



Cabinet Member Report for Community Safety

Northampton Borough Council

18th April, 2016

Community Safety

There is no update on crime figures for this period due to a change in crime data recording systems. A complete overview of crime figures for 2015/16 will be provided in the next Cabinet Member report.

Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment (PSA) has been completed and is now available on the NBC website. The PSA has helped to inform the priority locations for the Weeks of Action for 2016/17 and highlighted the key crime issues for the town.

Weeks of Action areas for 2017/18 are Bellinge, Kings Heath, Lings / Weston Favell Centre, Semilong / Regent Square, St David's. There will also be focussed pieces of work will also be taking place throughout the year on the town centre and with Billing Aquadrome. The first week of Action took place in Bellinge 11/04/2016 to 16/04/2016, which saw multi-agency work and activities taking place, supported by a range of agencies. It was extremely well received by the community.

A number of 'Personal Safety' talks have been delivered in partnership with town centre police officers to the Hairdressing College and The Bridge Project. These were well received by the staff, students and clients and will continue to be delivered to new groups as and when required.

As part of the ongoing multi-agency action plan for Kings Heath, consultation has taken place with residents and businesses about the painting of the shopping area, providing them with the opportunity to decide on the colours, style etc. This piece of work is being supported by Travis Perkins, who is providing the paint and a team of workers. It is anticipated this work will be undertaken in June 2016.

The two Domestic Homicide Review are currently being undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) are now nearing completion. The final reports will be signed off by the CSP Board and submitted to the Home Office for their approval by the end of April.

Community Forums

International Women's Day – event held in the Great Hall, 25 organisations providing services to women attended the event to promote their services and the support they could offer. Performances were given, by local women's groups, including Egyptian dancing and the women's Rock Choir. The Inspirational Women's award was also presented for 2016. There was a lot of media coverage for the event, particularly through BBC Radio and social media. There were approx. 250-300 people in attendance.

Health and Well Being Day – scheduled to take place on the Racecourse on 2nd June. More than 20 community and voluntary organisations involved with the day. This is a mix of information stalls, performances/activities, with a focus around well-being.

Across the forums we continue to see an increase in engagement, particularly with organisations that are delivering services to the community, the forums are action focussed and delivering key events and projects in partnership. The average attendance across the forums is 14 people.

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