



Doncaster Council

Report

Date: 13th February 2019

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 Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
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. It is based upon the previous 12 month period and shows that the overall level of crime in Doncaster is 8% higher compared to the previous 12 months. This is similar to the trend across South Yorkshire. Reported incidents of anti-social behavior have fallen by almost 30%.

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 report and presentation, which provides an update on the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) priorities and an update on the complex lives agenda within the town centre.

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 Community and Environment Crime and Disorder committee receive regular performance updates relating to crime and disorder and have recently commented on the new Community Safety Strategy 2018-21 from which our priorities are taken.

7. The current picture indicates a slight increase in overall crime but reduced levels of reported anti-social behaviour.
8. 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.

COMPLEX LIVES OVERVIEW

9. The Doncaster Complex lives alliance is an integrated care approach to supporting rough sleepers with complex needs.
10. The team became fully mobilised in late 2017 with objectives to transform outcomes for people with complex lives and reduce the demand and costs for public services. Since then the team and alliance partners have been responding to immediate issues but maintaining a strategic, systematic response. This is in recognition of a policy direction that acknowledges the importance of a focus on homelessness and issues related to supporting people with complex lives
11. Through a Partnership approach focused on prevention and early intervention, the alliance has responded to the challenge. The presentation outlines how the accommodation offer has been extended, links have been strengthened with prisons and criminal justice agencies and vulnerable individuals receive support through assertive outreach.
12. The work is closely aligned to the integrated town centre management and the need to provide a collaborative response to supporting vulnerable people with complex needs to break the cycle of homelessness and rough sleeping and receive help to rehabilitate. The Gold, Silver and Bronze Governance model ensures that all partners are held to account and a balanced approach is taken to enforcement using the Public Spaces Protection Order and other measures.

OVERALL CRIME

13. 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.

Overall Crime: Total Number of Incidents			
	Rolling 12 months Monthly		
	Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	Jan 2018 – Dec 2018	% change
Doncaster	35,542	38,468	+8%
South Yorkshire Force Average	135,465	143,864	+6%

14. Last year we saw the reintroduction of neighbourhood policing in Doncaster and the benefits of this are starting to be seen in local management and early intervention of emerging issues, working in conjunction with local partners.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

15. There has been a large reduction in police reported ASB in Doncaster, which mirrors other areas of South Yorkshire. Similar reductions have also been experienced by partners.
16. Motorcycle nuisance continues to be a key reported issue, however, since January 2018 148 off-road and quad bikes have been seized in Doncaster contributing to a 16% reduction in reported vehicle nuisance.

Rolling 12 Months Jan 2015-Dec 2015						
	Doncaster			Force		
	Doncaster Jan 17 - Dec 17	Doncaster Jan 18 - Dec 18	Doncaster % Change	Force Jan 17 - Dec 17	Force Jan 18 - Dec 18	Force % Change
Total ASB Incidents	13,857	9,834	-29%	62,703	41,965	-33%

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

17. There has been a small increase in the number of reported domestic abuse incidents. A new Domestic Abuse Hub has been created using funding secured from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government. This will ensure more cohesive partnership working and a single point of contact for victims and partner organisations. This is supported by a new multi-agency Domestic Abuse Protocol.

Rolling 12 Months Jan 2018-Dec 2018 Total Incidents						
	DONCASTER			FORCE		
	Jan 17 - Dec 17	Jan 18 - Dec 18	% Change	Jan 17 - Dec 17	Jan 18 - Dec 18	% Change
Total Domestic Abuse Incidents	8,846	8,917	+1%	33,544	33,992	+1%
Crime	4,072	5,142	+26%	15,391	19,521	+27%
Non-Crime	4,774	3,775	-21%	18,153	14,471	-20%

SEXUAL ABUSE

18. During 2018 reported sexual abuse incidents have increased by 5% compared to 2017. This is smaller increase than other areas of South Yorkshire.

Rolling 12 Months Jan 2018-Dec 2018 Total Incidents						
	DONCASTER			FORCE		
	Jan 17 - Dec 17	Jan 18 - Dec 18	% Change	Jan 17 - Dec 17	Jan 18 - Dec 18	% Change
Total Sexual Abuse Incidents	897	946	+5%	3,826	4,171	+9%
Rape Incidents	276	289	+5%	1,280	1,533	+20%
Other Sexual Violence	621	657	+6%	2,546	2,638	+4%

FURTHER AREAS OF UPDATE

19. As part of the presentation, there are further updates to the Community and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the implementation of recommendations from the Domestic Abuse Scrutiny Report, Modern Slavery, Child Exploitation and an update on the progress of the CCTV strategy.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

21. The report is for update and discussion.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>Doncaster Working: 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"> • Better access to good fulfilling work • Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish • Inward Investment 	<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>Doncaster Living: 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"> • The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster • More people can live in a good quality, affordable home 	<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>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport • Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean • Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage 	
	<p>Doncaster Learning: 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"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work 	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>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own homes 	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>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents • Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance 	<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 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>

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

23. 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 NC Date 24/1/2019]

24. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, places a duty on local authorities, the Police and other partners to exercise their functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder (including anti-social behavior and other behavior adversely affecting the local environment), the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, and re-offending in its area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials...OB...Date...28.01.19]

25. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials...BT... Date...28/01/19]

26. There are no specific Human Resource issues within this Report. Any staffing resources identified in necessary Service Reviews and /or funded new posts for job evaluation are coordinated within HR Partnership Meetings with the relevant Heads of Service and in line with the relevant policies and procedures for implementation.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials PW Date...24/01/19]

27. There are no specific Technology implications within this report.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials...RS ..Date ...24/01/2019]

28. This report outlines the work plan to identify interventions to address crime within Doncaster's communities. 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. It is recommended that interventions to address crime are co-produced with residents but based on research and evidence with ongoing evaluation to determine impact and inform future resourcing decisions. A wider system approach to the prevention of crime with approaches that focus on the primary prevention of crime and violence through reducing risk factors and promoting protective factors over the life course and the role of the built environment would be welcomed.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials BH Date 18.01.19]

29. 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.

30. 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

31. 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

32. Presentation from Community Safety and complex lives in Appendix A.

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