felt that there needed to be greater collaboration with neighbouring authorities as part of procedural practice and was a fundamental issue in light of the importance and emergency declared around environmental and climate issues. This was further evidenced by an example relayed by one of the Panel Members concerning a new major development by a neighbouring authority that crossed over borders into Doncaster.

Reference was made to the current consultation to the Planning White Paper and concern was raised about the impacts of what that would mean with such developments in respect of flooding.

**Insurance Premiums** - Concern was raised as to why residents had been declined or were being charged high premiums by certain insurance companies for home insurance. It was viewed that this was a difficult question to respond to and an issue that had had been put forward previously through public engagement and as part of the South Yorkshire summit. It was acknowledged that more clarity was needed on how Central Government was held to account on it or how Doncaster voices could be heard.

The Chief Executive of the South Yorkshire Communities Foundation outlined examples of cases where insurance premiums and excess amounts were excessive and unaffordable. Members were informed how the Foundation were able to advise on those companies that have taken a hard line and support residents back to normality and in some cases by addressing areas not covered by the insurance company.

Members were made aware of the Flood Reinsurance Scheme, which was a Government sponsored scheme operated as an independent company. It was explained that this worked by offering the flood insurance element to the insurance companies that offered the product directly to customers and that the scheme underwrites the flood element.

The Cabinet Member for Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment added that a review of the Flood Reinsurance Scheme (and flooding and insurance issues in general) was currently underway and that such concerns had been fed into that review.

**Other** - There was a brief conversation about the Cheswold and what monitoring of it was taking place. Reassurance was provided that it was not causing a problem at present and was running to a certain level of capacity.

Concern was raised about lack of cooperation with the railway companies in anti-flooding operations.

A Member enquired about what maintenance work had been undertaken on the Ebeck since last year. It was explained that the Council was going to undertake walking inspections on a yearly basis to gauge issues with either with riparian owners or partners to address maintenance.

The representative from the Internal Drainage Board explained that they had undertaken management of that area and recognised how there will be a lot of work to carry out. It was continued that this would be achieved through a detailed serviceability plan over the next few years to reach a standard of good condition with the support of the Council and communities.

**Clean Water** - A Member raised concern about future water shortages considering the current rate of water used. It was explained that residents were encouraged to have water butts in their gardens. It was also recognised that droughts were worst in the South-East than in Yorkshire. Members heard that Yorkshire had a clean water grid that enabled water to be moved across the region and therefore could be rezoned.

RESOLVED that the Panel note the report and the Flood Recovery actions that had been undertaken to date and those planned for the next period. In addition to this, the Panel also recommended the following;

1. To acknowledge and recognise the exceptional work of partners and Doncaster Council officers as well as all others who have been involved.
2. That an update be provided to the Panel on the following issues:
  - On the longer term flood preparations discussed at the meeting and next stage of the Section 19 report (to be considered as part of the 2021/2022 workplan.
  - On this year's winter preparations (to be considered by the Panel February/March 2021 through a briefing meeting).
3. That the Executive and Officers continue to lobby Central Government for additional funding for flood mitigation.
4. That feedback on the "Impact of New Developments across Borders and Potential Flooding" from the meeting be forwarded to Officers for inclusion in the Planning White Paper Consultation.

7 Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan and the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

The Senior Governance Officer presented the 2020/21 Scrutiny Work Plan for consideration and reminded Members of the current Forward Plan of key decisions. There was a brief discussion around future items for the Overview and Scrutiny future workplan following the meeting's discussions.

RESOLVED the Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan 2020/21 and Forward Plan of key decisions be noted.

CHAIR:\_\_\_\_\_

DATE:\_\_\_\_\_



## Doncaster Council

### Report

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Date: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

To the Chair and Members of the Community and Environment (Crime and Disorder Committee) Overview and Scrutiny Panel Committee

Report Title: Crime & Community Safety Performance Report

Relevant Member(s)	Cabinet	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Chris McGuinness		All	No

#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides the high-level information regarding the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in Doncaster. It is based upon the previous 12-month period and shows that Doncaster has seen an overall decrease in reported crime during 2020.
- 1.2 However, this needs to be related to the Covid emergency and associated restrictions. Reported crime increased in both January and February 2020 compared to the same months in the previous year. Since March 2020 when the UK was placed under national lockdown, most months have noted a decrease in crime compared to 2019, with the highest decrease -19.5% noted in April. The exception to this decrease was in September, which saw a 5.9% increase, in this month the district was not under lockdown or tier restrictions.
- 1.3 It is no surprise that violent crime in Doncaster's night time economy decreased markedly during 2020. However, there was a corresponding increase in Domestic Abuse and also in the demand for alcohol treatment. This changing pattern relates to the new pressures that Doncaster people have faced over the past year. This change is also exemplified by the increase in anti-social behaviour, often related to lockdown restrictions.
- 1.4 2020 has been a unique year and Doncaster's patterns of crime and anti-social behaviour bear this out. This report contains key statistics and also highlights the commitment from the Borough's Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership to address both new and underlying issues.

## 2. EXEMPT REPORT

2.1 This is not an exempt report.

## 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Crime and Disorder Committee Members are asked to comment on and note the information contained within the report and presentation (Appendix A), which provides an update on the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) priorities and the impact of the covid-19 pandemic.

## 4. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4.1 The level of crime and anti-social behaviour incidents will impact on residents' feeling of safety and their quality of life. This report provides information on these levels and the current trends in Doncaster.

## 5. BACKGROUND

5.1 The Community and Environment Crime and Disorder Committee receive regular performance updates relating to crime and disorder.

5.2 The current picture indicates a slight overall decrease in reported crime and increased levels of reported anti-social behaviour.

5.3 It is a statutory requirement for partners to tackle crime and disorder and for the Community and Environment (Crime and Disorder) Committee to hold the partnership to account.

## 6. OVERALL CRIME

6.1 The table below highlights the changes in overall crime for Doncaster and provides a comparison with the average increase in South Yorkshire. It highlights that Doncaster has seen a decrease alongside the Force, when comparing figures to the same period last year.

ALL CRIME	Jan 2019 –Dec 2019	Jan 2020 – Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
Doncaster	37,911	36,185	-4.5%
SYP Forcwide Crime	147,206	136,183	-7.4%
Doncaster Crime as a % of Force	26%	27%	

## 7. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

7.1 2020 saw an increase in SYP Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Incidents. Doncaster increased by 10.9%, which was a slightly lower rate than the 12.5% increase across the whole South Yorkshire geography. Between January to March 2020 ASB Incidents decreased by 21%. Since April 2020 incidents have increased compared to 2019 monthly figures. Again there was a broad correlation with Covid restrictions.

7.2 The highest increase of 49% was noted in May 2020 compared to May 2019. The ASB categories that saw the highest increase were off road bikes (212%),

Nuisance Neighbour (180%), and Rowdy/Inconsiderate Behaviour (60%). The increase in these incidents most likely reflects that in May 2020 the district was still under lockdown with people restricted within their locality.

- 7.3 Similarly the ASB categories that saw the highest increase in incidents overall in 2020 were off road bikes (100%), Nuisance Neighbour (66%), and Rowdy/Inconsiderate Behaviour (8.1%). Rowdy/Inconsiderate Behaviour incidents accounted for 40% of all ASB Incidents in 2020.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
Doncaster ASB	8,065	8,945	10.9%
SYP Force wide ASB	32,902	37,030	12.5%
Doncaster ASB as % of Force	24.5%	24.1%	

- 7.4 Fly tipping remains a national problem and rates as the second highest category of all reported ASB incidents in Doncaster. The number of fly tipping incidents each month has varied considerably since March 2020 with some months seeing more incidents and some seeing less. There is no clear trend in terms of the number of incidents reported, however in overall terms there has been an increase in the amount of waste that has been illegally fly tipped.

- 7.5 The Theme Group is concerned that the national pandemic may create an acceptance of the increase in ASB incidents and as a group are keen to address this rather than accept it as inevitable. All partners have agreed to the ASB youth action plan, which looks at a problem-solving approach, set in the context of a community in lockdown. A solutions-based approach has been adopted for schools which, anticipating school closures, is designed to be delivered on line.

- 7.6 Whilst off road bikes remains the second most reported incident by communities, there are embedded processes via the off-road bike team that regularly yield positive results and this remains an area of close scrutiny.

## 8. PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

- 8.1 South Yorkshire Police reports of Domestic Abuse saw an increase of 16.3% in Doncaster compared to 2019, with increases both in recorded crime and in DA non-crime. The launch of the SYP Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO) unit in March, prompted an increase in the number of orders being applied for by the Force. In 2020 SYP ran the #CutTheStrings campaign and launched the online portal to encourage and reduce the barriers of reporting Domestic Abuse. Last year the Police in Doncaster applied for 210 DVPOs and 227 Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPN), which are the highest numbers in South Yorkshire, based upon population. Violence against the person offences that were tagged with a domestic violence indicator saw an increase by 10.5% compared to 2019. Violence against person offences saw an increase of 4.3% compared to 2019, with increases of both stalking and harassment offences and violence without injury.

	Doncaster	SYP Force
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Domestic Abuse – Crime	5,354	<b>6,117</b>	14.2%	20,936	<b>22,467</b>	7.3%
Domestic Abuse - Non-Crime	3,114	<b>3,735</b>	19.9%	13,320	<b>14,125</b>	6%

8.2 Doncaster’s IDVA service saw an increase of 34.1% in referrals compared to 2019. A dashboard has been developed to map DA across Doncaster and highlight incidents linked to serial perpetrators and victims. The dashboard provides information on the current numbers of referrals received by the DA service. It will be extended to include wider partner data. Using additional funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and our local COVID Contain support fund we have significantly increased our resources in the DA team. We will be temporarily recruiting an additional three IDVAs, two Domestic Abuse Caseworkers (DAC) and supplementary administrative support. The total value of this provision is in the region of £200k for the next 12 months.

8.3 In conjunction with SYP, the partnership is developing a new process to manage serial DA perpetrators. A new Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination meeting (MATAC) will become the forum to manage these types of cases. The process is designed to intervene pre-crisis and prevent the escalation of incidents of Domestic Abuse. The new performance dashboard will identify the cohort of perpetrators, who will be managed through the new process with a range of interventions.

8.4 The Governance structures have been strengthened with the reintroduction of the Domestic Abuse Chief Officer Strategic Board, which will lead and co-ordinate work across the Partnership on behalf of the SSDP. The board have already secured temporary funding for a DA Strategic lead, who will work with partners in developing a new Domestic Abuse Strategy. Other priorities include developing a whole system data and intelligence dashboard, revised problem profile and mapping the current DA operating model, which will inform our future interventions and commissioning approach.

## 9. SEXUAL ABUSE

9.1 Doncaster’s total police reported Sexual Abuse saw a decrease of 2.4% compared to 2019, with a 10.5% decrease noted for Rape.

PRIORITY THREE – SEXUAL ABUSE	Doncaster			SYP (Force)		
	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
<b>Total Sexual Abuse</b>	972	<b>949</b>	-2.4%	4333	<b>4032</b>	-6.9%
Rape	304	<b>272</b>	-10.5%	1583	<b>1391</b>	-12.1%
Other Sexual Offences	668	<b>677</b>	1.4%	2750	<b>2641</b>	-4%

## 10. TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

10.1 Doncaster currently has 16 Active mapped Organised Crime Groups (OCGs). The majority of criminality associated with OCGs is drug related.

- 10.2 Doncaster OCG's undergo regular review and scoring. The Risk Score presents the level of risk posed. This method of scoring provides a structure in which to prioritise activity based on threat, risk and harm. The highest scoring attracting the highest level of resources.
- 10.3 A bronze, silver and gold structure continues to drive our OCG activity. This captures work undertaken under Pursue, Prepare, Protect and Prevent and supports joint working between police and partners to disrupt OCG activity.
- 10.4 Operations against OCGs have continued throughout the COVID restrictions.

**11. REDUCING SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL MISUSE**

- 11.1 The Substance Misuse Theme Group works to reduce the crime and health harms associated with drug and alcohol misuse in accordance with the Doncaster substance misuse strategy. It is well attended by partner organisations who share good practice and jointly remove barriers to specific delivery issues.
- 11.2 Substance misuse treatment services have remained operational during the covid 19 period, with virtual methods being adopted for one to one and group work, however face to face work is being delivered in a covid secure way where clinically indicated. The inpatient detoxification facility at New Beginnings remains open. During the early stages of the Covid emergency and the first lockdown, Doncaster saw a growth in the use of nitrous oxide. Working with Communities Area Teams and key partners, the theme group responded to this new and emerging issue. Using a communications and education campaign, coupled with additional patrols in key locations, this has led to a dramatic reduction in reports and discarded nitrous oxide canisters.
- 11.3 At the current time, approximately 50% of all opiate users in Doncaster are in structured specialist treatment, with the remainder able to access needle exchange through a network of pharmacy exchanges and the specialist needle exchange at Aspire on Thorne Road.
- 11.4 However, it is estimated that there is a 90% unmet need for alcohol treatment, with evidence that referrals to alcohol treatment have increased by 100% during the covid 19 period. An Alcohol Alliance has been formed which meets monthly to address the unmet need and reducing alcohol related harm, and 2 additional alcohol workers have been recruited to address the increased demand.

**12. OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 12.1 There are no specific options to consider, the report is for update and discussion.

**13. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION**

- 13.1 The report is for update and discussion.

**14. IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES**

	<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Implications</b>
	<b>Doncaster Working:</b> Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives	A successful Partnership to tackle Crime and Disorder issues can have a positive impact on attracting new business to

	<p>them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better access to good fulfilling work</li> <li>• Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish</li> <li>• Inward Investment</li> </ul>	<p>Doncaster and enables existing businesses to operate effectively and flourish.</p>
	<p><b>Doncaster Living:</b> Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster</li> <li>• More people can live in a good quality, affordable home</li> <li>• Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport</li> <li>• Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean</li> <li>• Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage</li> </ul>	<p>Community Safety and crime levels can impact all residents. Delivery of high-quality community safety interventions based on good quality data can improve people's feeling of safety and the community in which they live.</p>
	<p><b>Doncaster Learning:</b> Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school</li> <li>• Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better</li> <li>• Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work</li> </ul>	<p>It is important that children feel safe in our communities and the school environment, enabling them to reach their full potential throughout their learning experience.</p>
	<p><b>Doncaster Caring:</b> Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children have the best start in life</li> <li>• Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust</li> <li>• Older people can live well and independently in their own homes</li> </ul>	<p>The Stronger families programme and continued work to tackle Domestic Abuse provides support to families in a range of ways to enable them to thrive.</p>
	<p><b>Connected Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A modern, efficient and flexible</li> </ul>	<p>Services provided through community safety are reviewed to ensure they are</p>

	<p>workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modern, accessible customer interactions</li> <li>• Operating within our resources and delivering value for money</li> <li>• A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents</li> <li>• Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths</li> <li>• Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance</li> </ul>	<p>accessible and are focused on the needs and aspirations of residents. This can range from reporting; hate crime anti-social behaviour through to domestic and sexual abuse.</p> <p>We work closely with our partners to ensure effective leadership and governance through partnership alliances such as the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership and other Safeguarding boards.</p>
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**15. RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

15.1 Robust performance management arrangements ensure that priorities are achieved, and good quality services are delivered to the residents of Doncaster.

**16. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [SRF Date 18/01/21]**

16.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. More detailed advice can be provided on any matters raised by the Committee as required.

**17. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [CS Date 19/01/21]**

17.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

**18. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [SB Date 20/01/21]**

18.1 There are no direct HR implications in relation to this report.

**19. TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [PW Date...19/01/21]**

19.1 There are no technology implications in relation to this report.

**20. HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [HC..Date 19/01/21]**

20.1 The work of the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership Theme groups has a positive effect on the health of the Doncaster population by mitigating some of the effects of crime.

**21.EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials: BH Date:22/01/21]**

21.1 There is a wide range of information concerning the victims and perpetrators of crimes in doncaster that underpin the data presented in this report. Specific groups and characteristics are more prevalent in specific crime types, examples include more women being victims of domestic abuse than men and significantly more men are accused of a crime than women.

21.2 This information is mainly held on age, gender and ethnicity and although some of this information is sensitive in nature, the detail can be used to support decisions and the impact they may have on particular groups.

## 22. CONSULTATION

22.1 This report has significant implications in terms of the following:

Procurement		Crime & Disorder	x
Human Resources		Human Rights & Equalities	
Buildings, Land and Occupiers		Environment & Sustainability	
ICT		Capital Programme	

## 23. BACKGROUND PAPERS

23.1 Presentation from Safer Communities and South Yorkshire Police.

23.2 Glossary of acronyms and abbreviations.

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## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE**

**10.02.21**

### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS TO ACCOMPANY PRESENTATION & REPORT**

- ASB – Anti Social Behaviour
- CCE – Child Criminal Exploitation
- CPS – Crown Prosecution Service
- CRC – Community Rehabilitation Company
- CSP – Community Safety Partnership
- DA – Domestic Abuse
- DAC – Domestic Abuse Caseworker
- DV – Domestic Violence
- DVPO - Domestic Violence Protection Order
- IDVA – Independent Domestic Violence Advocate
- IOM – Integrated Offender Management
- LOMP – Local Offender Management Panel
- MATAC - Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination
- MSHT – Modern Slavery Human Trafficking
- OCG – Organised Criminal Group
- PACT – Partners and Communities Together
- SOC – Serious Organised Crime
- SSDP – Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership
- SYP – South Yorkshire Police
- VAP – Violence Against the Person

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**Community and Environment  
(Crime and Disorder Committee)  
Overview and Scrutiny Presentation  
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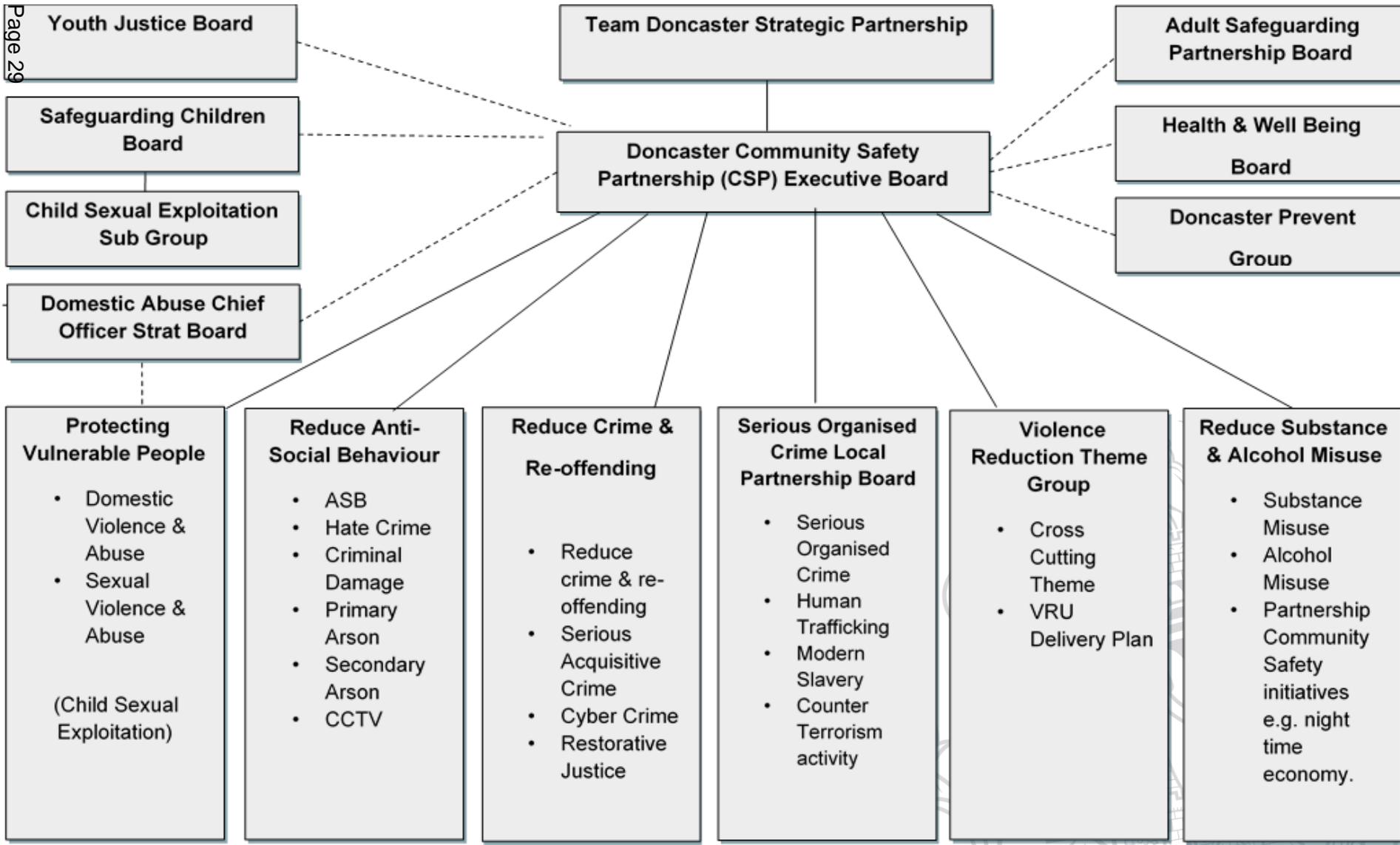
# Topics to be covered

- Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) priorities and performance overview, including the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic
- Additional focus re. Domestic Violence following the session in November 2020



# The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership

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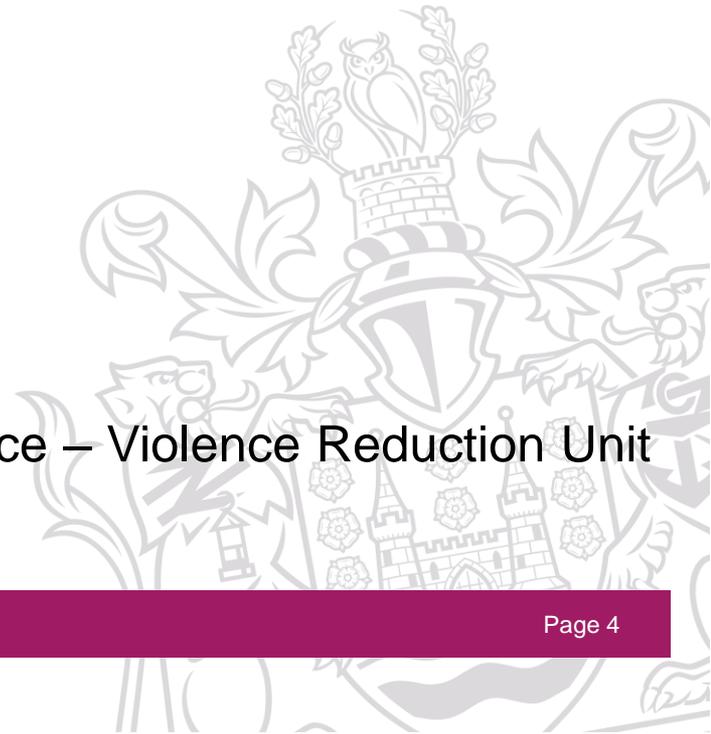


# Community Safety Partnership Priorities

- The Doncaster Community Safety Partnership is responsible for the delivery of the Community Safety Strategy for 2018 – 2021.
- This strategy is currently being renewed and will be available later in the year.

Our current priorities are:

- Reducing Crime and re-offending
- Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour
- Protecting Vulnerable People
- Tackling Serious and organised crime
- Reducing substance and alcohol misuse
- Additional dedicated theme of Reducing Violence – Violence Reduction Unit



# Priority One – Reducing Crime and Re-Offending

ALL CRIME	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
Doncaster	37911	35850	-5.4%
SYP Forcwide Crime	147205	135049	-8.3%
Doncaster Crime as a % of Force	25.8%	26.5%	+0.8%

All Crime Doncaster	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	3101	2850	3276	3130	3101	2993	3462	3213	3031	3404	3293	3057
2020	3460	3067	3005	2519	2669	2815	3153	3114	3210	3201	3084	2888
2019/20 Change	11.5%	7.6%	-8.3%	-19.5%	-13.9%	-5.9%	-8.9%	-3.1%	5.9%	-6.0%	-6.3%	-5.5%

- Doncaster has seen an overall decrease in reported Crime during 2020.
- Reported crime increased in both January and February 2020. However from March 2020 (UK placed under national lockdown) most months have noted a decrease in crime compared to 2019, with the highest decrease - 19.5% noted in April.
- The exception to this decrease was in September which saw a 5.9% increase, in this month the district was not under lockdown or tier restrictions.
- Doncaster equates for 26.5% of SYP's total recorded crime, it is only exceeded by offending within Sheffield (37.8% of SYP overall crime).
- Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) work with SYP to identify the high frequency cohort of offenders and these are managed through the local offender Mgt partnership (LOMP) This work has continued during Covid.

*Data extracted on the 29/12/2020 at 1243 pm from SYP Performance Dashboard, of note figures may change due to late reporting and reclassification.*

# Priority One – Reducing Crime and Re-Offending

- The Prison Investigation Team works in local prisons managing investigations and prison adjudications, offering speedier justice and assisting the Prison Establishment in managing their environment.
- The team drives proactive drug supply operations to disrupt supply routes and has established a process to fast track all prison staff assaults with reductions in staff assaults being recorded.
- Operation Shield continues within Doncaster with increased coverage into areas experiencing ongoing burglary issues, officers are engaging with the community and providing Smartwater packs to residents within the area. All areas are reviewed at the SSDP Reducing Crime Theme Group.
- IOM, CRC and the Probation Service have a structured process in place to manage prison releases ensuring licences, conditions and ongoing support to allow the individual to integrate back into the community with the aim of preventing any relapse back into offending.
- Targeted multi-agency work is undertaken at identified hotspot locations.
- This year the group have refreshed Terms of Reference a new Strategy & new co-chairs and updated attendees.

# Priority Two – Reducing Anti Social Behaviour

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
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- 2020 saw an increase in Force-wide Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents. Doncaster increased by 10.9%, below the Force's 12.5% increase.
- Between January to March 2020 ASB Incidents decreased by 21%. Since April 2020 incidents have increased compared to 2019 monthly figures.
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- Compared to 2019 Begging incidents have decreased by 38% in 2020, high volumes remain concentrated within the Town Centre as well as in Wheatley and Bentley. Vehicle Nuisance complaints also decreased by 8.4%.

*Data extracted on 04.01.2021 at 16:00 from SYP Performance Dashboard, of note figures may change due to incident reclassification.*

# Priority Two – Reducing Anti Social Behaviour

- ASB incidents have now tracked over our 3 year average consistently since April 20 (with the exception of September).
- Whilst we are still holding a 15% decrease over our 3 year average, when this period is compared to same period last year, we are showing an 8% increase.
- As a theme group we have examined the data and discussed underlying issues. Of note is that ASB in some guise is contained within the PACT priorities for 20/21 Doncaster ward areas (exception is Hatfield).
- The ASB Theme group acknowledges the clear correlation between the periods of lockdown and the reported increases.
- There is a sub issue that has arisen from fly-tipping, which is contributing to this data. The Theme Group asserts that during lockdown and many people carrying out work on their homes and gardens people, we have seen an increase in fly tipping. The new CCTV capital bid has increased availability of cameras to tackle this important issue.

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- The theme group is concerned that the national pandemic may create an acceptance of the increase of ASB incidents and as a group we are keen to address this rather than accept it as inevitable.
- All partners have agreed to the ASB youth action plan which looks at a problem solving approach set in the context of a community in lockdown. A solutions based approach has been adopted for schools which, anticipating school closures, is designed to be delivered via on line platforms
- A Facebook marketing campaign with targeted demographics was trialed for two weeks commencing 20/11/20. This is currently being evaluated and updates to follow.
- Our current priorities are:
  - Rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour – statistically significant increase in last 6 months
  - Fly tipping – consistent increases in this type of ASB resulting in 121% increase in July 20
- Other Theme Group considerations:
  - Whilst off road bikes remains the second most reported incident type by communities the data supports focus on the priorities detailed above, although there are embedded processes via the off road bike team that regularly yield positive results and remains an area of close scrutiny.
  - The group remains vigilant around Criminal Damage which is hovering around the 12 month average

# Priority Three – Protecting Vulnerable People (SYP)

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PRIORITY THREE – SEXUAL ABUSE	Doncaster			SYP (Force)		
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# Doncaster DA Serviced Performance Update

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Hub/DAC referrals			
Monthly breakdown of referrals, from April to December.	2019		2020
April			147
May			148
June	Q1 252	195	Q1 490
July			152
August			136
September	Q2 439	182	Q2 470
October			152
November			165
December	Q3 377	132	Q3 448
<b>Total</b>	1068		1408
			(31.83 % increase)

IDVA referrals	2019	2020
Quarter 1 April to June	235	317
Quarter 2 July to September	260	336
<b>Quarter 3 October to December</b>	264	365
<b>Total</b>	759	1018 (34.12 % increase from 2019 to 2020)

Monthly breakdown of referrals, from April 2020.	2020
April	103
May	105
June	109
July	105
August	84
September	147
October	102
November	109
December	154
<b>Total</b>	1018

## Domestic Abuse - Responding to imminent challenges

- A dashboard has been developed to map DA across Doncaster and highlight incidents linked to serial perpetrators and victims. The dashboard provides information on the current numbers of referrals received by the DA service. It will be extended to include wider partner data.
- The partnership is developing a process, to manage serial DA perpetrators - Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC) sharing data from partners to better manage the risk. MATAC will be embedded into business as a monthly meeting.
- Operation Encompass, the sharing of information between the Police and schools, highlights to a school that a DA incident has occurred in the home environment. It is an early warning system. Schools only need to take action if they find the child or young person in distress. 86 out of 99 primary schools, 15 out of 19 secondary schools and 6 out of 7 special schools are signed up. Our goal is that all schools will be part of the scheme.

# Domestic Abuse - Responding to imminent challenges

- The DA Chief Officer Group Strategic Board continues to meet, driving our strategic priorities.
- A new role (Domestic abuse strategic lead) has been appointed with a proposed start date in early March.
- The post is pivotal to driving forward the new DA strategy and ensuring cross partner working in relation to domestic violence and abuse.
- The Strategic lead will not carry responsibility for managing staff or operational services.
- They will chair the dedicated task group, which sits below the DA Chief Officer Strategic Board.



## Priority Four - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

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- Doncaster currently have 16 Active mapped OCG's comprised of 142 individuals that are identified as forming part of an OCG. The majority of criminality associated with OCGs is drug related.
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- A bronze, silver and gold structure continues to drive our OCG activity. This captures work undertaken under Pursue, Prepare, Protect and Prevent and supports joint working between police and partners to disrupt OCG activity
- A long term deployment of police resources has been focussed on a Mexborough / Conisbrough / Denaby based OCG, this has attracted significant resources and has allowed disruption of key individuals linked to this OCG with drugs, cash and a firearm being recovered and a number of OCG members being imprisoned or pending sentence.
- There have been fourteen firearms discharge incidents in Doncaster throughout 2020, two of which resulted in injury. Nine firearms have been recovered in the same period and are now no longer in criminal circulation for use by Organised Criminals. However in the early part of 2021 there was fatal shooting in Mexborough which is still being investigated.

## Priority Four - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

- The impact of covid on SOC crime levels and service provision from partners has been minimal on operations with restrictions to access prisons being only a minor hurdle.
- The partnership continue to work closely to focus on the exploitation of children exposed to OCG activity with dedicated resources tasked with tackling CCE and those vulnerable to becoming involved in 'county lines'.
- A separate OCG in Doncaster has identified possible links to county lines drug dealing across the region. Joint work has been undertaken by both forces and with the support of the Regional Organised Crime Unit. Due to the sustained activity this group is now effectively dormant and therefore allowing investigative time and significant opportunities to protect vulnerable children.
- Significant impact has been made on a further OCG in Doncaster , with a number of warrants executed. During this reporting period we have focused on the top tier seeking disruptive charging decisions to allow deeper investigative work, whilst protecting the wider community. We have trials awaited for serious criminal offences and principle members are currently remanded.

# Priority Five—Reducing Substance and Alcohol Misuse

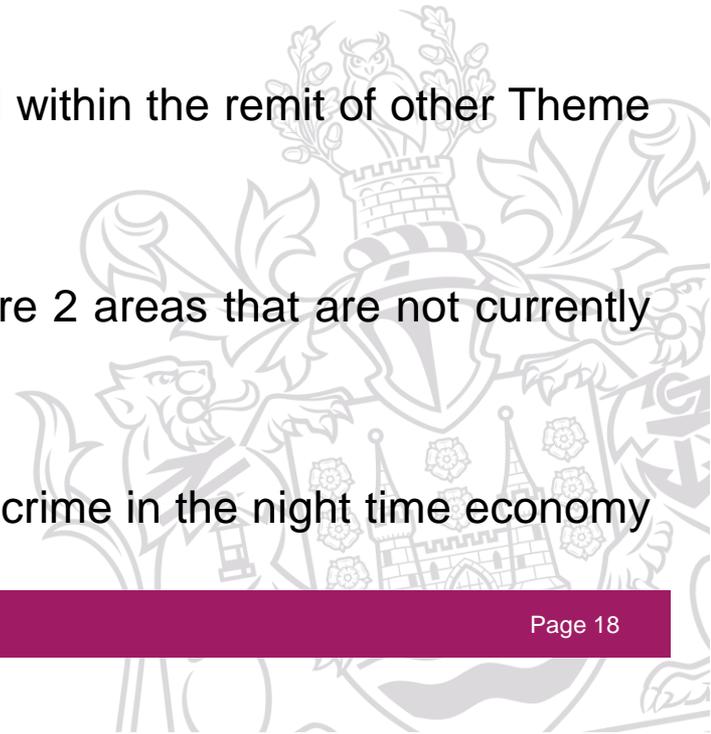
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Priority Five	Doncaster			SYP Force		
	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
Total Drug Offences	878	<b>931</b>	6.0%	3398	<b>4471</b>	31.6%
Possession of Drugs	599	<b>570</b>	-4.8%	2323	<b>2839</b>	22.2%
Trafficking of Drugs	279	<b>361</b>	29.4%	1075	<b>1632</b>	51.8%

- Approximately 50% of all opiate users in Doncaster are in structured specialist treatment, with the remainder able to access needle exchange through a network of pharmacy exchanges and the specialist needle exchange at Aspire on Thorne Road
- However it is estimated that there is a 90% unmet need for alcohol treatment, with evidence that referrals to alcohol treatment have increased by 100% during the covid 19 period
- An Alcohol Alliance has been formed which meets monthly to address the unmet need and reducing alcohol related harm, and 2 additional alcohol workers have been recruited to address the increased demand
- A piece of action research work with Huddersfield University will take place during 2021 to improve local responses to the harms caused to children and young people by parental alcohol misuse
- Substance misuse treatment services have remained operational during the covid 19 period, with virtual methods being adopted for one to one and group work, however face to face work is being delivered in a covid secure way where clinically indicated. The inpatient detoxification facility at New Beginnings remains open

# Additional Theme –Reducing Violence

- This is a cross cutting issue amongst Theme Groups, i.e. domestic abuse, organised crime, substance misuse.
- In response to the creation of the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction unit, SSDP have acknowledged that work to reduce violent crime in Doncaster should have parity with other Theme Groups.
- The Doncaster Violence Reduction Unit Action Plan was developed in response and contains a range of relevant actions.
- Group are currently mapping what work does not fall within the remit of other Theme Groups using the ward profile.
- The night time economy and youth violence/crime are 2 areas that are not currently covered by existing sub groups.
- The effect of Covid 19 has been to decrease violent crime in the night time economy but increase the level of domestic abuse



# Violence Reduction – data and headlines

	Doncaster			SYP Force		
	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
Violence Against Person Offences						
<b>Total VAP</b>	12,059	<b>12577</b>	4.3%	46,102	<b>46526</b>	0.9%
Death Serious Inj by Illegal Driving	3	<b>4</b>	33.3%	32	<b>18</b>	-43.8%
Homicide	5	<b>5</b>	-	16	<b>19</b>	18.8%
Stalking and Harassment	4,320	<b>4963</b>	14.9%	17,025	<b>18393</b>	8.0%
Violence with Injury	3,877	<b>3502</b>	-9.7%	14,645	<b>12824</b>	-12.4%
Violence without Injury	3,854	<b>4103</b>	6.5%	14,384	<b>15272</b>	6.2%

Violence Against Person offences saw an increase of 4.3% compared to 2019, with increases of both in Stalking and Harassment offences and Violence without Injury

## Breakdown of Domestic related VAP Offences

	Doncaster			SYP Force		
	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
DV Tagged Violence Against Person Offences						
<b>Total DV tagged VAP</b>	4064	<b>4491</b>	10.5%	15851	<b>16673</b>	5.2%
Death Serious Inj by Illegal Driving	0	<b>0</b>	-	0	<b>1</b>	-
Homicide	1	<b>1</b>	0.0%	1	<b>3</b>	200.0%
Stalking and Harassment	1465	<b>1697</b>	15.8%	5,489	<b>6036</b>	10.0%
Violence with Injury	1119	<b>1230</b>	9.9%	4,684	<b>4733</b>	1.0%
Violence without Injury	1479	<b>1563</b>	5.7%	5677	<b>5900</b>	3.9%

VAP offences that were tagged with a DV indicator saw an increase by 10.5% compared to 2019.

# In Summary

- The Covid emergency and a series of restrictions on the public have seen an impact on crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Our areas concern remain Domestic Abuse, where like other areas, we have seen an increase in reports and referrals. We have invested in additional service support and strengthened our Governance and monitoring.
- During lockdown our Partnership has continued to deliver services and respond to any emerging issues and challenges.
- The updated Community Safety Strategy and revised priorities will reflect the learning and the new and emerging challenges we have seen in the last year.

# Questions ?

## “Making Doncaster Safer Together”

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**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PLAN 2020/21**

	OSMC	H&ASC O&S	CYP O&S	R&H O&S	C&E O&S
May	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2020 11am – Briefing Session</b>				
	OSMC and Vice Chairs - way forward during the Covid-19 pandemic period.				
	<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 5pm – Briefing Session</b>				
	How the Local Authority is identifying and responding to the needs of vulnerable people				
	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 5pm – Briefing Session</b>				
	Use of grant funding and impacts				
June	<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 5pm – Briefing Session</b>				
	Street scene services, cleaner and greener; Household Waste Centres				
	<b>Thurs, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020, 10am (AS)</b>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qtrly Finance &amp; Performance Report – Qtr 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMBC</li> <li>• SLHD</li> <li>• DCST</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Scrutiny Work Plan</li> </ul>				

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July	Cancelled Thurs, 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2020, 10am	Cancelled Thurs, 2nd July 2020, 10am	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 5pm – Briefing Session	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2020, 5pm – Briefing session	Wed, 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2020, 10am
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home schooling during Covid-19 pandemic – schools approach and support and advice available</li> <li>Potential impact on educational outcomes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact on delivery of major projects during the covid-19 pandemic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on Environmental Strategy and Climate Commission</li> <li>Work planning meeting</li> </ul>
	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 1pm	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 12.30 pm	Cancelled Thurs, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2020, 4:30pm	Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 5pm	
	Work planning meeting	Work planning meeting		Work planning meeting	
		<b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 11am (CM)</b> South Yorkshire Regional Joint Scrutiny Virtual Meeting.			
Aug		<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020 5pm (CM)</b>	<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2020 5pm</b>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental Health (include suicide prevention) – impact from the covid-19 pandemic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work planning meeting</li> </ul>		
Sept	<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2020, 12:30pm Cancelled &amp; moved from 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020, 10am (CR)</b>				<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 9.30am (CR)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qtrly Finance &amp; Performance Report – Qtr 1 (specific issue staff sickness and back to work interviews) (c)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DMBC</li> <li>SLHD</li> <li>DCST</li> </ul> </li> <li>O&amp;S Workplan – Sept Update (c)</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flooding Briefing session</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensing Strategy (c)</li> </ul>				
	<b>Tues, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2020 at 4pm Briefing Session</b>		<b>Thurs, 17th Sept 2020, 4:30pm (CM)</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning White Paper Consultation (c)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme - Early intervention in localities supporting families in the place (c)</li> </ul>		
	<b>Tues, 23rd Sept 2020 at 5pm Extraordinary Meeting</b>		<b>Ext Tues, 29th Sept 2020, 5:00pm (CM)</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call-in – financial assistance market operators</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme – Participation Child Friendly Borough (c)</li> <li>Doncaster Offer (Youth Strategy) (c)</li> </ul>		
<b>Oct</b>				<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 at 4pm R and H Briefing Session (All Members welcome)</b>	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Strategy</li> <li>Housing Delivery Plan</li> </ul>	
	<b>Thurs, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 10am</b>	<b>Thurs, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020, 10am (CM)</b>		<b>Mon, 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 at 1pm rescheduled from Wed, 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Thurs, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 At 2pm (CM)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Compliments and Complaints (c)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring access to day support and short breaks during the Covid 19 pandemic (c)</li> <li>Health Protection Assurance Report (deferred from meeting in March 2020) (c)</li> </ul>		<p>Economic impact arising from COVID (c)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To include Business Support Grants (main fund and discretionary fund) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how has this been utilised.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Flooding (c)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 19 requirements;</li> <li>Winter preparations for flooding assurance ahead of winter period</li> </ul>
<b>Wed, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020, 4pm Members Seminar –OSMC led</b>					

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning White Paper Consultation (c)</li> </ul>				
Nov	<p><b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2020, 10am rescheduled from Thurs, 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b></p>	<p><b>Thurs, 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020, 10am</b></p>	<p><b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 at 4pm – Members Briefing</b></p>		<p><b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 at 10am</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Recovery &amp; Renewal Strategy(c)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Planning Partnership Plan to including hospital discharges to care homes, track and trace (local) and CV-19 Doncaster position (c)</li> <li>• Update from Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals (c)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doncaster Offer (Expect Youth)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Abuse (during the pandemic) – briefing session (c)</li> <li>• Briefing session Environmental Strategy development (c)</li> </ul>
			<p><b>Extraordinary- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 4.30pm</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme Education, Skills and Curriculum Recovery Achievements in relationships with Academies; Reintegration into education; NEET; Skills and transition into employment. Education achievement and attendance (c)</li> <li>• Learning Provision Organisation Strategy; (c)</li> </ul>					
Dec	<p><b>Thurs 3rd Dec 2020, 10am (AS)</b></p>		<p><b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020 at 4pm – Members Briefing</b></p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qtrly Finance &amp; Performance Report – Qtr 2 (c)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DMBC</li> <li>○ SLHD</li> <li>○ DCST</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Picture Project Update</li> </ul>		

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Jan	<b>Wed, 20th Jan 2021 10am Members Briefing (CM, CR and AS)</b>	<b>Mon, 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 at 1.30pm Members Briefing (CR)</b>	<b>Postponed Wed, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020, 4:30pm (was 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020) items transferred to 11<sup>th</sup> March (CM)</b>	<b>Thurs, 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021, 1pm Members Briefing (CM)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of Ward Budgets - 6 months on – addressing community vibrancy, lessons learnt particularly operating through Covid-19, barriers - review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service Delivery Model for Public Health Services for 5-19 year olds (c)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town Investment Plan Doncaster and Stainforth (c)</li> </ul>	
	<b>Fri, 29th Jan 2021 10am Members Briefing (CM)</b>	<b>Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021, 10am CR</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate Plan (c)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Childhood obesity (c)</li> <li>Get Doncaster Moving (to include invite to DCLT) (c)</li> <li>Substantial variation GP Practice Proposed Merger (c)</li> </ul>			
Feb	<b>Mon, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2021, 1.30pm Members Briefing CR</b>			<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, 2.30pm Members Briefing CR</b>	<b>Wed, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, 10am CM</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget (c)</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Commission Recommendations Impact on Housing (c)</li> <li>Quality Streets Active Travel and Digital Infrastructure programme: Doncaster Town Centre. (c)</li> </ul>	<p>Crime and Disorder Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reflection on Covid period 2020 (c)</li> </ul>
	<b>Thurs, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, 10am CM?</b>				<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, 11am Members Briefing CM</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education and Skills Strategy (c)</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on Winter Preparations (Flooding)</li> <li>Environmental Strategy (c)</li> </ul>

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	<b>Thurs, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, 9:30am CR and CM</b>				<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, 10am JW or CR</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget</li> <li>Corporate Plan (c)</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tree Policy (c)</li> </ul>
	<b>Thurs, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2021 10am AS</b>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qtrly Finance &amp; Performance Report – Qtr 3 (c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DMBC</li> <li>SLHD</li> <li>DCST</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
<b>March</b>		<b>Thurs, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 2pm CM</b>	<b>Thurs, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 4:30pm (to include items transferred from 27<sup>th</sup> Jan) CM</b>	<b>Wed, 3rd March 2021 – 10:00am CR</b>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Protection Assurance Report (c)</li> <li>Doncaster All Age Strategy for Autistic People and People with a Learning Disability (c)</li> </ul>	<p>Theme – Safeguarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole System including demand management;</li> <li>Doncaster Children’s Safeguarding Board Annual Report (c)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic Impact Update and Assistance Provided to Business in Doncaster (invite Doncaster Chamber) (c)</li> </ul>	
<b>Apr</b>	<b>Thurs, 1st April 2021, 10am Members Briefing</b>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible scoping of Contract Commissioning for possible 2021/22 review</li> </ul>				
<b>May</b>					

**POSSIBLE ISSUES FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OR TO BE SCHEDULED**

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	Youth Justice Plan – being dealt with through a different process in 2020	Changes to Adult Social Care Charges 1 year on – first meeting in 2021/22	Doncaster Offer (Delivery Strands) (TBC)	Town Centre Car Parking (TBC) – 2021/2022	Environmental/Climate Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation (link to Climate Change/Covid) – Review – timing tbc link to Regeneration and Housing – 2021/2022</li> <li>• Environment Strategy (Cleaner/Green proposed early January) – Ongoing 2021/2022</li> </ul> Other areas arising out of the above will be reviewed throughout the year and maybe rolled over on a continual basis.
	TBC: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DGT 2</li> <li>• Borough Strategy</li> <li>• Corporate Plan</li> </ul>		All Age Learning Disability Strategy (TBC) – 2021/2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Management Consortium and Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board– update following 2018/19 Flood Review (deferred from 2019/2020 tbc) – re Internal organisational changes</li> </ul>
	Contract commissioning – roll over to 2021/22		Alternative Provision – Agreed to be added to the 2021/22 work plan at the 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 meeting		
<b>BRIEFING NOTES</b>					
		<u>Briefing Note</u> Adults Safeguarding – January/February 2021		<u>Briefing Notes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homelessness – End January 2021                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ response to homelessness (in response to Covid 19) and implications on</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<u>Briefing Notes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid Improvement Programme – 2021/2022</li> <li>• Future parks' and green spaces – 2021/2022</li> <li>• Social Isolation and Loneliness Alliance Update - 2021/2022</li> </ul>

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				<p>housing stock/budget/support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ending of suspension of evictions for those renting in private renting (23<sup>rd</sup> Aug) when court actions can resume</li> <li>○ impact on number that could be made homeless</li> <li>○ support to those finding new accommodation/sustaining tenancies</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Council Properties Rent Payments; - End January 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Impact from job losses/redundancies/delays in Universal Credit</li> <li>○ measures in place to support those impacted.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Flooding– flooding being addressed by C &amp; E so may need to review what is covered to avoid duplication and ensure the issues remained linked <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Flood resilience and housing – how we can</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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				<p>become more resilient to flooding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Economic impact from flooding</li></ul> <p>To be considered at R&amp;H O&amp;S meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SCR Devolution</li><li>• Funding Streams and progress made eg. Towns Fund January 2021 – 2021/2022?</li></ul>	
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**DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**FORWARD PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1ST FEBRUARY 2021 TO 31ST MAY 2021.**

The Forward Plan sets out details of all Key Decisions expected to be taken during the next four months by either the Cabinet collectively, The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holders or Officers and is updated and republished each month.

A Key Decision is an executive decision which is likely:-

- (a) to result in the Local Authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Local Authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the Local Authority;
- (c) any decision related to the approval or variation of the Policy and budget Framework that is reserved to the Full Council.

The level of expenditure/savings which this Authority has adopted as being financially significant are (a) in the case of the revenue budget, gross full-year effect of £250,000 or more b) in the case of capital budget, £1,000,000 or more in respect of a single project or otherwise across one financial year.or the decision has a significant impact on 2 or more wards.

Please note in addition to the documents identified in the plan, other documents relevant to a decision may be submitted to the Decision Maker. Details of any additional documents submitted can be obtained from the Contact Officer listed against each decision identified in this plan.

In respect of exempt items, if you would like to make written representations as to why a report should be considered in public, please send these to the contact officer responsible for that particular decision. Unless otherwise stated, representations should be made at least 14 days before the expected date of the decision.

**KEY**

Those items in **BOLD** are **NEW**

Those items in **ITALICS** have been **RESCHEDULED** following issue of the last plan

Prepared on: Monday, 4th January 2021 and superseding all previous Forward Plans with effect from the period identified above.

Damian Allen  
Chief Executive

## MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

### **Cabinet Member For:**

Mayor - Ros Jones

Deputy Mayor - Councillor Glyn Jones

Councillor Nigel Ball

Councillor Joe Blackham

Councillor Rachael Blake

Councillor Nuala Fennelly

Councillor Chris McGuinness

Councillor Bill Mordue

Councillor Jane Nightingale

- Housing and Equalities

- Public Health, Leisure and Culture

- Highways, Street Scene and Trading Services

- Adult Social Care

- Children, Young People and Schools

- Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment

- Business, Skills and Economic Development

- Customer and Corporate Resources.

**Some Decisions listed in the Forward Plan are to be taken by Full Council**

**Members of the Full Council are:-**

**Councillors Nick Allen, Duncan Anderson, Lani-Mae Ball, Nigel Ball, Iris Beech, Joe Blackham, Rachael Blake, Nigel Cannings, Bev Chapman, Phil Cole, John Cooke, Mick Cooper, Jane Cox, Steve Cox, Linda Curran, George Derx, Susan Durant, Nuala Fennelly, Neil Gethin, Sean Gibbons, John Gilliver, Martin Greenhalgh, Pat Haith, John Healy, Rachel Hodson, Charlie Hogarth, Mark Houlbrook, David Hughes, Eva Hughes, Glyn Jones, R. Allan Jones, Ros Jones, Ken Keegan, Majid Khan, Jane Kidd, Nikki McDonald, Tosh McDonald, Chris McGuinness, Sue McGuinness, Bill Mordue, John Mounsey, David Nevett, Jane Nightingale, Ian Pearson, Andy Pickering, Cynthia Ransome, Tina Reid, Andrea Robinson, Kevin Rodgers, Dave Shaw, Derek Smith, Frank Tyas, Austen White, Sue Wilkinson, Jonathan Wood, Paul Wray.**

WHEN DECISION IS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN	KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN	RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER	DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY	CONTACT OFFICER(S)	DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY DECISION MAKER	REASON FOR EXEMPTION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SCHEDULE 12A
9 Feb 2021	To approve the ten-year, all-age Education & Skills Strategy - 'Education & Skills 2030'.	Councillor Nuala Fennelly, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools.	Cabinet	Peter Lowe, Senior Strategy and Performance Manager Tel: 01302 736936 Peter.Lowe@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
9 Feb 2021	To approve the admission arrangements for the 2022/23 Academic Year.	Councillor Nuala Fennelly, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools.	Cabinet	Neil McAllister, School Organisation Manager neil.mcallister@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
23 Feb 2021	To approve new discretionary relief schemes for Business Rates for 2021/22.	Mayor Ros Jones	Cabinet	Alan Stoves, Head of Revenues and Benefits Tel: 01302 735585 Alan.stoves@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
23 Feb 2021	Quarter 3 2020-21 Finance and Performance Report and the 'Delivering for Doncaster' Booklet	Mayor Ros Jones	Cabinet	Faye Tyas, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance		Open

				faye.tyas@doncaster.gov.uk, Louise Parker, Head of Service Strategy & Performance Unit Manager Louise.Parker@doncaster.gov.uk		
23 Feb 2021	St Leger Homes Performance Report 2020/21 Quarter 3 (Non-key decision).	Councillor Glyn Jones, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Equalities.	Cabinet	Paul Tanney, Chief Executive, St Leger Homes of Doncaster paul.tanney@stlegerhomes.co.uk		Open
23 Feb 2021	DCST Quarter 3 Performance Report (Non-Key decision).	Councillor Nuala Fennelly, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools.	Cabinet	Rob Moore, Director of Corporate Services and Company Secretary rob.moore@dcstrust.co.uk		Open
23 Feb 2021	<b>Tree Policy Review. (For Information)</b>	<b>Joe Blackham, Councillor Chris McGuinness, Portfolio Holder for Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment.</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>	<b>Jonathan Bucknall, Senior Strategy &amp; Performance Manager jonathan.bucknall@doncaster.gov.uk</b>		<b>Open</b>

1 Mar 2021	To approve the 2021/22 Corporate Plan.	Mayor Ros Jones	Council, Cabinet Decision to take to Cabinet 16th February 2021 prior to Full Council approval	Allan Wiltshire, Head of Policy and Partnerships allan.wiltshire@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
1 Mar 2021	To approve the level of the Council Tax for 2021/22 and to pass appropriate statutory resolutions including the Council Tax requirement for 2021/22.	Mayor Ros Jones	Council	Alan Stoves, Head of Revenues and Benefits Tel: 01302 735585 Alan.stoves@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
1 Mar 2021	To approve the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2021/22	Mayor Ros Jones	Council, Cabinet Decision to take to Cabinet 16th February 2021 prior to Full Council approval	Faye Tyas, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance faye.tyas@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
1 Mar 2021	To approve the Capital Strategy & Capital Budget 2021/22 - 2024/25	Mayor Ros Jones	Council, Cabinet Decision to take to Cabinet 16th February 2021 prior to Full Council approval	Faye Tyas, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance faye.tyas@doncaster.gov.uk		Open

1 Mar 2021	To approve the Revenue Budget 2021/22	Mayor Ros Jones	Council, Cabinet Decision to take to Cabinet 16th February 2021 prior to Full Council approval	Faye Tyas, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance faye.tyas@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
1 Mar 2021	To approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2021/22 - 2024/25	Mayor Ros Jones	Council, Cabinet Decision to take to Cabinet 16th February 2021 prior to Full Council approval	Faye Tyas, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance faye.tyas@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
9 Mar 2021	<b>Quality Streets - Active Travel and Digital Infrastructure Programme: Doncaster Town Centre</b>	<b>Councillor Bill Mordue, Portfolio Holder for Business, Skills and Economic Development</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>	<b>Neil Firth, Head of Service, Major Projects and Investment neil.firth@doncaster.gov.uk</b>		<b>Open</b>
9 Mar 2021	<b>To approve the Doncaster All Age Strategy for Autistic People and People with a Learning Disability.</b>	<b>Councillor Rachael Blake, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>	<b>Julia King julia.king@doncaster.gov.uk</b>		<b>Open</b>

23 Mar 2021	To agree the service delivery model for public health services for 5-19 year olds.	Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Well-Being	Cabinet	Carrie Wardle Tel: 01302 734471 Carrie.wardle@doncaster.gov.uk	Open
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