



**Safer and Stronger Communities  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date** Monday 24 June 2019  
**Time** 9.30 am  
**Venue** Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham

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**Business**

**Part A**

**Items during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend.  
Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's  
agreement.**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitute Members
3. Minutes of the meeting held 22 March 2019 (Pages 3 - 16)
4. Declarations of Interest, if any
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7. Arson and Deliberate Secondary Fires in East Durham:  
(Pages 17 - 36)
  - (i) Report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships.
  - (ii) Presentation by Phil Innis, District Manager, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service.
8. Domestic Abuse - Update: (Pages 37 - 44)  
Report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships.

9. Quarter Four 2018/19 Performance Management Report:  
(Pages 45 - 64)  
Report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships.
10. Review of the Committee's Work Programme: (Pages 65 - 74)  
Report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships.
11. Overview and Scrutiny Review Updates:  
Verbal Update by Jonathan Slee, Overview and Scrutiny Officer.
12. Police and Crime Panel:  
Verbal Update by Jonathan Slee, Overview and Scrutiny Officer.
13. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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Head of Legal and Democratic Services

County Hall  
Durham  
14 June 2019

To: **The Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor D Boyes (Chair)  
Councillor H Liddle (Vice-Chair)

Councillors B Avery, A Bainbridge, A Batey, J Charlton, R Crute, S Durham, D Hall, C Hampson, G Huntington, S Iveson, B Kellett, L Kennedy, J Maitland, E Mavin, J Stephenson, D Stoker, K Thompson, J Turnbull and C Wilson

**Co-opted Members:** Mr D Balls and Mr A J Cooke

**Co-opted Employees/Officers:** Chief Fire Officer S Errington and Chief Superintendent A Green

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**DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

**SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

At a Meeting of **Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held in **Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham** on **Friday 22 March 2019** at **9.30 am**

**Present:**

**Councillor D Boyes (Chairman)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors B Avery, A Bainbridge, J Charlton, J Considine, R Crute, S Durham, C Hampson, L Kennedy, H Liddle, L Maddison (substitute for K Thompson), E Mavin, J Nicholson, J Turnbull and C Wilson

**Co-opted Members:**

Mr D Balls and Mr A J Cooke

**Co-opted Employees/Officers:**

Chief Superintendent A Green

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Hall, S Iveson, J Maitland, A Patterson, J Stephenson and Chief Fire Officer S Errington.

**2 Substitute Members**

Councillor L Maddison substituted for Councillor K Thompson.

**3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## **5 Any items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties**

There were no items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties.

## **6 Media Relations**

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer referred Members to the recent prominent articles and news stories relating to the remit of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (for copy see file of minutes).

The articles included: "Police forces unite for new Operation Sentinel against organised crime", noting this was joint operation between Durham Constabulary, Northumbria Police and Cleveland Police in tackling a range of offences including burglary, cybercrime and fraud – linking to the item on Organised Crime; and "A fifth of road fatalities involve a speeding driver", noting that between 2014 and 2018, the group also said out of 31,801 casualties, which include deaths, more than 2,300 instances involved a speeding vehicle, or a vehicle travelling too fast for the road conditions – linking to the items relating to performance reporting and Overview and Scrutiny Review updates.

### **Resolved:**

That the presentation be noted.

## **7 Organised Crime**

The Chairman introduced Superintendent Kevin Weir, Durham Constabulary to give an update presentation on Organised Crime (for copy see file of minutes).

Superintendent K Weir reminded Members of the approach in terms of tackling organised crime, with the Special Operations Unit, Major Crimes Unit and the work in terms of Operation Sentinel, a rebranding of what had previously been known as Operation Sledgehammer, involving three forces, as discussed in the media item. He added that there was a lot of proactive work carried out in County Durham and Darlington, with the work being undertaken considered as national best practice, with visits from the Home Office to learn from Durham's approach, and with Durham receiving an outstanding rating from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

Members were reminded of a definition of organised crime: *"organised crime can be described as serious crime planned, coordinated and conducted by people working together on a continuing basis. Their motivation is often, but not always financial gain. Organised criminals working together for a particular criminal activity or activities are called an organised crime group"*.

Superintendent K Weir explained the types of crime undertaken by organised crime groups, including: burglary; counterfeit goods vehicle crime; drug dealing; environmental crime; fraud / computer fraud; identity theft; kidnapping; loan sharks; plant theft; prostitution; robbery; sheep rustling; shoplifting; theft; and violence. He noted that organised crime represented a continuing and enduring threat and that the cost to the UK annually was around £37 billion. Members noted that organised crime represented a threat to national security and had elements of intimidation and links to corruption. It was highlighted that organised crime often involved the exploitation of the vulnerable and there was an impact on victims and wider community cohesion.

Superintendent K Weir noted “county lines”, an issue that had been recently reported in the media, which had links to modern day slavery and child sexual exploitation, however he noted that this was more of an issue elsewhere in the country.

The Chairman thanked Superintendent K Weir for the update and noted that the subject was one the Committee had been involved in, with a Working Group that had looked at the topic.

Councillor E Mavin asked what the best way of providing the Police with information in terms of activities, for example drug dealing. Superintendent K Weir noted that individuals could ring through to the Police Control Room, use the anonymous Crimestoppers service, or speak to Officers from their Local Beat Team. He added that intelligence was very important, and all helped to provide a richer picture for Officers investigation activities.

Councillor J Turnbull noted an important element was to provide feedback to those providing the intelligence, and to report back to communities and for communities to be able to witness positive outcomes, referring to some areas where people felt nothing seemed to change. Superintendent K Weir noted that there was a lot of work undertaken, and a lot of positives and agreed that perhaps they could be better promoted within communities. He added that current up-to-date intelligence was vital and that while it may appear that there was little or no activity, he reassured Members that the Police were working hard to gather evidence, to ensure that when action was taken it was such to ensure convictions and disrupt the activities of the criminals. The Chairman noted that in his Division there had been an issue with a particular group and that it had, at the time, felt that there was little progress. He added that work had been progressing, with Officer gathering intelligence and building their case, and that when action was taken it had been successful and the positive effect was noted and appreciated by the community.

Councillor L Maddison asked as regards being able to contact the Police quickly when witnessing an incident, noting that by the time one had gone through the welcome message from the Chief Constable and the various options listed criminals would likely have moved on. Superintendent K Weir noted that there was a graded response via the Police Control Room, based on a THRIVE system, ensuring the appropriate level of response and best allocation of resources.

He added that depending upon the type of incident there were several ways to contact as previously mentioned and that he understood there could be frustration, however, he emphasised it was important to continue to make those calls and provide the Police with as much intelligence as possible. Chief Superintendent A Green added that there were a number of different responses that the Police could make, foot patrols, response cars and so on. He added that there was some misunderstanding in terms of how the Police would tackle issues, such as drug dealers. He noted that intelligence and evidence was vital in being able to ensure a successful operation and outcome and reiterated that the Control Room automated response was to help make best use of finite resources. The Chairman reiterated as regards the work of the Police in his Division, with Councillors having a role as community leaders, and that information did help the Police and successful operations could include additional benefits for communities, for example through the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) where appropriate.

Councillor E Mavin noted an issue had been raised on two occasions at a Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings and asked as regards having progress reported back.

Superintendent K Weir noted that in some cases it would not be possible or appropriate to act immediately, as previously mentioned, to ensure the maximum impact in tackling issues there was a need to gather evidence and be able to secure convictions.

Councillor J Nicholson asked whether those organised crime groups operating within the County were from outside of the area, or existing known groups of families. Superintendent K Weir explained that most were already known to the Police, however, "county lines" was a different phenomenon.

Councillor J Charlton asked as regards education of young people in schools in terms of organised crime groups, noting that Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) were very proactive. Superintendent K Weir noted that educational work in this regard, in schools, colleges and businesses, was undertaken by the Organised Crime Disruption Team and while there was a lot of these type of education sessions the Police would like to do more.

**Resolved:**

That the report and presentation be noted.

## **8 Schools 20 mph Part-Time Speed Limits Project**

The Chairman introduced the Head of Technical Services, John Reed and the Traffic and Streetworks Manager, Danny Harland who were in attendance to give an update presentation in relation to the Schools 20 mph Part-Time Speed Limits Project (for copy see file of minutes).

The Head of Technical Services thanked Members for the opportunity to provide an update in terms of the project, noting that this year was the last of four years, albeit now having a slight extension. He reminded the Committee that the original project had been approved by Cabinet in 2014 for 33 schools, with those having the highest accident rate having been prioritised. It was explained that those original 33 schools were funded from a one-off Public Health grant, together with revenue budget to deliver road safety education and social marketing. The Head of Technical Services reminded Members that following the Department for Transport (DfT) noting that only a specific type of sign could be used, cheaper than those originally costed for, it had been possible to have schemes for a further 33 schools from this underspend. He noted that for those 33 schools, Overview and Scrutiny set up a Working Group looking at the criteria for allocating schemes, and also in developing a wider 20mph Limits and Zones Policy. It was noted that the new criteria were more sophisticated, looking at accident rate but also including risk, whether there was a school crossing patrol, volume of pedestrians, volume of vehicles and data on the speed of traffic.

The Head of Technical Services noted that when the 66 schemes had been undertaken it had been determined that, where there were other schools in close proximity to those on the allocated, there was the opportunity to have added benefit by including those nearby schools. Councillors noted that this meant a total of 78 schools had benefited from the original Public Health grant and revenue budget allocation.

Members were reminded that the 20mph Limits and Zones Policy allowed for schemes to be funded by third parties and that an additional 31 schemes had been completed, with the majority of the funding coming from Member's Neighbourhood Budgets, and other sources of funding including Area Action Partnerships (AAPs), Parish Councils, Schools and other external funding. It was noted there were a further 15 such third party funded schemes in development. Members were made aware that an underspend had been identified in the final year of the scheme, and therefore it would be recommended that an additional six schemes based upon the 2016 criteria would be delivered within the 2019/20 financial year, subject to agreement by Cabinet.

The Traffic and Streetworks Manager, explained that, in addition to the physical works, the road safety education and social marketing was vitally important. He noted that the purpose was to ensure that people were made aware of the schemes, children and young people were encouraged to walk and cycle to schools, and that motorists were persuaded to slow down. Councillors noted that activities to help raise awareness included: cycle training and practical child pedestrian training; peer-to-peer learning through theatre education; Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) to promote and maintain road safety messages; working with Living Streets, the sustainable walking charity to introduced incentivised walking schemes; and the distribution of letters and plans to the wider community where schemes were delivered to ensure buy-in from local people.

Members watched a video featuring schoolchildren from various schools reciting poetry with messages linked to road safety.

The Traffic and Streetworks Manager reminded Committee that an evaluation had been carried out over a six-month period in 2016, looking at four elements: a survey of 10 schools, comprising of 493 pupils; a case study, including interviews and a focus group; feedback from a JRSO event; and a school census on active travel. Members noted that it had been found that there had been a number of positives, including acceptance of the schemes, and increase in perception of road safety and an increased desire to walk and cycle to school. The Committee noted that the evaluation had highlighted that changing driver behaviour was a long-term goal and that all 20mph schemes needed to be supported with “soft measures” and “nudge” approaches to help ensure schemes’ success.

Councillors were referred to charts setting out how safe young people felt walking to school before and after the introduction of a 20mph limit. It was noted that prior to schemes, the percentages for those feeling not safe, quite safe and very safe were 7 percent, 48.77 percent and 44.24 percent respectively. It was added that following the introduction of schemes the response was 3.09 percent, 36.21 percent and 60.70 percent respectively, a significant improvement. The Traffic and Streetworks Manager added that DfT had also published a study they had undertaken in respect of 20mph limits nationally, with evidence showing a small 1mph reduction in median speeds, however it was noted that there was a greater reduction in vehicles travelling at greater speeds. Members noted that it had also been demonstrated that the 20mph limits had encouraged use of healthier and more sustainable transport, such as walking and cycling. The Traffic and Streetworks Manager explained that the DfT evaluation had noted that there had been insufficient evidence to conclude that 20mph limits within residential area had led to a significant change in collisions or casualties.

The Chairman thanked the Head of Technical Services and the Traffic and Streetworks Manager and asked Members for their comments and questions. Councillor C Wilson noted a school in her Division, St. Helen’s Primary, was not on the list for a 20mph limit, she noted that earlier in the week a young girl had been knocked down, though thankfully not seriously injured, she asked if there was anything that could be done to help in this situation. The Head of Technical Services reiterated that the list of schemes was in line with the criteria agreed, however, if the matter was deemed a local priority and Members and relevant partners were able to secure funding then it may be possible to bring forward a scheme. He reminded Members that their new Neighbourhood Budget would be in effect from 1 April and they could speak to the Traffic and Streetworks Manager should they have funding and wish to have a scheme developed.

Councillor B Avery thanked the Head of Technical Services and the Traffic and Streetworks Manager for their work, noting that Ferryhill had also not been on the list of schemes, however local Members had been able secure funding and a scheme was delivered. He added it was an excellent job and much appreciated by Members and the community.

Councillor H Liddle asked if it was known how many more schools would need to have schemes brought forward so that all schools within the county were covered and would it be possible to link schemes to any development that may be taking place within an area. The Head of Technical Services noted that he did not have the number to hand, however, with there being around 280 schools in the county, then with the schemes completed, and in the pipeline, it would mean that around half of the schools had schemes. He reiterated that there was always the potential for further schemes if third party funding was secured. The Chairman supported Councillor H Liddle's point and to explore the possibility to utilise Section 106 (s106) monies from development to help deliver more schemes.

Councillor R Crute thanked the Head of Technical Services and the Traffic and Streetworks Manager and all of the Team for their work with Members, the Committee, the 20mph Working Group, Schools, Town and Parish Councils and AAPs. He added that this was an excellent example of how to maximise funds and the work of all involved was very commendable. He noted the Durham University evaluation and that the improved feeling of safety was important, however, he asked if there had been any common factors that could be learned from going forward, for example in terms of speed enforcement. The Traffic and Streetworks Manager explained that the evaluation noted that wider engagement was important and to involve young people, an example being the video with the schoolchildren reciting their poetry.

Councillor E Mavin noted 109 schemes had been completed, though only five schemes that had involved Town and Parish Councils and asked if they were aware of the potential for schemes to be brought forward. The Head of Technical Services noted that Town and Parish Councils were aware, and it was their choice whether they wish to bring forward a potential scheme, working with Local County Councillors. He added that he would welcome any support that would help progress a scheme.

Councillor L Maddison noted the 20mph schemes in Spennymoor/Middleston had been very effective. She added that a scheme, part-funded by the AAP and Neighbourhood Budget and working with Durham Constabulary, utilised interactive headgear to help educate young people as regards the consequences of speeding. Councillor L Maddison added that additional software could be used to demonstrate cycling and help engage with children and young people while providing important safety information.

The Chairman added that there was a lot of hard-hitting and effective information presented at events such as WiseDrive and while perhaps a little shocking for young people he reiterated that it was vital important to get those safety messages across. The Head of Technical Services noted he had used the technology mentioned by Councillor L Maddison and that it was a great tool. He added that the Council and partners such as Durham Constabulary and County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service worked together to deliver road safety messages and would always look at any new opportunities to promote those messages.

The Head of Technical Services reiterated that there would be work in the near future relating to the Road Safety Strategy, with an Overview and Scrutiny Working Group looking at the topic.

Councillor L Kennedy noted that schemes in her area had been positive and had involved agencies such as the Police, AAP and schools themselves. She added that the “Mini-Police” had also been involved with activities in relation to community safety and Community Speedwatch, with their signs, pictures and presentations helping to bring home the safety messages.

The Chairman thanked the Head of Technical Services and his Team, noting they had been very accommodating and helpful to Local Members in order to help get schemes underway.

Councillor J Turnbull asked as regards the criteria and cited Neville’s Cross Primary as an example of where he felt traffic would not be able to get in excess of 20mph during peak times yet he and his fellow Divisional Councillor, Councillor P Taylor had worked together to pay £25,000 for a single scheme in their area, with this having large wagons traveling past to access a nearby industrial estate. The Chairman reiterated that Overview and Scrutiny had been involved with the revised criteria, through a cross-party working group, and added that the criteria were not subjective and represented a fair matrix by which to allocate schemes. Councillor J Turnbull noted he had been involved with the working group and noted that perhaps there would be scope for s106 funding from developments nearby, for example at Browney. The Head of Technical Services reiterated that the criteria had been developed with Overview and Scrutiny. He noted that in terms of Neville’s Cross, while at busy times the traffic may indeed be travelling below 20mph, there was a very high number of vehicles and pedestrians in the locality. He added that the project had an aim of not only reducing speeds, but also to have benefits in terms of the perception and feeling of safety, to encourage walking and cycling.

The Chairman thanked the Team and noted that this would be the last update on the project.

**Resolved:**

That the report and presentation be noted.

## **9 Quarter Three 2018/19 Performance Report**

The Chairman introduced the Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Manager, Tom Gorman who was in attendance to speak to Members in relation to the Quarter Three 2018/19 Performance Management Report for the Altogether Safer theme (for copy see file of minutes).

The Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Manager noted that the information within the performance report would be useful to Members in terms of identifying potential future review activity and items for the Committee work programme. He referred Members to the report, with the key performance indicators (KPIs) being set out against the key performance questions (KPQs): how effective are we at tackling crime and disorder; how effective are we at tackling anti-social behaviour; how well do we reduce misuse of drugs and alcohol; how well do we tackle abuse of vulnerable people, including domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation and radicalisation; and how do we keep our environment safe, including roads and waterways.

It was noted that the key performance issues in terms of crime and disorder, with an increase in the crime rate (reported), reminding Members of the workshop session on Recorded Crime that had taken place, led by Chief Superintendent A Green. The Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Manager noted that the numbers appeared to be settling down, though as reported at Quarter 2, violence against the person had shown an increase, adding that a number had been without injury or had been harassment.

It was added that there had been an increase in shoplifting in particular areas, and that this had been an area that Members had asked if any there was any links to the roll out of Universal Credit (UC). The Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Manager noted that this information was still being assessed, with early indications being inconclusive. Members noted that the Police and Local Council anti-social behaviour confidence indicator had fallen, with a statistically significant decrease, though within the confidence level. The Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Manager added that he and the Overview and Scrutiny Officer had attended a Safer Durham Partnership joint tasking group that was looking at the issue and would report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Manager reiterated the improvement in terms of the Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service, with completion rates for alcohol and non-opiates now better than target, albeit less than the national average. He added that the completion rate in relation to opiates was below target, though was improving and approaching target. Members were informed that a recent Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection the Council's provider in this regard, Centre for Change, now operating as HumanKind, had received an overall rating of "requires improvement". It was noted that an action plan had been developed and progress against this may be an area that the Committee would wish to look at in the future.

Councillors noted information relating to the vulnerable people, with an increase in domestic violence year-on-year, though it was noted that increase confidence in reporting was a factor. It was added that in respect to the statistics relating to a safe environment, which included the numbers of those killed or serious injured (KSIs), showing a slight improvement year on year and with a favourable long-term trend.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Manager reminded the Committee of the ongoing work of the Overview and Scrutiny Officer in terms of the Working Group that would look at the topic of road safety and the recent meeting where the Strategic Traffic Manager, Dave Wafer had attended to provide an update for Members.

The Chairman thanked the Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Manager and noted the information as regards the CQC inspection of the Drug and Alcohol Service provider. He added that this should be taken in the context of issues, such as Public Health cuts, however, it would be an area the Committee would need to monitor.

The Chairman referred to a recent television programme highlighting issues following the roll-out of Universal Credit (UC) at Hartlepool and the issues faced by people in the town. He added that he could not see there not being a link to the problems faced and the roll-out of UC.

The Chairman asked Members for their comments and questions.

Councillor R Crute noted that Indicator 95, as set out in the table on page 66 of the agenda pack, was how the Police and Local Council were perceived to be dealing with crime issues. He noted that it was a tracker indicator and also had issues in terms of data lag. He asked what the Council could do to influence the indicator and how much context those individuals completing the survey had, namely in terms of demands upon the Police and Local Authorities, and what issues did fall under the remit of the Council such as selective licensing, private sector housing and how we could inform in terms of this, in the context of austerity and funding cuts.

Chief Superintendent A Green noted that when the public perception of the actions of the Police alone was asked, not including Local Authorities, then the result was far higher. He noted that it was important to try to understand why this was and it was an area being looked at by a joint tasking group. Chief Superintendent A Green added that it may be due to the "softer" nature of the issues the Council was responsible for, long-term and complex and often dealt with in partnership which could perhaps be perceived as being acted upon slowly, or it could be as a result of wider issues as suggested by Members, such as UC or Brexit. The Overview and Scrutiny Officer noted that the joint tasking group were researching the issue and he would bring back further information in due course and feed into the work programme.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Manager noted that the confidence levels in the work of the Police had not always been so high and that the Police had undertaken a lot of work to try to understand this, with help from Durham University looking at three areas: performance; police behaviours and values; and communications and education activities. He added that this was an area the joint tasking group would look at relative to the partnership arrangements in place.

The Chairman noted that there were areas elsewhere in the country where Police Forces were not perceived as highly as Durham Constabulary and he added he felt this was attributable to the emphasis that the Chief Constable, Mike Barton had placed on Neighbourhood Policing and this was reflected in all his interactions with Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).

Councillor B Avery noted he was very happy with the local Police in his area, Ferryhill, with mention of the excellent work of Inspector Warren Edwards, Neighbourhood Inspector for Spennymoor. He added that there had been a number of thefts from the local supermarket and while he had met with their staff, he asked what influence the Council could have as regards the issue. The Chairman noted that the particular store layout was likely determined corporately. Chief Superintendent A Green noted that some supermarkets had decided in terms of the cost of the the loss in terms of stock weighed up against the increase in sales by having promotions and items close to the entrance of stores. He added that in Durham City and Darlington, a reduction in the numbers of people begging within those centres was contrasted by an increase in shoplifting. Chief Superintendent A Green noted a link to UC in terms of the types of items being stolen, for example sanity products, and issues such as “sofa-surfing” and homelessness.

Councillor J Nicholson noted there had been a large increase in the use of foodbanks when comparing 2017 to 2018 and that speaking to her local Foodbank and the Local Inspector there had been an increase in shoplifting, noting that the Inspector at Stanley had foodbank vouchers and used these to help vulnerable people.

Councillor C Hampson noted help available in her area, at PACT House, not a regular foodbank, though it gave out hundreds of food parcels each week. The Chairman noted the good work of those organisations helping the most vulnerable in our communities.

Councillor J Considine referred to the information relating to domestic violence and asked if mental health was also an issue. She noted that the impact on the children in our county was highlighted at the Corporate Parenting Panel and the Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee, with the statistics from the provider of support services, Harbour being encouraging. The Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Manager noted there had not been changes in definition and would speak to the provider as regards their statistics.

**Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

## **10 Refresh of the Work Programme**

The Chairman asked the Overview and Scrutiny Officer to speak to Members in relation to the Refresh of the Work Programme (for copy see file of minutes).

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer explained that the report highlighted work that had been undertaken by the Committee within the past year and also looked forward, seeking suggestions from Members to be included within the Committee's work programme for the forthcoming year. Members were reminded that the aims and objectives were aligned to those of the Council Plan and associated plans, as well as the Safe Durham Partnership Plan priority areas. It was explained that the report set out the activities undertaken at Appendix 3 and the Overview and Scrutiny Officer noted the ongoing Joint Working Group with the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee looking at Residential Children's Homes and the upcoming Road Safety Strategy Working Group.

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer noted Members could also suggest possible areas that Committee could consider, with a further report to come back to Committee in June.

The Chairman thanked the Overview and Scrutiny Officer and noted the Vice-Chairman, Councillor H Liddle would chair the meetings of the Road Safety Strategy Working Group. He added that a topic he felt could be looked at by the Committee was volunteering, civic duty and how that helped society, however, he noted that the decision upon any topics to be considered would be for the Committee to decide upon collectively.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) That the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the information contained in the Altogether Safer priority theme of the Council Plan 2016 -2019.
- (ii) That the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its June meeting receive a further report detailing the Committee's Work Programme for 2019 -2020.

## **11 Overview and Scrutiny Review Update**

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer noted that the joint Working Group of the Children and Young People's and Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committees looking at the topic of Residential Children's Care Homes would meet the following week and would look at issues in relation to the accreditation scheme and partnership arrangements.

Members noted that in relation to the Committee's chosen topic for review, Road Safety Strategy, the Overview and Scrutiny Officer was working with the Head of Technical Services and other Officers with the first meeting of the working group to take place on 1 May 2019.

**Resolved:**

That the verbal update be noted.

## **12 Police and Crime Panel**

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer gave a verbal update report in respect of the Police and Crime Panel (PCP), noting issues considered at the meeting held on 14 March included: precept consultation; an update on the Police Crime and Victims' Plan Outcome Two "Victims and the Vulnerable feel supported"; and the quarterly performance report; and a focused report on the Police, Crime and Victim's Commissioner Plan Outcomes – Outcome 3 "Reoffending is reduced and rehabilitation is improved".

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer noted that he would circulate the relevant links to Members. The Chairman reminded Members that the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee maintained close links and fed into the PCP as appropriate.

Chief Superintendent A Green noted that the Chief Constable, Mike Barton was retiring in June 2019. The Chairman noted the Committee's thanks to the Chief Constable, adding he had been very open and frank in his discussions with Members and supportive of the work of the Committee, as evidenced by the high-ranking Officers from Durham Constabulary that attended the meetings of the Committee.

**Resolved:**

That the verbal update be noted.

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**Safer and Stronger Communities  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**24 June 2019**



**Arson and deliberate secondary fires in  
East Durham**

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**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and  
Partnerships**

**Electoral division(s) affected:**

Countywide

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide Members with supporting information in advance of a presentation to Members on progress of partnership activity to addressing an increase in arson and deliberate secondary fires in East Durham.

**Executive summary**

- 2 The presentation attached in appendix 2 will aim to provide Members with an overview of partnership work and progress of implementation of recommendations following scrutiny activity to tackling arson and deliberate secondary fires in East Durham.

**Recommendation(s)**

- 3 Members are asked to note information within this report and presentation and comment accordingly.

**Background**

- 4 In June 2017, Members of the Council's Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to hold a focussed session on arson and deliberate secondary fires within its work programme.
- 5 A working group session has held in October 2017 with members of the Committee and elected members from areas with higher rates of arson within the east Durham area. The aim of the session was to gather evidence from police, fire and council representatives to gain an understanding of this issue, its impact on communities and police, fire and council services, the response by partner agencies and identify any areas for further development.

- 6 The Committee is the council's designated crime and disorder committee and therefore has the power to review and scrutinise decisions made and other actions taken in connection with the discharge by responsible bodies of their crime and disorder functions i.e. the organisations represented on the Safe Durham Partnership. Within this context, following the meeting in October, a response from Cllr Boyes was sent to the Chair of the Safe Durham Partnership Board and the Cabinet Portfolio lead for Adult and Health Services.
- 7 The Committee's response was presented to the Safe Durham Partnership Board in January 2018 and whilst acknowledging positive partnership work included the following areas for further consideration:
- i Safe Durham Partnership to monitor performance relating to 'Deliberate Primary Fires and deliberate secondary fires
  - ii Include Countywide arson and deliberate fires within the performance reports presented to the committee on a quarterly basis.
  - iii Ensure a focus is placed on education with young people to highlight the dangers of fire including promotion of the Young Fire Fighters' Association at Peterlee Fire Station
  - iv Consider restorative approaches for low level offending alongside enforcement and prosecution for more serious offending
  - v Promote the Crimestoppers number and proactive public engagement to provide for community confidence and reassurance
  - vi Ensure that the focus of the review of the Time Limited Plan is to achieve a sustainable approach
  - vii Local Members to be consulted on the development of a Fire Reduction Plan to capture the needs of the community
- 8 A partnership response to the above recommendations was presented to the Committee by Phil Innis, District Manager, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service in July 2018. The presentation informed members of a reduction in recorded incidents since October 2017 and proactive work that included positive approaches to engage with young people, undertake campaign activity, a proposed community initiative at Peterlee Fire Station and launch of a trial of the 'firestoppers' phone number.
- 9 In addition, Members were advised of a local fire reduction plan and development of memorandum of understanding between partners to remove end of life cars, flytipping and boarding up empty properties. Following consideration of the presentation, a response containing comments from the Committee's meeting was sent to the Chair of the Safe Durham Partnership and Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Adult and Health Services with a request for a progress update on activity to be presented to the Committee.
- 10 Phil Innis, Station Manager, County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service will be in attendance at the Committee's meeting to provide a presentation to Members on partnership activity in relation to the above areas to reduce arson and deliberate fires within the east Durham area.

## **Main Implications**

### *Crime and Disorder*

- 11 Information with this report aims to contribute to objectives within the existing Council Plan and Safe Durham Partnership plan to reducing crime and disorder.

## **Conclusion**

- 12 The attached presentation provides an update and opportunity for the Committee to monitor progress and provide comment of partnership activity to tackling arson and deliberate secondary fires in East Durham.

## **Background Papers**

- None

## **Other useful documents**

- Arson and deliberate secondary fires in East Durham, Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, July 2018

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

None.

### **Finance**

None.

### **Consultation**

None.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

None.

### **Human Rights**

None.

### **Crime and Disorder**

Information with this report aims to contribute to objectives within the existing Council Plan and Safe Durham Partnership plan to reducing crime and disorder.

### **Staffing**

None.

### **Accommodation**

None.

### **Risk**

None.

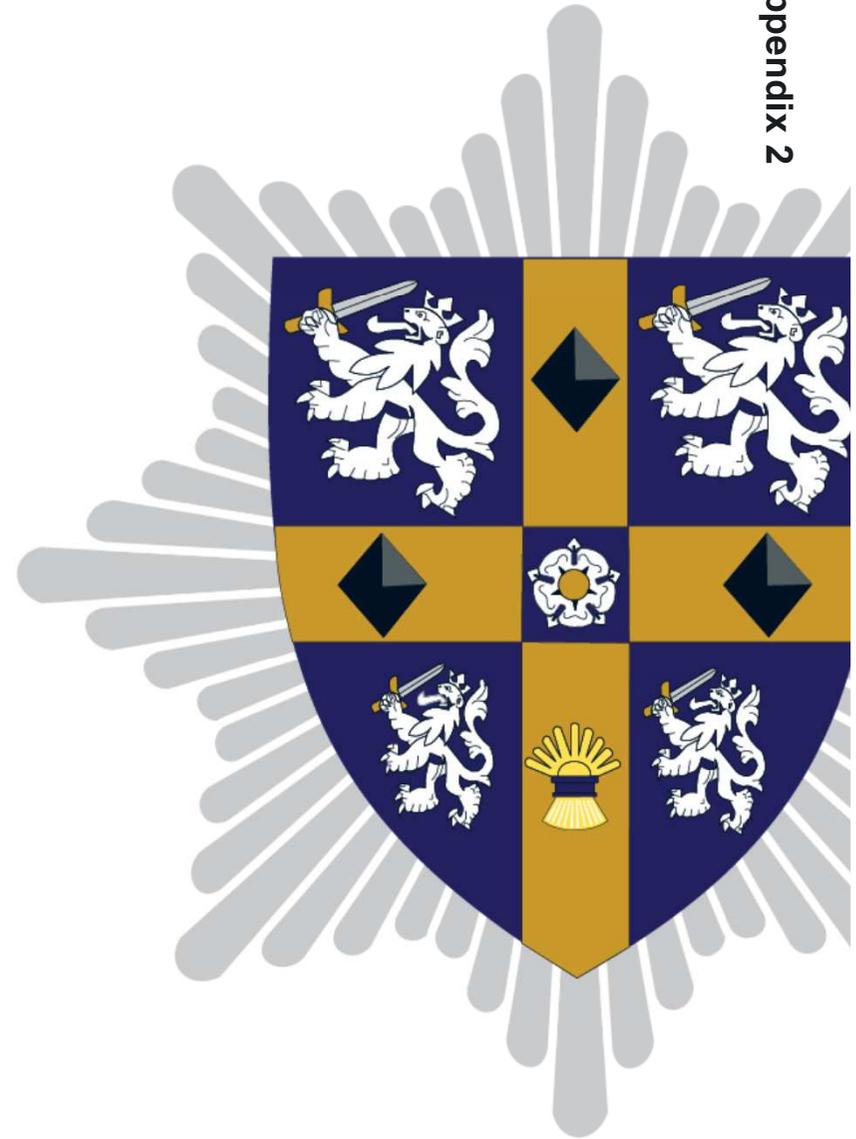
### **Procurement**

None.

# Arson & deliberate fires in East Durham

Overview &  
Scrutiny Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> June 2019



# Aims and objectives

## 1. Deliberate fire data comparison

- Primary
- Secondary

## 2. What's been done

## 3. Actions moving forward



# Demand over 4 years

## Deliberate primary fires YTD

FRS District	2015/16	2016/17	2017/ 18	2018/19	% change over 4 yrs	
Easington	168	236	258	203	21 %	↑
Durham	58	67	82	81	40 %	↑
Derwentside	68	50	69	89	31 %	↑
Wear & Tees	35	40	53	53	51 %	↑
Darlington	74	69	89	54	37 %	↓
SERVICE	403	489	551	480	19 %	↑



# Previous year comparison (Easington district)

## (Deliberate Primary fires)

Count of Incidents				
Property Type and Sub Group	2017/18	2018/19	Direction of travel	
Road Vehicle	176	128	48	↓
Non Residential	36	34	2	↓
Dwelling	30	24	6	↓
Grassland, woodland and crops	12	17	5	↑
Outdoor structures	4	9	5	↑
Outdoor equipment and machinery	2	5	3	↑
Other Residential	3	1	2	↓
Other Transport	0	1	1	↑
Grand Total	258	203	21%	



# Demand over 4 years

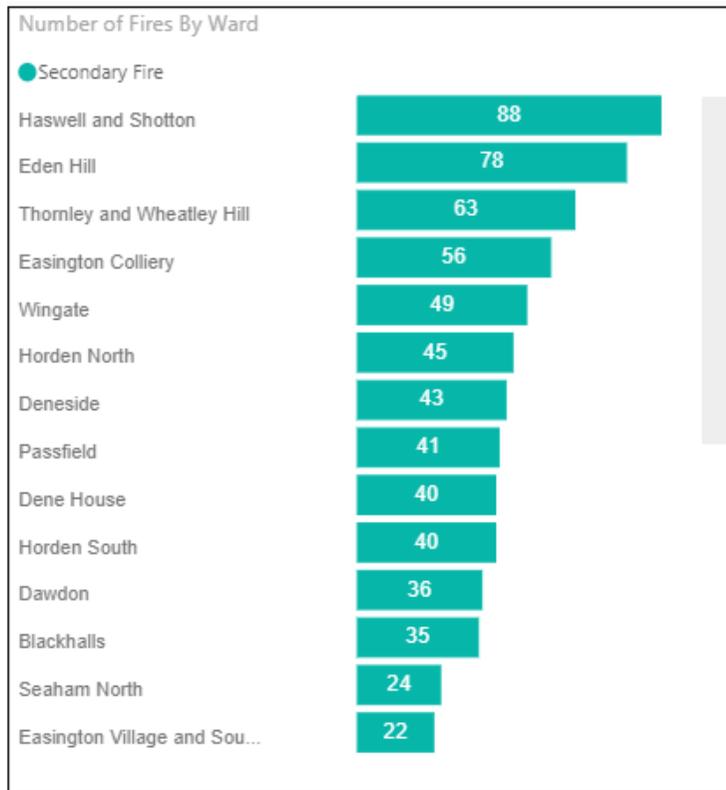
## Deliberate secondary fires YTD

FRS District	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	% change over 4 yrs	
Easington	555	652	773	726	22%	↑
Derwentside	342	332	421	481	41%	↑
Durham	223	236	319	375	68%	↑
Wear & Tees	204	144	262	331	65%	↑
Darlington	323	354	488	620	91%	↑
TOTAL	1647	1718	2263	2533	54%	↑

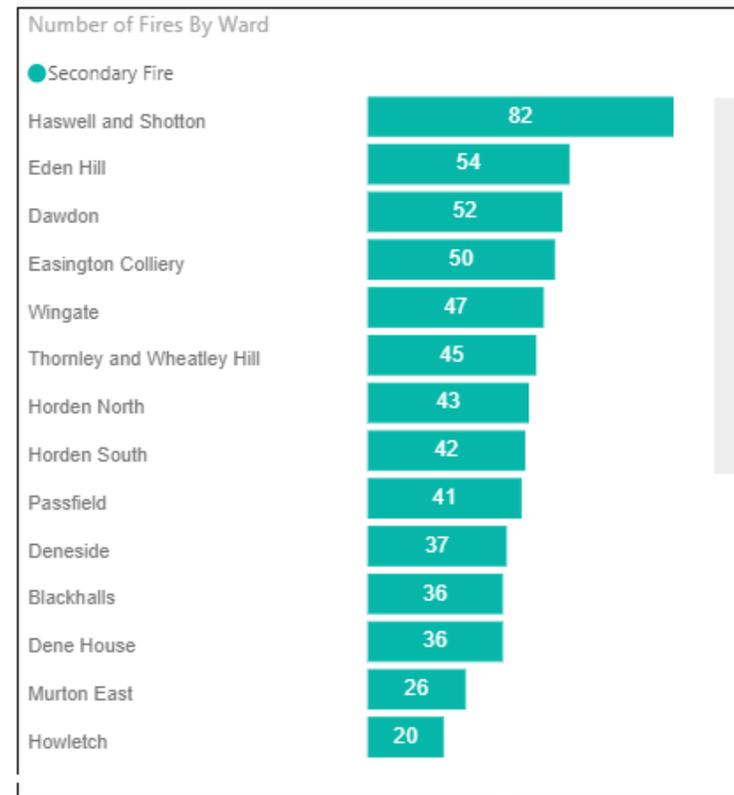


# Deliberate Secondary fires Ward area

2017 / 2018



2018 / 2019



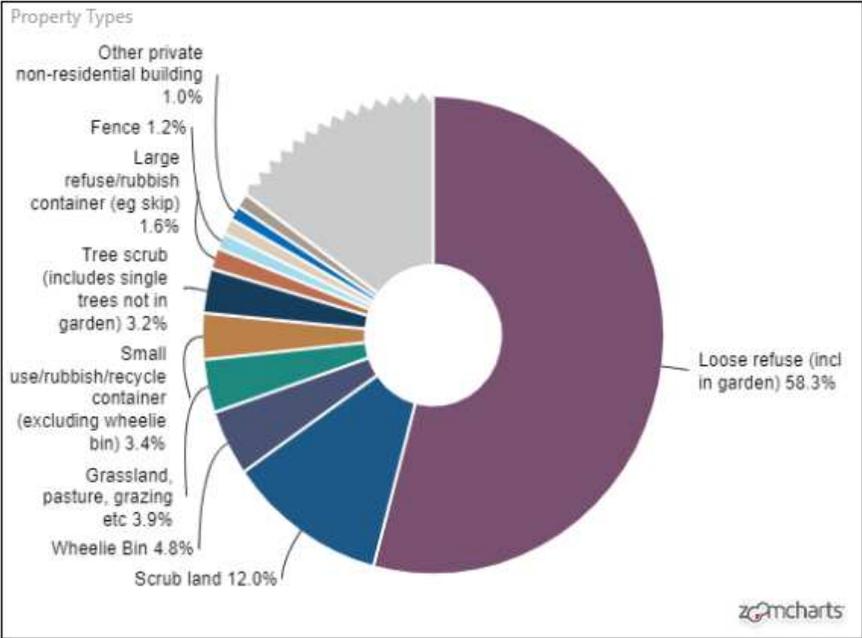
6% reduction



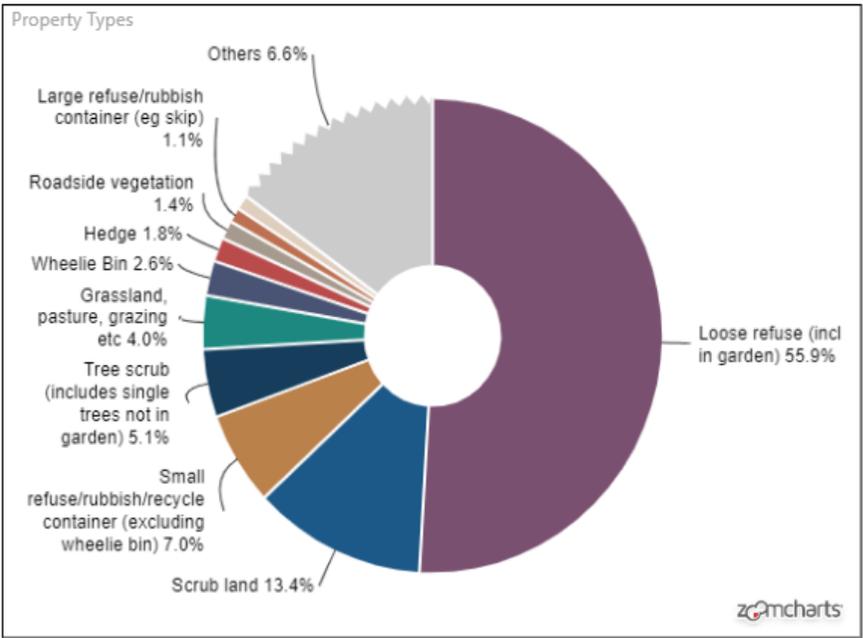
# Deliberate Secondary fires

## Property types

2017 / 2018



2018 / 2019

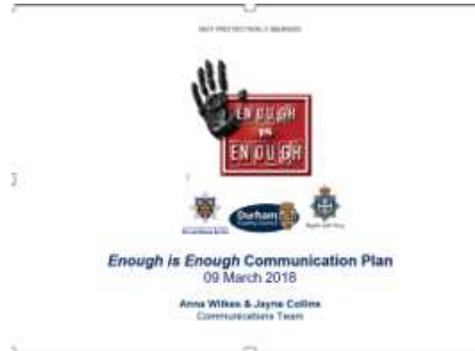
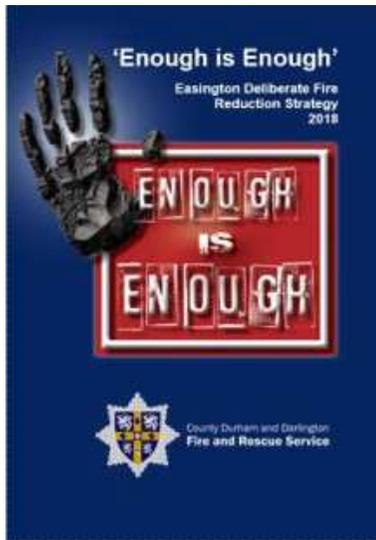


6% reduction

# POP Plan – Four areas



County Durham and Darlington  
Fire and Rescue Service



East Durham  
Area Action Partnership



County Durham and Darlington  
Fire and Rescue Service



# What have we done?

1. MAPS multi agency – Deliberate fire reduction POP plan
  - Improved multi agency approach
2. Consistent approach
  - Rubbish removal process
  - Abandoned vehicle removal scheme
  - Unsecure property protocol



# FireStoppers. 0800 169 5558



Arson is increasing in your area  
let's tackle it together



Arson has increased  
in your area, help us  
make you safer

We are interested in what  
you know, not your identity

**FireStoppers.**  
**0800 169 5558**



# FireStoppers. 0800 169 5558

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**anonymous**

We are only interested  
in what you know, not  
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There's  
been a  
deliberate  
fire in your  
area



County Durham and Darlington  
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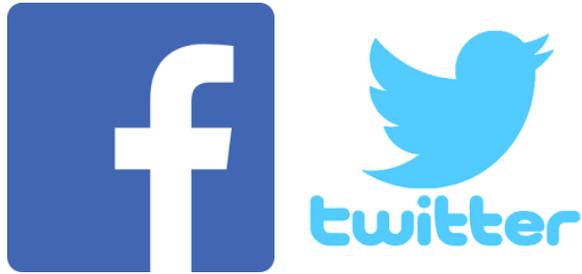
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**County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service** added 2 new photos.  
24 August 2018 · 🌐

Our crews have been out and about in The Green area of Easington Village after a house was deliberately set on fire earlier this week.

The incident happened at 2am on Wednesday and three fire engines, two from Peterlee and one from Seaham, were sent to tackle the blaze.

The fire was quickly brought under control and a joint fire investigation with the police was carried out.... See more




**been a deliberate fire in your area**

**County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service** @... · 31 Aug 2018

We have launched a joint investigation with @DurhamPolice into the cause of the fires. Anyone with information should call 101 or **FireStoppers** anonymously on 0800169558

**Durham Constabulary** @DurhamPolice

THREE Wingate properties targeted in suspected arson attack. [bit.ly/2PTXdYd](http://bit.ly/2PTXdYd)

A joint police and @CDDFRS investigation is now...

**County Durham & Darlington Fir...** @CDDFRS

Peterlee Fire station hosted a multi-agency meeting earlier this week with members of CDDFRS, @DurhamPolice @DurhamCouncil @countydurhamhg to share ideas of how we can all work together to reduce deliberate fires in the east coast 🙌🏠👮🏻🙌🏻

#TeamWork #ArsonReduction



1:25 am - 8 Feb 2019

5 Retweets 20 Likes

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**Fire and Rescue Service**



# Youth engagement .....



# Fire Hub

County Durham and Darlington  
Fire and Rescue Service



# Fire Investigation, Arson Reduction & Young People Team

- Multi-disciplined team formed in September 2018.
- Young People agenda running through all activities.
- Partnership working & collaboration.
- Arson Reduction Scheme 2019.
- 'Cultural change' through DCC Education & Skills.
- Partnerships with DCC, DBC, DAAC & Housing Associations.
- Development of Fire & Police Cadets joint AR projects.



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Fire and Rescue Service





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# Any Questions ?



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**Safer and Stronger Communities  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**24 June 2019**

**Domestic Abuse – Progress Report**



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**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships**

**Electoral division(s) affected:**

Countywide

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with supporting information to a progress report on activity of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group (DASVEG).

**Executive summary**

- 2 The report attached in appendix 2 aims to provide Members with an overview on activity of the DASVEG.

**Recommendation**

- 3 The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the report and comment accordingly.

**Background**

- 4 Attached in Appendix 2 is a report providing information on activity of the DASVEG in relation to its objectives, recommendations from the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI), Commissioning and the group's terms of reference and membership.
- 5 Jeanne Trotter, Criminal Justice Programme Lead, Office of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner and DASVEG Chair will be in attendance to present the report attached in Appendix 2 and respond to questions from the committee on activity of the group.

**Main implications**

*Crime and Disorder*

- 6 Information with this report aims to contribute to objectives within the existing Council Plan and Safe Durham Partnership plan to reducing crime and disorder.

### **Conclusion**

- 7 The attached report provides an opportunity for Members to comment on activity of the DASVEG.

### **Background papers**

- None

### **Other useful documents**

- None

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

None.

### **Finance**

None.

### **Consultation**

None.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

None.

### **Human Rights**

None.

### **Crime and Disorder**

Information with this report aims to contribute to objectives within the existing Council Plan and Safe Durham Partnership plan to reducing crime and disorder.

### **Staffing**

None.

### **Accommodation**

None.

### **Risk**

None.

### **Procurement**

None.

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24 June 2019

**Domestic Abuse – Progress Report**



Safe Durham Partnership

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**Report of Jeanne Trotter, OPCVC Criminal Justice Programme Lead - Chair of DASVEG**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Members with an update on the DASVEG plan on a page and other related activity.

**Background**

2. The objectives outlined within the DASVEG Plan on a Page were developed following a multi-agency planning session which took place in December 2016. The plan was reviewed at a multi-agency stakeholder event in March 2019 where it was agreed that the headline objectives continue to be relevant. Subsequently, while the overarching objectives of the Plan on a Page will be retained, related actions will be updated to reflect progress and next steps. Stakeholder feedback also highlighted the need to include Sexual Violence.
3. The vision of the County Durham and Darlington Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group is: that all agencies work together to seek to reduce the prevalence of domestic abuse in County Durham and continue to provide and further develop a co-ordinated community response that provides high quality preventative, support and protection services and effectively deals with perpetrators. Our vision for sexual violence is that it will not be tolerated and that perpetrators will be brought to account for their actions. Victims of sexual violence will be supported, treated with dignity and respect and made to feel safe within their community whilst seeing their offenders brought to justice.
4. The 3 objectives are listed below:
  - Objective 1 – reduction in repeat victims and serial perpetrators of domestic abuse
  - Objective 2 – Domestic abuse is prevented through early intervention
  - Objective 3 – More invisible victims are identified and offered support
  - A fourth objective relating to Sexual Violence is to be added following the DASVEG meeting in May 2019
5. Ensuring the voices of those affected by Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence, including victims, perpetrators, children, families and communities, are embedded in planning and delivery mechanisms is key priority along with collaboration between agencies and the assessment and evaluation of interventions.

### Objective 1 – reduce repeat victims and serial perpetrators of domestic abuse

6. A recent report (February 2019) published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) highlights the need for further investigation and analysis of the reasons behind repeat victimisation. The introduction of Multi-agency Tasking and Co-ordination (MATAC) is intended to supplement the work of MASH and MARAC in relation to identifying and taking a pro-active approach to serial perpetration of domestic abuse.
7. A suite of perpetrator interventions are now in place delivered by Harbour, Barnardos and CRC. Harbour act as the single point of contact for assessment and onward referral to the appropriate programme. While these interventions are currently subject to a cocktail of funding (Home Office, Police Transformation Fund, etc.) work is being undertaken to evaluate and establish future resource requirements.
8. The Checkpoint Quality Assurance Group continues to meet to monitor standards in respect of risk and needs assessment. The evaluation of the victim element undertaken by Durham University has now been completed. The evaluation finds that: *'Checkpoint holds the potential to offer a unique and innovative opportunity to intervene in a positive way for a range of criminal offences including family and partner violence related offences. At the moment, however, we are unable to recommend that partner violence cases continue as part of the Checkpoint programme in its current form. This is because of concerns around referral and risk assessment processes, the limited influence of victim/survivor voices in the process, difficulties collecting trackable data, apparent gaps and definitional issues around whether a case has 'failed' and the consequences of this (particularly what happens to offenders who do not attend an intervention). We do remain optimistic about the potential of Checkpoint. There were multiple points of implementation failure evident in the early to mid-points of our evaluation, some of which have been resolved. There are now fewer points of implementation failure, those that exist do so around particular pinch points, but these remain too significant to overlook.'*
9. Many of the issues raised in the evaluation report have now been addressed and an action plan put in place to respond to outstanding actions.

### Objective 2 – Domestic Abuse is prevented through early intervention

10. DASVEG recognise that educating children and young people on the importance of respectful and healthy relationships is important in order to prevent future offending or victimisation.
11. Education Durham's Relationship and Sex Education Commission has supported 66% of secondary education settings in County Durham and this support has now been expanded to include primary schools. Operation Encompass continues and will be expanded in line with JTAI recommendations. I Am Me, Being ME and the SELFIE projects are all continuing.

### Objective 3 – More invisible victims are identified and offered support

12. The Partnership has supported the piloting of IRIS (Identification and Referral to Improve Safety) in health care settings; all community pharmacy staff are accessing an e-learning package and GP training has been delivered and their links into MARAC strengthened. The Partnership has also supported the “No less of a Man” Campaign raising the profile of male victims of Domestic Abuse.

#### JTAI

13. Reporting arrangements between DASVEG and the Durham Safeguarding Partnership have been strengthened in line with JTAI recommendations and partners are currently working to deliver on the actions assigned to them as part of the JTAI Action Plan.
14. Operation Encompass has been extended to include standard risk DA cases and the DA Specialist Service contract now includes increased resource to manage notifications. Operating guidance is being updated to reflect inclusion of standard incidents/school holiday periods and the Police recording system is being updated in order to support the management of the increased volume. All schools are being invited to briefing events during May 2019. The new approach will be launched in June 2019 with all Primary Schools and September 2019 with all secondary schools.
15. MARAC processes have been reviewed and it has been agreed to trial an alternative approach that involves high risk domestic abuse cases being discussed by partners within the MASH with only complex cases progressing to twice weekly MARAC meetings. It has been agreed that the frequency of meetings can be altered during the pilot, to try different models. It has also been suggested that the partners within the MASH take part in the meetings, with telephone conferencing being utilised for those not represented.
16. National Probation Service (NPS) and Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) have developed a range of briefings that raise awareness of their role within multi-agency partnerships and in relation to Domestic Abuse pathways in particular. These briefings will be delivered to staff within the MASH and shared across all partner agencies for dissemination. Work is also being undertaken to raise awareness of MARAC criteria and agency responsibility to refer to MARAC in relation to potential high risk domestic cases

#### Commissioning

17. Discussions relating to opportunities for joint commissioning across DCC and Darlington Borough Council have been postponed to enable Darlington colleagues to continue their service review. Subsequently, DCC and the OPCVC have been involved in a joint commissioning process resulting in the contract for the specialist Domestic Abuse service being awarded once again to Harbour from April 2019.

### Terms of Reference and Membership

18. The Chair of DASVEG has now been passed to Jeanne Trotter from the Office of the Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner and Gill O'Neill, Deputy Director of Public Health, Durham County Council is Vice Chair.
19. Terms of reference and membership are being reviewed after discussion at the Stakeholder Event held in March 2019 and revisions will be agreed at the May meeting. The proposed governance structure will reflect stronger links with Safeguarding Partnerships.

### Recommendation

20. The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note contents of the report and comment accordingly.

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**Safer and Stronger Communities  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**24 June 2019**

**Quarter Four 2018/19  
Performance Management Report**



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**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships**

**Electoral division(s) affected:**

Countywide.

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To present progress towards achieving the key outcomes of the council's corporate performance framework for the Altogether Safer priority theme.

**Performance Report for quarter four, 2018/19**

- 2 The performance report for quarter four, 2018/19 is attached at Appendix 2. It is structured around a set of key questions aligned to the Altogether Safer priority theme and includes the key performance messages from data available this quarter along with visual summaries and data tables for each priority theme.

**Future Performance Reporting**

- 3 As our current vision, which forms the basis of this performance report, is over nine years old and many of the original aims have been achieved, we are developing a new set of proposed ambitions that better reflect the needs and opportunities of County Durham. This new vision will be launched in the autumn and the format and content of this performance report will be modified to align to the new ambitions.

**Executive summary**

- 4 Changes in recording practices have been the main driver for the increase in crime and decrease in anti-social behaviour. However, we are not complacent and are raising our concerns of increases in

particular crime areas (alcohol-related violent crime, possession of a weapon or drugs, metal theft and shoplifting as well as hate crime), the continuing upward trend in 'medium' and 'high' risk domestic violence incidents, and the fact that the North East has one of the highest reported prescribing rates for opioids in the country. We are addressing these concerns through the Safe Durham Partnership on a range of specific actions including piloting countywide multi-agency risk assessment conferences (MARACs) so domestic violence cases are heard quicker and joint actions identified sooner, addressing hate crime through the multi-agency Joint Hate Crime Action group, and targeting road safety training to areas identified through a child casualty mapping exercise.

## **Risk Management**

- 5 Effective risk management is a vital component of the council's agenda. The council's risk management process sits alongside our change programme and is incorporated into all significant change and improvement projects.
- 6 The key risk to successfully delivering the objectives of this theme is:
  - a) *Failure to protect a vulnerable adult from death or serious harm.*  
Management consider it possible that this risk could occur which, in addition to the severe impacts on service users, will result in serious damage to the council's reputation and to relationships with its safeguarding partners. As the statutory body, the multi-agency Safeguarding Adults Board has a Business Plan in place for taking forward actions to safeguard vulnerable adults including a comprehensive training programme for staff and regular supervision takes place. This risk is long term and procedures are reviewed regularly.

## **Recommendation**

- 7 That Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the overall position and direction of travel in relation to quarter four performance, and the actions being taken to address areas of underperformance.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

Not applicable.

### **Finance**

Latest performance information is being used to inform corporate, service and financial planning.

### **Consultation**

Not applicable.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

Equality measures are monitored as part of the performance monitoring process.

### **Human Rights**

Not applicable.

### **Crime and Disorder**

A number of performance indicators and key actions relating to crime and disorder are continually monitored in partnership with Durham Constabulary.

### **Staffing**

Performance against a number of relevant corporate health indicators has been included to monitor staffing issues.

### **Accommodation**

Not applicable.

### **Risk**

Reporting of significant risks and their interaction with performance is integrated into the quarterly performance management report.

### **Procurement**

Not applicable.

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*Altogether better*



# Durham County Council Performance Management Report

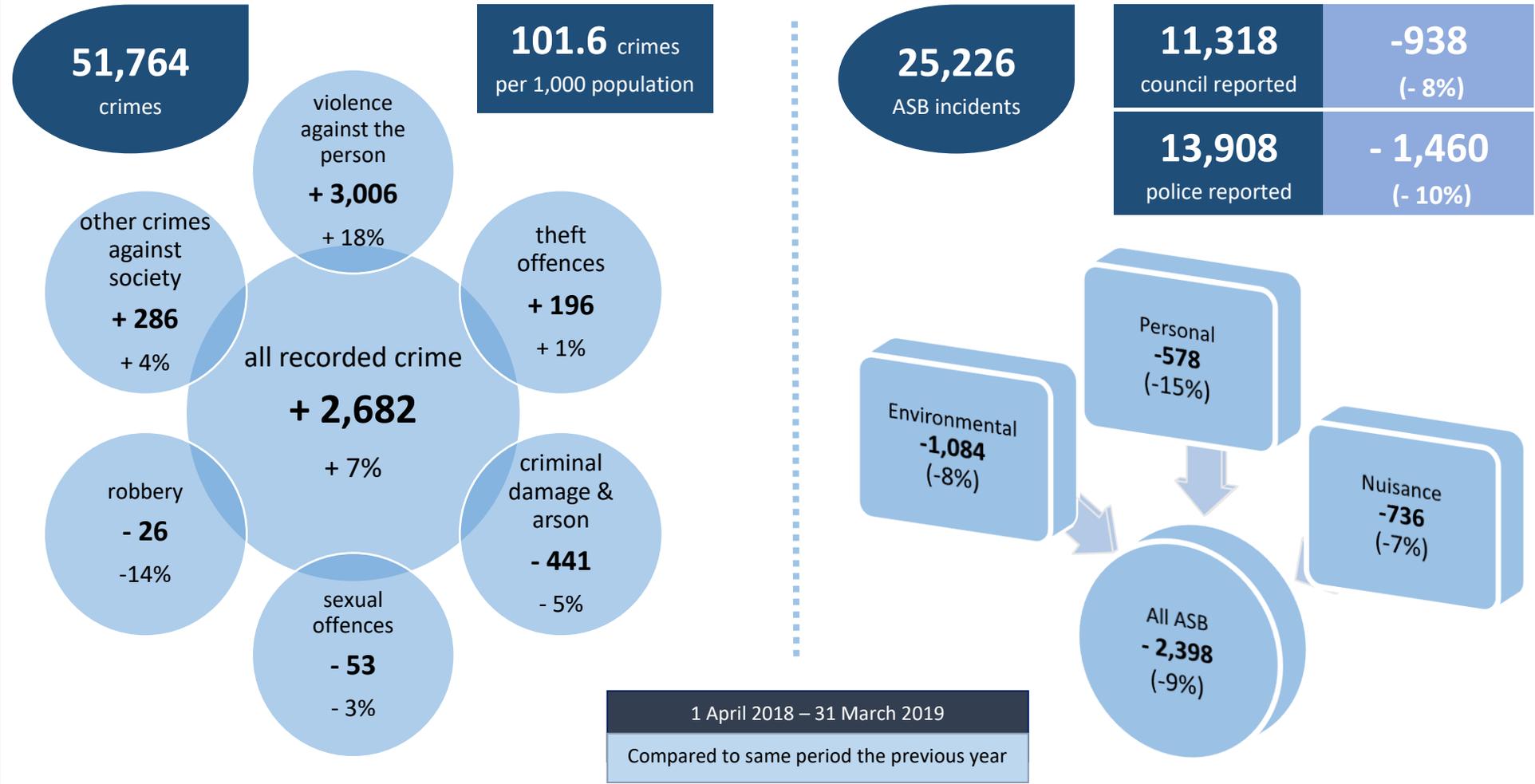
## Quarter Four, 2018/19



**ALTOGETHER SAFER**

How effective are we at tackling (1) crime and disorder, and (2) anti-social behaviour?

**50.3%** of respondents to National Crime Survey think Council & Police are dealing with ASB and crime issues that matter to the local area (December 2018)



## **Altogether Safer**

- 1 The priority theme of Altogether Safer is structured around the following five key questions:
  - (a) How effective are we at tackling crime and disorder?
  - (b) How effective are we at tackling anti-social behaviour?
  - (c) How well do we reduce misuse of drugs and alcohol?
  - (d) How well do we tackle abuse of vulnerable people, including domestic abuse, child exploitation and radicalisation?
  - (e) How do we keep our environment safe, including roads and waterways?

### **How effective are we at tackling crime and disorder, and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)?**

- 2 'Violence against the person' accounts for almost 39% of all recorded crime, most of which can be attributed to the sub-category of 'violence without injury', which experienced an 18% increase over the last year, mainly due to increases in reports of harassment (increased by 39%). This is consistent countywide and can be explained by an improved compliance with National Crime Recording Standards.
- 3 The second most frequently reported crime, accounting for almost 29%, is theft. Although, the overarching 'theft offence' category has shown a modest increase, some of the sub-categories have shown greater increases. For example, 'metal theft' increased by 25% to 526 crimes over the last year. The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will review shoplifting as part of their 2019/20 work programme. An analysis is being undertaken to determine if poverty could be an underlying cause.
- 4 Although drug offences remain relatively low across the county, there has been a 14% increase during 2018/19. 'Possession' incidents show the greatest increase over the longer term.
- 5 'Possession of weapons', which accounts for less for 1% of all crimes, has increased by 22% over the last year
- 6 Public perception that the police and council are dealing with ASB and crime issues that matter to the local area has fallen over recent quarters. The Safe Durham Partnership joint task group is working to gain a better understanding of the reasons for this decline, with a view to drafting an action plan to improve performance. An update will be provided when this work has been concluded.
- 7 Deliberate and secondary fires have increased slightly, continuing the longer-term trend, however at a lesser rate. Conversely arson has seen a slight decrease, but remains higher than 2014/15.

# ALTOGETHER SAFER

## How well do we (3) reduce misuse of drugs and alcohol?

**27.2%**  
Alcohol related violent crime

↑ 1.7 pp

1 Apr 2018 - 31 Mar 2019

Compared to same period the previous year

**2,350**  
Alcohol related ASB<sup>^</sup>

- 189 (- 7%)

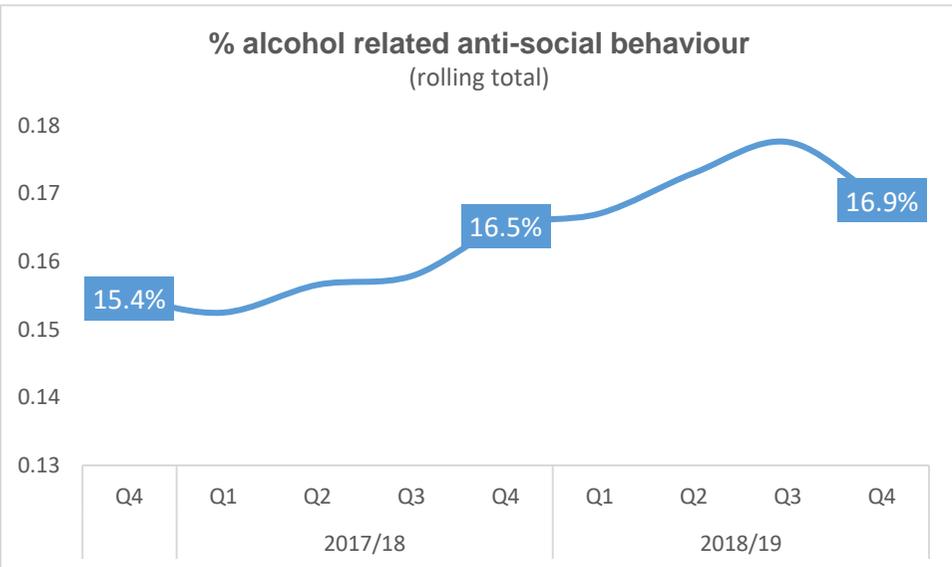
**243**  
Drug related ASB<sup>^</sup>

+71 (+ 41%)

<sup>^</sup>police figures only

### Successful completion of treatment... (May 17 to Apr 18 with reps to Oct 18)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31.9% (351)</li> <li>• Target 28%</li> <li>• England 38.6%</li> </ul> <p><b>Alcohol</b> </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5.3% (79)</li> <li>• Target 6%</li> <li>• England 6.2%</li> </ul> <p><b>Opiates</b> </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28.6% (229)</li> <li>• Target 26.4%</li> <li>• England 36%</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-opiates</b> </p>
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### Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

- DCC Public Health and DISC colleagues consulted partners to develop the new integrated model, which focuses on resolving vulnerability in people, rather than on the substance of choice, and involves more outreach support, taking services out to clients in their communities.
- The work taking place to develop the service includes six workstreams, which cover key areas including Criminal Justice, Families and Mental Health.
- Many partners have already been engaged in the workstreams and better integration with partners is key. Partners are encouraged to link in with the new service as appropriate.

# ALTOGETHER SAFER

## How well do we (4) tackle abuse of vulnerable people?

**Domestic Violence**  
(2018/19)

↑ **8%** in incidents

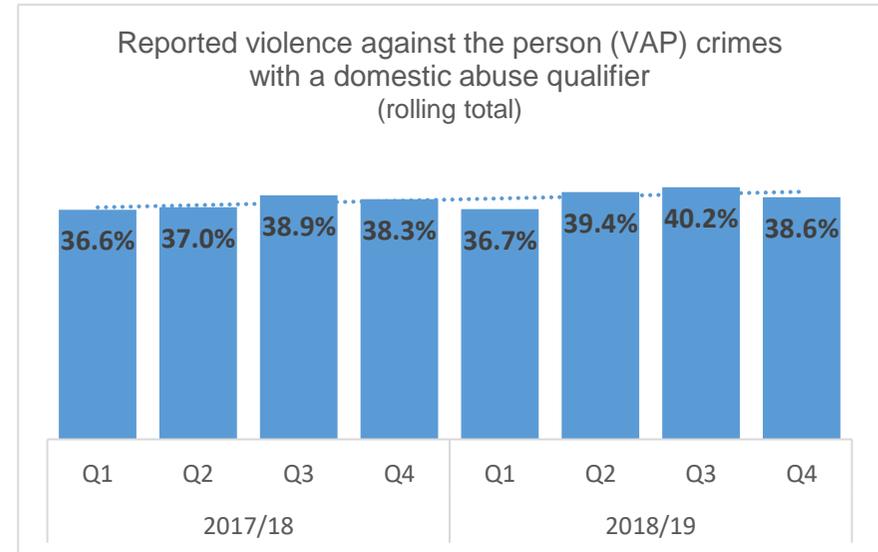
↑ **4.7pp** in DV incidents classified as crimes

↑ **3.1pp** in incidents involving alcohol

**6.3%** of DV referrals received high risk (quarter 4)

↑ **3.8pp** in repeat referrals to Harbour within 12 month period

Operation Encompass in **every** County Durham school



**169**  
child sexual exploitation referrals  
(12 months ending Dec-18)

↓ **22 (12%)**  
(compared to same period last year)



More information about the County Durham and Darlington Unite Against Hate Crime campaign can be found [here](#).

### Preventing Modern Day Slavery

We have approved a new Modern Slavery Charter which outlines our commitment to preventing modern slavery in County Durham

To find out more about the charter, click [here](#).

2018/19 compared to same period the previous year unless stated

## **How well do we reduce misuse of drugs and alcohol?**

- 8 During 2018/19, there were increases in alcohol related violent crime and alcohol related domestic violence.
- 9 A review of our Statement of Licensing is underway with public consultation ending in May 2019. The policy provides advice in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 and is the basis for decision-making at our licensing committee. It aims to prevent crime and disorder, improve public safety, prevent public nuisance; and protect children from harm.
- 10 There have been stories in the national media about the prescription of opioids, 'morphine-type' medications such as codeine, tramadol and fentanyl used to treat pain. The North East has one of the highest reported prescribing rates in the country, even after accounting for population, ageing and deprivation. We have put in place measures to ensure GPs are fully equipped to review current prescribing levels and provide suitable contracts with patients requiring pain management while battling addiction.

## **How well do we tackle abuse of vulnerable people, including domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation and radicalisation?**

- 11 Domestic violence incidents reported to the police continue to increase. During 2018/19, there were 15,064 incidents, which equates to 28.8 per 1,000 population, an increase from 21.8 per 1,000 last quarter. There is a continued increasing trend within the 'medium' and 'high' levels of risk, while 'low' risk is steadily decreasing.
- 12 The number of crimes recorded as 'violence against the person with a domestic abuse qualifier' has steadily increased between April 2017 (1,557) and March 2019 (1,926).
- 13 Repeat referral to the multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) and Harbour, a charity working with families affected by domestic violence, are showing a longer-term increasing trend. Presently, weekly meetings are held alternating focus between north and south areas of the county, resulting at times in delays in MARAC action being taken and risk being addressed by agencies individually rather than through joint working. A six-month pilot (commenced May 2019) is to be introduced to hold twice weekly 'dynamic' MARACs covering all areas. The pilot should mean cases will be heard quicker and joint actions identified sooner.
- 14 The Hate Hurts campaign has been launched showing that partners are united against Hate Crime in County Durham and Darlington. The number of hate crimes reported to the police has increased by about a quarter over the past four years, partly due to people being more prepared to report hate crimes to the police. The Joint Hate Crime Action group, a multi-agency group of colleagues in the public

# ALTOGETHER SAFER

## 5. How do we keep our environment safe including roads and waterways?

Killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions\*

**194** people  
10 fatalities  
184 injuries

**21** children  
0 fatalities  
21 injuries

**+6**  
(3%)

**+2**  
(10%)

2018/19

Compared to 2017/18

**Road Safety Activity Update**

Safety Carousel attendees  
**3,276** November  
**2,402** March

**1,012** Child Pedestrian Training attendees at **31** schools

Slow to 20 Project - **19** schemes and **24** schools

**Winter Maintenance**

- **Four** new gritters and **23** new trailers
- Salt stocks **↑ 42,000 tonnes**
- **↑ 1,700km** of priority roads treated **45%** of the network

**2,680** attendees at Young Driver Passenger Safety Training

**205** attendees at 9 Car Seat Fitting Courses

**38** attendees at Safer Driving with Age

**2,966** attendees at Bikeability in **86** schools

**Road traffic collisions - fatalities**

(rolling year)



**Road traffic collisions - serious injuries**

(rolling year)



\*CRASH recording system allows casualty information to be updated throughout the year and as such numbers and severity of injury can change. 2018 data has been verified and can be used for provisional analysis, and will be published by the Dft in June 2019

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and community sectors, working with the Safe Durham Partnership, has overseen a number of projects to address hate crime and continues to do so.

## **How do we keep our environment safe, including roads and waterways?**

- 15 Both water safety forums, responsible for managing water safety in the city centre and countywide, continue to meet. Each has undertaken a range of initiatives during 2018/19.
- 16 The countywide group's focus is the 'dying to be cool' water safety campaign, as well as localised campaigns across the county. For example, tackling water safety concerns at Low Force and Wynch Bridge.
- 17 The countywide group is also undertaking a comprehensive review of all water safety priorities and risk to ensure the approach and use of resources is as effective as possible prior to summer 2019.
- 18 The City Safety Group's main projects included a targeted approach during student freshers' week in October 2018, the launch of the national 'Don't Drink and Drown' open water safety campaign in December 2018 and reviewing the safety control measures being put in place at the new Riverwalk development during quarter four.
- 19 Throughout the year, the City Safety Group reviews incidents within the city centre to assess the effectiveness of existing safety measures. It found that all recent incidents involved individuals with poor mental health where self-harm or suicide were factors. The group is working with partners to highlight the mental health aspect of these incidents and identify any required actions.
- 20 Overall road safety statistics show similar rates of injuries and fatalities to last year. There were nine fatalities during 2018/19, however, it should be noted that this may increase as some data is awaiting verification.
- 21 A child casualty mapping exercise which combines areas of multiple deprivation with areas with high child casualties, has been carried out. It highlighted Bishop Auckland and Shildon, Chester-le-Street, Durham, East Durham and Stanley AAP areas would benefit from specific initiatives. We will consult with these AAPs to identify potential partnership and funding opportunities to deliver targeted road safety education.
- 22 The 'Slow to 20 for Safer Streets' Project introduced 20mph part-time speed limits or zones on main and distributor roads around schools with the highest accident rates. 78 schools have been successfully introduced both on time and under budget. A further 31 schemes have been completed and 15 are in development,

fully funded by local councillors, Area Action Partnerships, schools and Town/Parish Councils. The project scope has been expanded further, utilising budget underspend, to include a further six schools from the prioritisation list.

- 23 As part of the winter maintenance programme, some of the fleet of gritters were replaced, four power gritters and 23 trailer gritters are now among the council's 76 strong fleet of gritting and snow blowing vehicles. Salt stocks were increased to 42,000 tonnes to mitigate any shortage in supplies. Over the 2018/19 winter period, the fleet treated more than 1,700km of priority one roads (equates to 45% of the road network). During adverse weather, communications and live updates via social media were issued regularly in relation to information about any disruptions to services.

## Key Performance Indicators – Data Tables

There are two types of performance indicators throughout this document:

- (a) Key target indicators – targets are set as improvements can be measured regularly and can be actively influenced by the council and its partners; and
- (b) Key tracker indicators – performance is tracked but no targets are set as they are long-term and/or can only be partially influenced by the council and its partners.

A guide is available which provides full details of indicator definitions and data sources for the 2017/18 corporate indicator set. This is available to view either internally from the intranet or can be requested from the Strategy Team at [performance@durham.gov.uk](mailto:performance@durham.gov.uk)

### KEY TO SYMBOLS

	Direction of travel	Benchmarking	Performance against target
<b>GREEN</b>	Same or better than comparable period	Same or better than comparable group	Meeting or exceeding target
<b>AMBER</b>	Worse than comparable period (within 2% tolerance)	Worse than comparable group (within 2% tolerance)	Performance within 2% of target
<b>RED</b>	Worse than comparable period (greater than 2%)	Worse than comparable group (greater than 2%)	Performance >2% behind target

### National Benchmarking

We compare our performance to all English authorities. The number of authorities varies according to the performance indicator and functions of councils, for example educational attainment is compared to county and unitary councils however waste disposal is compared to district and unitary councils.

### North East Benchmarking

The North East figure is the average performance from the authorities within the North East region, i.e. County Durham, Darlington, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton-On-Tees, South Tyneside, Sunderland. The number of authorities also varies according to the performance indicator and functions of councils.

More detail is available from the Strategy Team at [performance@durham.gov.uk](mailto:performance@durham.gov.uk)

## ALTOGETHER SAFER

### 1. How effective are we at tackling crime and disorder?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
90	First time entrants to the youth justice system aged 10 to 17 (per 100,000 population aged 10 to 17)	250.2	Oct 17- Sep 18	Tracker	371	248	328.5	252.6		Yes
				N/a	GREEN	AMBER	GREEN	GREEN		
91	Overall crime rate per 1,000 population	101.6	2018/19	Tracker	93.7					Yes
				N/a	RED					
92	Rate of theft offences per 1,000 population	29.1	2018/19	Tracker	28.1					Yes
				N/a	AMBER					
93	Proportion of all offenders who re-offend in a 12 month period	30.6	Jul 16 – Jun 17	Tracker	32.4	29.5	35			Yes
				N/a	GREEN	AMBER	GREEN			
94	Proven re-offending by young people (who offend) in a 12 month period (%)	46.3	Jul 16 – Jun 17	Tracker	43.8	40.1	41.8			Yes
				N/a	RED	RED	RED			

## ALTOGETHER SAFER

### 2. How effective are we at tackling anti-social behaviour?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
Page 59	Dealing with concerns of ASB and crime issues (%) by the local council and police	50.3	Dec 18	Tracker	61.3			58.1		Yes
				N/a	RED			RED		

## ALTOGETHER SAFER

### 2. How effective are we at tackling anti-social behaviour?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
96	Number of police reported incidents of anti-social behaviour	13,908	2018/19	Tracker	15,390					Yes
				N/a	<b>GREEN</b>					
97	Number of council reported incidents of anti-social behaviour	11,318	2018/19	Tracker	12,249					Yes
				N/a	<b>GREEN</b>					

## ALTOGETHER SAFER

### 3. How well do we reduce misuse of drugs and alcohol?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
98	% of successful completions of those in alcohol treatment	31.9	May 17-Apr 18 with rep to Oct 18	28.0	30.3	38.6	30.7		North East 2017	No
				<b>GREEN</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>GREEN</b>			
99	% of successful completions of those in drug treatment - opiates	5.3	May 17-Apr 18 with rep to Oct 18	6.0	6.8	6.2	4.9		North East 2017	No
				<b>AMBER</b>	<b>AMBER</b>	<b>AMBER</b>	<b>GREEN</b>			
100	% of successful completions of those in drug treatment - non-opiates	28.6	May 17-Apr 18 with rep to Oct 18	26.4	27.6	38.6	25.8		North East 2017	No
				<b>GREEN</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>GREEN</b>			
101	% of anti-social behaviour incidents that are alcohol related	16.9	Apr-Dec 2018	Tracker	16.5					Yes
				N/a	<b>AMBER</b>					
102	% of violent crime that is alcohol related	27.2	Mar 19	Tracker	25.5					Yes
				N/a	<b>AMBER</b>					

## ALTOGETHER SAFER

### 3. How well do we reduce misuse of drugs and alcohol?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
103	Alcohol seizures	194	Apr-Jun 2018	Tracker	398					No
				N/a	<b>GREEN</b>					

## ALTOGETHER SAFER

### 4. How well do we tackle abuse of vulnerable people, including domestic abuse, child exploitation and radicalisation?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
104	Building resilience to terrorism (self-assessment). Scored on level 1 (low) to 5 (high)	3	2017/18	Tracker	3					No
				N/a	<b>GREEN</b>					
105	Number of child sexual exploitation referrals	169	2018	Tracker	191					No
				N/a	N/a					

**5.2 How do we keep our environment safe, including roads and waterways?**

Page 62 Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
106	Number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	194	2018/19	Tracker	188					Yes
	- Number of fatalities	10		N/a	<b>RED</b>					
	- Number of seriously injured	184			15					
107	Number of children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	21	2018/19	Tracker	19					Yes
	- Number of fatalities	0		N/a	<b>RED</b>					
	- Number of seriously injured	21			0					

## Other additional relevant indicators

### ALTOGETHER BETTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

#### 1. Are children, young people and families in receipt of universal services appropriately supported?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
40	Alcohol specific hospital admissions for under 18s (rate per 100,000)	53.1	2015/16-2017/18	Tracker	56.2	32.9	62.7			Yes
				N/a	GREEN	RED	GREEN			
41	Young people aged 10-24 admitted to hospital as a result of self-harm (rate per 100,000)	350.1	2017/18	Tracker	400.8	421.2	458.0			Yes
				N/a	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN			

### ALTOGETHER HEALTHIER

#### 1. Are our services improving the health of our residents?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
76	Suicide rate (deaths from suicide and injury of undetermined intent) per 100,000 population	12	2015-17	Tracker	12.6	9.6	10.8			No
				N/a	GREEN	RED	RED			

#### 2. Are people needing adult social care supported to live safe, healthy and independent lives?

84	% of individuals who achieved their desired outcomes from the adult safeguarding process	95.1	2018/19	Tracker	96.2	94.2		93.6*	2017/18	Yes
				N/a	AMBER	N/a	N/a			

\*unitary authorities

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**Safer and Stronger Communities  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**24 June 2019**

**Review of the Committee's Work  
Programme**



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**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and  
Partnerships**

**Electoral division(s) affected:**

Countywide

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide for Members consideration an updated work programme for the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2019 - 20.

**Executive summary**

- 2 The report provides information on the Committee's work programme for 2019 – 20 in relation to activity to previous and existing scrutiny reviews, overview presentations and reports linked to the committee's remit and quarterly performance reports.

**Recommendation**

- 3 Members of the Committee are asked to comment and agree the work programme within Appendix 2.

**Background**

- 4 At its meeting on 22 March 2019, the Committee considered the actions identified within the Council Plan 2016 – 2019 for the Altogether Safer priority theme and agreed to refresh its work programme to include a number of these actions. In addition, topics have also been identified that are in line the Council Plan, Cabinet's Forward Plan of decisions, Sustainable Community Strategy and Safe Durham Partnership (SDP) Plan.
- 5 In accordance with this decision, a work programme for 2019 – 2020 has been prepared and attached in Appendix 2. It is to note that the work programme is flexible to enable additional items to be accommodated throughout the year.

- 6 At its meeting in March 2019, Members considered the Quarter 3 performance report and requested to include within its work programme the performance measure on confidence in police and council tackling crime and anti-social behaviour and exploring an increase in shoplifting. These suggestions have been explored and are included within the Committee's work programme. In addition, following consideration of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service's Integrated Risk Management Plan in January 2019, arrangements are to be made to include a progress report to the Committee on implementation of options within the plan.
- 7 With regard to future review activity, work is ongoing with the joint review on Children's Residential Care Homes with Children and Young people's OSC and the Committee have also commenced work on development of a County Durham road safety strategy. Within this context it is suggested that topics for future review are identified following conclusion of existing activity.

## **Main implications**

### *Crime and Disorder*

- 8 Information with this report aims to contribute to objectives within the existing Council Plan and Safe Durham Partnership plan to reducing crime and disorder.

## **Conclusion**

- 9 The report and appendix 2 provide information to invite comment and seek agreement from members on the Committee's work programme that includes activity relating to previous and existing scrutiny reviews, overview presentations and reports linked to the committee's remit and quarterly performance reports.

- 10 Background papers

- None

## **Other useful documents**

- Refresh of the Work Programme – Safer and Stronger Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee, March 2019

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

None.

### **Finance**

None.

### **Consultation**

None.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

None.

### **Human Rights**

Text.

### **Crime and Disorder**

Information with this report aims to contribute to objectives within the existing Council Plan and Safe Durham Partnership plan to reducing crime and disorder.

### **Staffing**

None.

### **Accommodation**

None.

### **Risk**

None.

### **Procurement**

None.

## Appendix 2: Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme 2019-20

<p><b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2019 - 2020</b></p> <p><b>Safer and Stronger Communities OSC</b></p> <p><b>Lead Officer:</b> Tom Gorman</p> <p><b>Overview and Scrutiny Officer:</b> Jonathan Slee</p> <p><b>Safe Durham Partnership contact:</b> Andrea Petty</p>	<p><b>Note:</b></p> <p><b>O/S Review</b> - A <b>systematic</b> 6 monthly review of progress against recommendations/Action Plan</p> <p><b>Scrutiny/Working Group</b> – In depth Review</p> <p><b>Overview/progress</b> – information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review</p> <p><b>Performance</b> – ongoing monitoring (quarterly) performance reports/budgets</p>
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	<b>Date of O/S Review</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>O/S Review</b>						
Arson and deliberate fires in the East Durham area	2017/18	October 2017		County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service	To provide comment on recommendations following the Committee's review.	Report presented to Safe Durham Partnership Board in January 2018.  Progress update provided July 2018, Committee requested further report within work programme

	<b>Date of O/S Review</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cybercrime	2017/18	September 2017		Safe Durham Partnership Cybercrime Group	To follow up on recommendations following the Committee's review.	Report presented to Cabinet in May 2018 and July SDP Board.  Progress report February 2019  Update report to Jan 2020 SSC OSC meeting to provide conclusion of implementation of recommendations and include overview of activity of the Cyber working group.
<b>Scrutiny/Working Group</b>						
Children's Residential Care Homes	2018/19	October 2018	2019/20	DCC Durham Constabulary		Joint review with CYP OSC ongoing
Road Safety Strategy	2018/19	May 2019		John Reed Road Safety reduction Partnership	Development of a partnership road safety strategy	Review ongoing

	Date of O/S Review	Start Date	End Date	Who	Outcome	Comment
<b>Overview/Progress</b>						
Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group (DASVEG) -		24 June 2019		Jeanne Trotter	Consider a report on progress on activity of DASVEG	Key action within the SDP Plan
Alcohol and Substance Misuse Harm Reduction Strategic Group		26 July 2019 or 20 September		Jane Sunter	To provide comment on activity of the Alcohol and Substance misuse harm reduction group.	SSC OSC responsibility includes scrutiny of Safe Durham Partnership.
Draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan		26 July 2019		Andrea Petty Andy Bailey	Special meeting of the committee to provide comment on draft SDP plan	Plan scheduled for SDP 16 July -
Modern Day Slavery		26 July 2019		Heidi Gibson	To receive and comment on an overview report/presentation on the partnership approach and learning opportunities to tackling modern day slavery.	
County Durham Youth Offending Service (CDYOS) – Annual Update		TBC		Martyn Stenton	To appraise members and seek comment on activity of the Youth Offending Service and Youth Justice Plan	Committee work programme to include annual update from CDYOS

	Date of O/S Review	Start Date	End Date	Who	Outcome	Comment
Water Safety and City Safety Group		September 2019		Kevin Lough	To comment on progress of improving open water safety within County Durham and activity of the city safety group.	Presentation will build upon on reports on presentations at the OSC meetings in September 2015, March 2016, June 2017 and June 2018.
Anti-Social Behaviour		TBC		SDP Lead	To appraise members on activity of the SDP ASB delivery group to include VIP, MAPS and ASB initiatives	
Safe Durham Partnership Board		November 2019		ACC Dave Orford, Chair Safe Durham Partnership Board	To provide comment on current priorities and activity of the Safe Durham Partnership Board	Committee provided response to activity following presentation in November 2018.
Joint Hate Crime Action Group		November 2019		Jon Carling Andrea Petty Andy Bailey	To consider and comment on progress of the Joint Hate Crime Action Group.	Report to provide progress from item presented at June 2018 SSC OSC and include community cohesion toolkit. Identified within the Safe Durham Partnership Plan and contributes to the objective 'Protect vulnerable people from harm'.

	Date of O/S Review	Start Date	End Date	Who	Outcome	Comment
Prevent - Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015		January 2020		Safe Durham Partnership Lead	To consider a report on progress of the Altogether Safer priority, 'Counter Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism' and the implications of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.	Report builds upon presentation at March 2015, June 2016 and September 2017 SSC OSC meetings and identified within the SDP Plan
Consumer Protection – enforcement activity		February 2020		Owen Cleugh	Report on intelligence led enforcement activity in relation to reduce door step crime, rogue traders and supply of illicit, counterfeit and age restricted products.	Annual progress report to SSC OSC
Durham and Darlington Reducing Reoffending Group		March 2020		Jeanne Trotter	To consider and comment on progress of the Reducing reoffending group.	Identified as a key area within the Safe Durham Partnership Plan.
Probation Services		March 2020		National Probation Service & Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company	To receive an update on activity and service delivery of probation services within the County.	

	Date of O/S Review	Start Date	End Date	Who	Outcome	Comment
Shoplifting		TBA		SDP Representatives	Focussed Session to look at increase in shoplifting and explore any correlations of poverty being an underlying cause.	Identified by the committee at March 2019 OSC meeting
Substance Misuse Services		TBA		Jane Sunter  Substance misuse service provider	Focussed Session to consider progress on delivery of substance misuse services within County Durham.	SSC OSC requested update on service delivery.
Confidence in Police and Council Tackling crime and ASB		TBA		Safe Durham Partnership Lead	Focussed session to comment on progress on activity of the SDP to improve the performance measure on Confidence in Police and Council Tackling crime and ASB	Identified by the Committee at its meeting in March 2019
County Durham and Darlington Integrated Risk Management Plan		TBA		County Durham & Darlington Fire & rescue Service	Focussed session on progress of IRMP priority areas	Requested within the Committee's response to the 2018/19 IRMP consultation.

	Date of O/S Review	Start Date	End Date	Who	Outcome	Comment
<b>Performance 2018/19</b> Quarter 4		June 2019		Tom Gorman	Members are to consider quarterly reports detailing performance against indicators within the Council's Altogether Safer theme. Members may wish to comment both on areas of good performance and areas that are below target.	The report is to also provide an opportunity to identify topics within the Committee's work programme and have been key factors to undertake review activity.
<b>Performance 2019/20</b> Quarter 1		September 2019				
Quarter 2		January 2020				
Quarter 3		March 2020				
Quarter 4		TBA				