

## Appendix 1

### COMMUNITY SAFETY – PERFORMANCE UPDATE Q4 2014~15

#### A. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES)

##### **CS100 Overall crime rate per 1,000 population**

11,391 crimes were recorded during 2014/15, which equates to 59.0 crimes per 1,000 of the population. This compares with 11,007 last year and represents an increase of 3.5%. The target of <57.21 per 1,000 population has therefore not been achieved. However, despite the increase, Stockton remains the safest place in the Tees Valley, with the lowest crime rate per 1,000 population.

In December 2014 Cleveland Police undertook a review of their procedures relating to recording domestic violence. This resulted in a 23.4% increase in domestic violence, compared to last year, which has contributed to the increase in overall crime.

##### **CS101 Number of criminal damage and arson incidents**

2,111 incidents of criminal damage and arson recorded during 2014/15, compared with 2,238 last year. This represents a 5.7% reduction from the same period last year. Target to maintain previous years performance has therefore been over-achieved.

##### **CS102 Number of theft offences**

5,639 theft offences recorded during 2014/15, compared with 5,759 last year. This represents a 2.1% reduction from last year. No target was set for 2014/15, as performance will be used as the baseline against which to measure the 2015/16 target of maintaining the reduction.

##### **CS103 Number of sexual offences**

268 sexual offences recorded during 2014/15, compared to 200 last year. This represents an increase of 34% from last year. The increase is in part attributed to improved standards of recording as a result of a recent audit, alongside increased confidence in reporting. No target set for 2014/15, as performance will be used to establish baseline.

##### **CS104 Number of violence against the person offences**

2,214 crimes of violence against the person recorded during 2014/15, compared to 1,740 last year. This represents an increase of 27.2% from last year and is also reflected in increases of sexual and domestic violence. Target to improve on last year's performance is therefore not achieved. There was a review by Cleveland Police in December 2014 which identified additional incidents of domestic violence that should be included under this indicator; this identification is being continued going forward and therefore it is likely that the numbers of crimes will be higher than in previous years.

##### **CS105 Number of domestic violence offences**

1,100 incidents of domestic violence resulting in a recorded crime during 2014/15, compared with 891 last year. This represents an increase of 23.4%. Target of <891 therefore is not achieved. Cleveland Police's review of the recording of domestic violence has resulted in this increase.

##### **CS106 Number of robbery offences**

There were 78 robberies recorded during 2014/15 against a target of <67, which is the number recorded last year. This represents an increase of 16.4% on last year. The increase is mainly due to an increase in the number of personal robberies from 57 in 2013/14 to 67 in

2014/15. Robbery remains a priority for the Safer Stockton Partnership, and forms part of the violence reduction priority in the Community Safety Plan 2014-17, with action plans in place to tackle this. For example, Community Safety Officers continue to provide talks within schools which include advice on how to reduce the risk of being a victim of robberies and other crimes.

### **CS107 Number of anti-social behaviour incidents**

12,471 incidents of anti-social behaviour recorded during 2014/15, compared with 13,271 last year. This represents an overall reduction of 6% and has therefore achieved the annual target to improve on last year. Stockton was the only borough to record a decrease, and is due to strong partnership working and the development of a number of projects and initiatives. The development of initiatives such as joint ASB and Youth Engagement Patrols in hotspot areas across the borough and the continued support of Voluntary and Community Sector youth diversionary activities has assisted in ensuring that ASB is tackled at the earliest opportunity.

## **B. GENERAL THEMATIC PERFORMANCE ISSUES**

1. **Anti-social behaviour reduction** - Due to strong partnership working and the development of a number of projects and initiatives the level of ASB in Stockton reduced by 6% in 2014/15.

Stockton was the only borough to record a decrease. In terms of crime levels Stockton also maintained its position as the safest place to live in the Tees Valley. The development of initiatives such as joint ASB and Youth Engagement Patrols in hotspot areas across the borough and the continued support of voluntary and community sector youth diversionary activities has assisted in ensuring that ASB is tackled at the earliest opportunity. The continued expansion of prevention services such as mediation, counselling and family support has also assisted in the early identification of issues, providing immediate support to families and liaising with partners to provide a multi-disciplinary approach. The continued commitment to the provision of Uniformed ASB and Neighbourhood Enforcement officers working in partnership with the Police has made a significant contribution to the level of crime and ASB across the borough as well as the overall feelings of safety.

2. **Operation Spark** - Stockton Council in partnership with Cleveland Police, HMRC and Northern Power grid, organised the successful targeted operation on scrap metal thieves in February 2015.