



Cabinet Member Report for Community Safety

Northampton Borough Council

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Community Safety

2015/16 saw reduced performance in a number of crime types. During 2015/16 overall crime increased by 4.6% (+884 crimes). Serious Acquisitive Crime also saw an increase of 6.0% (+158 crimes) during the year. Vehicle crime was the primary performance issue in relation to acquisitive crime, with theft of motor vehicles increasing by 26.5% (+82 crimes) and theft from motor vehicles increasing by 5.3% (+54 crimes). Robbery and domestic burglary saw small increases of 2.3% (+7 crimes) and 1.5% (+15 crimes) respectively. There was a 25.3% increase (+1194) in violence offences during 2015/16; violence with injury increased by 27.9% (+576 crimes) and violence without injury increased by 23.3% (+618 crimes). Reported Anti-Social Behaviour incidents continued to see a significant reduction during 2015/16, decreasing by 14.3% (-1895 incidents) with environmental anti-social behaviour incidents reducing by 29.8% (-552 incidents), personal by 13.8% (-623 incidents) and nuisance by 10.4% (-720 incidents).

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 taking place throughout the year on the town centre and with Billing Aquadrome. The first week of Action in Bellinge that took place week commencing 11/04/2016 saw excellent engagement with the local community with over 250 residents taking part in a range of activities. Achievements of note was the collection and removal of over 12 tons of waste, referrals to Women's Aid for victims of domestic abuse, 29 dogs chipped, increased awareness of local support services and a range of environmental improvements undertaken by Community Payback, Neighbourhood Wardens and Enterprise. The Week of Action for Kingsheath will be taking place week commencing 27 June 2016.

A night time economy weekend multi-agency hub has been established in partnership with McDonald's at their premises on The Drapery. The hub provides a safe area for Police Officers and Street Pastors to bring vulnerable people/victims in the early stages of assessing and assisting their needs. In addition to this the Community Safety Partnership, in partnership with Northampton Town Centre BID is funding 'Street Wardens', who will provide additional support on key risk dates of the night time economy such as pay weekends, bank holidays and certain 'Fresher' events.

Killing with Kindness event took place on Market Square on 3 June 2016. This saw a range of statutory and voluntary agencies coming together to raise awareness around street begging issues and the support available.

The two Domestic Homicide Reviews have now come to an end and the final reports have been submitted to the Home Office for their review and approval.

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