

What you said**Key messages are as follows:**

- There is no reference to Business crime in the document and its one of the barriers for business growth;
- Enforcement Officers need to attend community meetings and be more visible to the community;
- The Safer Communities section is overly focussed on crime – there should be an ambition around ‘accident prevention and general safety’ which would include things like reducing the number of fires, reducing trips and falls in the home etc (all of which the Fire Service contribute to);
- Anti-social behaviour is a massive problem.

Other points include:

- Should be a focus on the ‘family’ and the family as a whole in order to build up strong family units. Parents should take more responsibility for their children who cause Anti- Social Behaviour;
- It is unrealistic to say that the fear of crime will be reduced;
- Safety should be a focus for Older Adults;
- Page 29 – separate the percentage of people using drugs and percentage of people dealing drugs.

What we did

- Previous consultation on priorities for the Community Safety Plan have not identified business crime as a priority.
- Enforcement Officers do attend some community meetings but need to carefully balance their time between attendance at meetings and being visible on the streets. The recent review by the Council’s Housing and Community Select Committee found high levels of satisfaction with the service.
- Targets for reducing fires are in the current Community Safety Plan and will be included in the net plan is consultation reveals this to still be a priority.
- References to safety in the home are included in the Older Adults and Children and Young People sections.
- Anti-social behaviour is an ambition in its own right, illustrating how importantly the issues is regarded.
- The Sustainable Community Strategy is a long-term visionary document. It is therefore appropriate to include ambitions around reducing fear of crime.
- The Quality of Life targets cannot be amended, but data will be collected and reported accordingly.