



Cabinet Member Report for Community Safety

Northampton Borough Council

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Community Safety

Overall crime has increased by 4.8% (+830 crimes) since April 2015. Serious Acquisitive Crime is showing a reduction of 1.8% (-47 crimes). The primary performance issue remains theft of motor vehicles, which has risen by 28.1% (+78 crimes). Reductions have been seen in all other acquisitive crime types with robbery reducing by 7.6% (-23 crimes), domestic burglary by 7.3% (-71 crimes) and theft from motor vehicles by 3.1% (-31 crimes). Violence against the person has increased by 23.8% (+1110 crimes). Anti-Social Behaviour continues to show a good reduction, decreasing by 13.0% (-1713 incidents) since April 2015 with personal Anti-Social Behaviour incidents reducing by 11.6% (-526 incidents), nuisance by 10.2% (-706 incidents) and environmental by 26.0% (-481 incidents).

Consultation for the Public Spaces Protection Orders concluded on 27th December. There was a low response, but the majority of those that did were in support of the proposals. Work has now commenced on the draft 'Order' and it is anticipated that following approval of Full Council, it will be in place by June 2016.

The first Restorative Justice conference for NBC has been completed. This saw excellent engagement from all parties involved and has resulted in positive outcomes. Further cases are now being identified and will be progressed.

Analytical work is nearing completion on the priority locations for 2016/17 for Community Safety Partnership 'Weeks of Action'. Final decision on locations will be made by the CSP at their March board meeting.

The CSP is working with Northants Police to support 'Inspired Youth' event taking place on the Market Square on 23rd June 2016. This will see a range of partner agencies coming together to provide activities, support and advice for young people.

Community Forums

World Aids Day, 1st December 2015, civic ceremony held in the Courtyard to mark the day.

International Day for People with Disabilities, 3rd December 2015 held in the One Stop Shop, led by the Disabled Peoples Forum to raise awareness of the services that are available to people with disabilities. More than 16 services/organisations were involved in the day.

Holocaust Memorial Day, 27th January 2016, civic ceremony held at midday, followed by a programme of activities, including readings, performance and dance to mark the day, held in the Great Hall. Approx. 120 people attended the evening event.

international women's day plans have been finalised and 4 winners have been shortlisted for the inspirational woman award.

Cllr's attended a child sexual exploitation training session last week which had been very informative.

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