

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday 15 th September 2016
Report Subject	Community Safety Partnership Annual Review
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Waste Strategy, Public Protection and Leisure
Report Author	Chief Executive
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide Members with an overview of the Community Safety Partnership's activities and progress in 2015/6.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	The Committee is invited to consider and comment on the work of the Community Safety Partnership during 2015/6.
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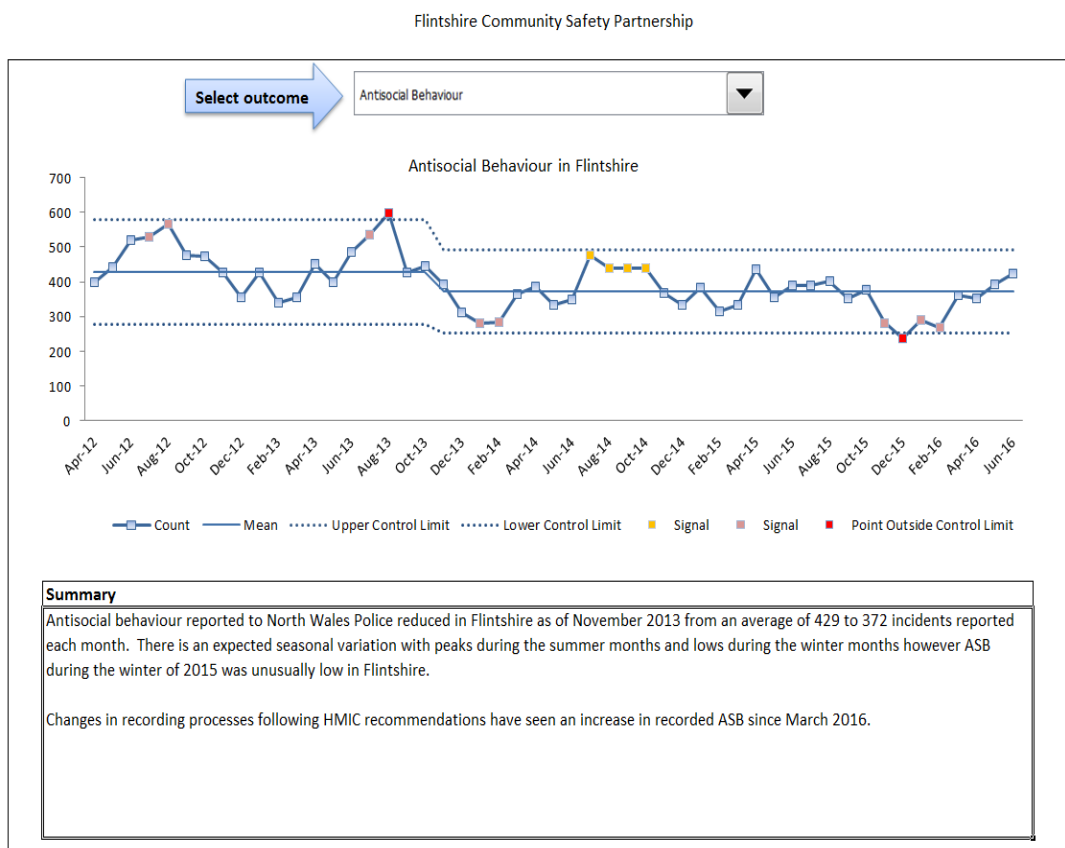
REPORT DETAILS

1.0	EXPLAINING THE FUNCTION OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP, AND REVIEWING PERFORMANCE DURING 2015/6
1.01	The Flintshire Community Safety Partnership is required to formally report to this committee on an annual basis, and provide an overview of activities undertaken over the previous twelve months. This ensures that the Partnership meets its obligations under sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006. The legislation came into effect in Wales on 1 October 2009 through the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.

1.02	Flintshire County Council has a statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, and the subsequent amendments by the Police and Justice Act 2006, to work in partnership with the police, health service, probation and fire service to address the local community safety agenda. Collectively they make up the Community Safety Partnership.
1.03	There has been a partnership in existence in Flintshire since 1999. To support the Partnership, the county is served by a core team of local authority and police officers who tackle issues such as domestic abuse, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour, along with the Neighbourhood Wardens.
1.04	In recent years the drive to rationalise the work of partnerships has been the catalyst for significant changes in the Flintshire Community Safety Partnership's governance structure. One such consequence has been its merger with the Public Service Board. This has had minimal impact on the operational delivery structure; however at a strategic level it has meant a greater consistency of approach. The statutory duties of the Community Safety Partnership continue to be fulfilled.
1.05	Over the past few years' significant progress has also been made in the way community safety partnerships across the region have worked together. The establishment of the North Wales Safer Communities Board in July 2012 has been the most significant development. This Board represents a partnership between all the statutory authorities across the region (as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998), along with the voluntary sector. The overall aim of the Board is to introduce greater consistency in this area of work, whilst allowing opportunities to share expertise and work more effectively and efficiently.
1.06	<p>The Partnership's local activity plan summaries the work undertaken in 2015/6. A copy of the plan accompanies this report. Examples of some of the work undertaken are illustrated below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engage with the newly established, regional, Victim Support hub ▪ Promote multi-agency work to tackle doorstep crime ▪ Adopt a consistent approach to the application of powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ▪ Raise awareness of domestic abuse through promoting the White Ribbon campaign ▪ Respond to the Women, Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act ▪ Participate in the thematic workstreams of the north Wales Area Planning Board, around substance misuse
1.07	In terms of crime and disorder figures the level of victim based crime in 2015/16 remained stable in Flintshire compared to 2014/15. Changes in the recording process (used by the North Wales Police) and a rise in third party referrals, were factors which saw an increase in violence and sexual offences, however these were offset by reductions in burglaries and other acquisitive crimes.

1.08 Currently in 2016/17 there has been a 9% increase in victim based crime in Flintshire. This is in line with a force wide increase of 9% which has been affected by changes in the recording process following HMIC recommendations. Furthermore, a large number of offences have been recorded and linked to an ongoing police operation in Flintshire. Not all crime categories are on the increase, with burglary, vehicle crime and criminal damage showing a year to date reduction.

1.09 In 2016/7 the focus of the Partnership will continue to be intelligence led. One notable difference, however, will be the way in which our performance is monitored. Where possible 'SPC' charts will be used. An example is provided below, which relates to anti-social behaviour:



2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	None as a result of this report.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	None as a result of this report.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	None as a result of this report.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	People are Safe Work Programme – 2015/6. End of year review of action plan.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
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7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	Area Planning Board (APB): The North Wales APB provides a forum which brings together representatives of all partner agencies involved in the planning, commissioning and delivery of substance misuse services.
7.02	Asset: <i>Asset</i> is a structured assessment tool used by Youth Offending Teams in England and Wales on all young offenders who come into contact with the criminal justice system. It aims to look at the young person's offence or offences and identify a multitude of factors or circumstances – ranging from lack of educational attainment to mental health problems – which may have contributed to such behaviour. The information gathered from <i>Asset</i> can be used to inform court reports so that appropriate intervention programmes can be drawn up. It will also highlight any particular needs or difficulties the young person has, so that these may also be addressed.
7.03	Most Similar Group (MSG): Are groups of CSP areas that have been found to be the most similar to each other based on an analysis of demographic, social and economic characteristics which relate to crime. Each CSP area has its own group of CSP areas to which it is 'most similar'.
7.04	Multi agency risk assessment conference (MARAC): Monthly multi agency meeting to discuss high risk / repeat cases of domestic abuse.
7.05	PSPO: Public Space Protection Orders are intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone.
7.06	SPC Charts: Statistical process control (SPC) is a method of quality control which uses statistical methods. SPC is applied in order to monitor and control a process.