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19th February 2018

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

### **Crime & Community Safety Performance Report**

<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b>	<b>Wards Affected</b>	<b>Key Decision</b>
Councillor Chris McGuinness	All	No

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report provides the high level information regarding the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in Doncaster, mostly based upon the previous 12 month period. The overall level of crime in Doncaster is 24% higher compared to the previous 12 months, but this is similar to the trend across South Yorkshire, however reported incidents of anti-social behavior have fallen by 20%.

### **EXEMPT REPORT**

2. This is not an exempt report.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

3. The Crime and Disorder Committee Members are asked to comment on and note the information contained within the performance report and the information contained within the presentations, which provides an update on the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) priorities and an update on the selective licensing scheme in Hexthorpe and Edlington.

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?**

4. 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.

### **BACKGROUND**

5. The Crime and Disorder committee receive regular performance updates relating to crime and disorder. The current picture indicates performance has deteriorated compared to crime levels in the previous 12 months, however there is a more positive picture in relation to anti-social behaviour and Domestic Abuse.

- 5.1 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.

## OVERALL CRIME

6. 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 comparable increase with the rest of the force, when comparing figures to the same period last year.

<b>Overall Crime: Total Number of Incidents</b>			
	<b>Rolling 12 months Monthly</b>		
	Jan 2016 - Dec 2016	Jan 2017 – Dec 2017	% change
Doncaster	28,732	35,542	+24%
South Yorkshire Force Average	111,581	135,465	+21%

- 6.1 It is understood that changes to crime recording practices have affected Forces nationally as well as South Yorkshire and more locally at Doncaster.
- 6.2 There may also be links between rising levels of crime, the acknowledged impact in the reduction in neighbourhood policing, (which is now being re-introduced) and the new structures for managing offenders after leaving custody.

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

7. There were a total of 13,844 recorded incidents of ASB in Doncaster between Jan and Dec 2017. This represents a decrease of 20% when compared to the same period last year where there were 17,228 incidents.

<b>Rolling 12 Months Jan 2015-Dec 2015</b>						
	<b>Doncaster</b>			<b>Force</b>		
	Doncaster Jan 16 - Dec 16	Doncaster Jan 17 - Dec 17	Doncaster % Change	Force Jan 16 - Dec 16	Force Jan 17 - Dec 17	Force % Change
Total ASB Incidents	17,228	13,844	-20%	80,843	62,640	-23%
Environmental	1,413	1,346	-5%	5,280	5,945	-12%
Nuisance	10,850	9,729	-10%	50,786	44,665	-15%
Personal	4,965	2,769	-44%	21,561	12,030	-44%
Criminal Damage	4,115	4,855	+18%	17,021	18,003	+6%
Prostitution Related Activity	201	191	-5%	272	226	-17%
Primary Arson	299	345	+15%	*	*	*
Secondary Arson	748	1060	+42%	*	*	*

- 7.1 The table above provides a breakdown of the various categories of anti-social behaviour with personal ASB showing the largest reduction and secondary arson the largest increase.
- 7.2 Criminal Damage shows an 18% increase which is above the South Yorkshire average for this type of crime.
- 7.3 It is also of note that primary and secondary arsons have shown an increase with primary arsons being linked to increasing levels of reported fires within prisons.

## HATE CRIME

8. During 2017 reported levels of hate crime and non-crime incidents averaged 40 incidents per month. Throughout the year Doncaster experienced a monthly reduction in reported hates crimes and non-crime incidents. At the start of the year this being 55 incidents per month, which has gradually reduced throughout the year to 32 incidents in December 2017. Deeper analysis shows that the highest strand of hate crime and non-crimes by type was based on race, which is also reflected across other areas.

<b>Rolling 12 Months Jan 2017-Dec 2017 Total Incidents</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>Doncaster</b>	<b>South Yorkshire</b>
January	55	239
February	30	225
March	41	224
April	40	212
May	48	253
June	48	285
July	43	254
August	39	260
September	32	226
October	36	209
November	41	204
December	32	159
<b>Total</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>2750</b>

- 8.1 The partnership recognises the impact of hate crime upon individuals, families and communities and we work hard to respond effectively to all reports with victims feeling they have been listened to and an effective response being put into place.
- 8.2 A new Hate Crime Strategy has been developed which reflects the partnership mechanisms already established within Doncaster to tackle hate crime. The new Strategy reflects upon our current service provision, builds and strengthens our existing services and introduces new measures to gain a better understanding of the levels and impact of hate crime. A new delivery plan responds to the public consultation, feedback from our key partners, the wider public and community groups.

## DOMESTIC ABUSE

Rolling 12 Months Jan 2017-Dec 2017 Total Incidents						
	DONCASTER			FORCE		
	Jan 16 - Dec 16	Jan 17 - Dec 17	% Change	Jan 16 - Dec 16	Jan 17 - Dec 17	% Change
Total Domestic Abuse Incidents	8,668	8,846	+2%	33,113	33,544	+1%
Crime	2,714	4,072	+50%	10,114	15,391	+52%
Non-Crime	5,954	4,774	-20%	22,999	18,153	-21%
High Risk Cases at MARAC	507	442	-13%	2,270	2,130	-6%
Repeat Cases at MARAC	144	144	0%	821	777	-5%

9. Domestic Abuse incidents have increased in Doncaster by 2%. However of particular note is the large reduction in high risk cases being discussed at MARAC and the stabilisation in repeat cases being brought to this meeting. This is viewed as an encouraging outcome and suggests a positive impact from the services available in Doncaster working with victims and families affected by Domestic Abuse.

9.1 A new Domestic Abuse Strategy has now been developed by the SSDP in conjunction with Growing Futures and the Children's Trust. The new Strategy outlines how victims and families will have access to coordinated services, clear leadership and governance of the agenda and better outcomes for children, young people, victims and perpetrators.

9.2 Doncaster has just launched a new Countywide Perpetrator programme, based upon the successful model operated by ourselves for several years. Doncaster will act as the lead commissioner for this programme which draws together funding from Rotherham, Barnsley, Sheffield and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, achieving for the first time county wide coverage.

## SEXUAL ABUSE

Rolling 12 Months Jan 2017-Dec 2017 Total Incidents						
	DONCASTER			FORCE		
	Jan 16 - Dec 16	Jan 17 - Dec 17	% Change	Jan 16 - Dec 16	Jan 17 - Dec 17	% Change
Total Sexual Abuse Incidents	755	897	+19%	3,250	3,826	+18%
Rape Incidents	213	276	+30%	1,095	1,280	+17%
Other Sexual Violence	542	621	+15%	2,155	2,546	+18%
Child Sexual Exploitation	41	24	-41%	247	379	+53%

10. Doncaster has seen a 19% increase in reports of sexual abuse which remains in line with the Force average. Rape and other sexual violence show a higher increase than the force average.
- 10.1 Reports of Child Sexual Exploitation continue to see a significant reduction and may be reflective of the high level of Partnership activity, focused around prevention, early intervention and joint working between agencies.

## SERIOUS ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Rolling 12 Months Jan 2017-Dec 2017 Total Incidents						
	DONCASTER			FORCE		
	Jan 16 - Dec 16	Jan 17 - Dec 17	% Change	Jan 16 - Dec 16	Jan 17 - Dec 17	% Change
Domestic Burglary	1,575	2,610	+66%	6,804	9,903	+46%
Vehicle Crime	3,030	3,134	+3%	12,870	13,140	+2%
Robbery	265	285	+8%	1,284	1,564	+22%

11. The focus of policing activity this year in relation to serious acquisitive crime continues to be around domestic burglary, robbery and auto-crime. Whilst each of these categories have shown an increase changes to Police crime recording practices may have influenced this.
- 11.1 Reported levels of vehicle crime are in line with small increases in other parts of South Yorkshire, however our reported levels of Robbery are well below the rest of the County with an increase of 8% compared to a larger 22% increase in the remainder of South Yorkshire.

## OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

- 13 The report is for update and discussion.

## IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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	Outcomes	Implications
	<p><b>Doncaster Working:</b> Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives 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>A successful Partnership to tackle Crime and Disorder issues can have a positive impact on attracting new business to 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 workforce</li> <li>• Modern, accessible customer interactions</li> <li>• Operating within our resources and delivering value for money</li> <li>• A co-ordinated, whole person,</li> </ul>	<p>Services provided through community safety are reviewed to ensure they are accessible and are focussed on the needs and aspirations of residents. This can range from reporting, hate crime anti-social behaviour through to domestic</p>

	<p>whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>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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## **RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

- 15 Good quality performance management arrangements ensure that priorities are achieved and good quality services are delivered to the residents of Doncaster.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials MCC Date 7.2.18]**

- 16 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act (as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006) requires that each Authority, including local authority and local police body, exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and do all that it reasonably can to prevent:-

- (a) Crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment; and
- (b) The misuse of drugs and other substances in its area; and
- (c) Re-offending in its area.

The creation of the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) allows the relevant authorities to meet their statutory duties outlined above.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials OB Date 7.2.18]**

- 17 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials KW Date 7.2.18]**

- 18 There are no specific Human Resource issues within this report.

## **TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials ET Date 7.2.18]**

- 19 There are no specific Technology implications within this report.

## **HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials HC 7/02/18]**

- 20 Indirect long term influences of exposure to crime can include the psychological and physical consequences of injury, victimisation and isolation due to fear. Without safe and secure communities, measures to encourage people to exercise, socialise or adopt more sustainable lifestyles (e.g. using public transport) are more likely to fail as people feel trapped in their houses and cars and unable to engage with local communities. Even broader economic inequalities can remain stubbornly entrenched when investment in the poorest communities by businesses and organisations is inhibited by risks of crime to staff and customers.

## **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials BH Date 6.2.18]**

21 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 with regards to specific crime types and some of the information we know is;

- More women are victims of crime than men apart from in some key minority groups.
- The majority of hate crime offences are racially aggravated
- More women are victims of domestic abuse than men
- More young people experience violent crime than older people
- Significantly more men are accused of a crime than women.

22 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.

## **CONSULTATION**

23 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	

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

24 Presentation from Community Safety and Environmental Enforcement

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