<u>Quarter 2 2007/08 performance monitoring – exception report</u>

Introduction

There are a total of 48 targets in the Community Safety Plan for 2007/08. 30 of the targets are on target to achieve (green), 9 are slightly below expected performance to achieve (amber) and 6 are not likely to be achieved (red). The remaining 3 targets are not due an update this quarter.

The red and amber targets are addressed below under the objective headings.

1. Total Crime

There are six targets in total, however one target only relates to 2005/06 and another target is only calculated annually and an update is not due this quarter. Out of the remaining four targets two are green, one is amber, and one is red. The red target is as follows:

1.6 - To visit all premises licensed under the Motor Salvage Operators Regulation 2002 at least annually. There have still been no visits made to Motor Salvage operators as confirmed by Cleveland Police.

The amber target is as follows:

1.3 – To reduce total crime. We have seen an improvement in this target since Q1 where it was red. Total recorded crime stands at 8,867 for April – September 2007. This is an increase of 1.8% on the same period last year, and means we are performing at 7.9% above our target for this year. The reduction on the 2003/04 baseline now stands at 13.6%, so this is an improvement on last quarter but still short of the targets.

2. Anti Social Behaviour

There are 13 targets, of which seven are green, two are amber, three red and one target was not due an update. The red targets are as follows:

2.4 - To achieve a 15% reduction in criminal damage. There has been a slight improvement since Q1 but the target remains red. There were 1,108 offences recorded in Q1, which is 2,497 offences YTD. This is a reduction of 1.5% on the same period last year, but is still over the target for this year by 24.3%. The criminal damage think tank is still in place, and funding has been secured from the Home Office which will be used for more operational work and CCTV. Nevertheless, this target is unlikely to be met by March 2008.

2.5a & b – To increase the number of dog fouling and litter FPNs by 25%. There have been 10 FPNs for dog fouling issued and 75 FPNs for litter issued between April and September 2007. This is well below the target figure, which was re-set in March 2007 with 2006/07 as the new baseline figure. Performance is still 17% below target for dog fouling and 26.5% below target for litter, and it is unlikely these targets will be met. This could be interpreted as positive in that there are less dog fouling and litter incidents occurring in the Borough.

The two amber targets are as follows:

2.1 – To maintain 88% good/excellent rating for Anti Social Behaviour team. The current rating is 86%, which is slightly below target. There has only been one response that was not within the good to excellent rating, which was received in Q1. The team contacted the client immediately and every effort was put into place to try and resolve the matter. Unfortunately the client was complaining about very young children playing in the street, and after interventions from both the ASB team and NES it was deemed that the actions of the children did not constitute anti social behaviour and the case was closed. The client was unhappy with this and returned the satisfaction slip with a negative score.

2.12 – To obtain 15 ASBO/CRASBOs per year. There have been 6 CRASBOs granted this year to date and no ASBOs. Work is ongoing to identify suitable candidates for orders.

3. Drugs

There are 11 targets of which eight are green, one Is amber and two are red. The red targets are as follows:

3.6 – To ensure 100% of needles are being exchanged by March 2008. The exchange rate for Q2 was 74%. This is a further drop from last quarter's rate of 79.5%, and significant improvement is now needed to ensure 100% by March.

3.9 – To achieve a year on year reduction in the number of positive drugs tests on arrest for trigger offences. The baseline was re-set using 2006/07 due the changes in test on charge to arrest. The current total for April – September is 452, which is a 10.2% increase on the baseline. Significant improvement will be needed to achieve the target of a reduction.

The amber target is as follows:

3.5 - To support the provision of 'drugs in the workplace' training to at least 5 local employers per year. A new training programme is still being developed and will be rolled out to employers once finalised.

4. Dwelling Burglary

There are two targets, both of which are green.

5. *Violent Crime*

There are nine targets of which seven are green, and two are amber. The amber targets are as follows:

5.1 – Reduce violent crime recorded by A&E statistic. There has been a problem for some time with getting A&E stats. This has been a problem since the A&E department introduced a new computer system called EDIS. A meeting is taking place 02/11/07 between Stockton, Hartlepool and North Tees IT to explore what data is available on EDIS and how best it can be shared. However, the full data we used to receive is no longer being collected since the move to EDIS as it does not have the same fields available for recording local data.

5.6 – Reduce assaults resulting in injury in the nighttime economy. This target was red in Q1 and has moved to amber in Q2. The figures for Q2 were good, but the poor performance in Q1 is bringing the YTD total up to 11.8% above the target figure. If current good performance continues it is possible that the target can still be achieved.

6. *Deliberate Fires*

There are seven targets of which six are green, and one is amber. The amber target is as follows:

6.5 – Reduce secondary deliberate fires. The target was red last quarter and we have seen a significant improvement in the figures for Q2. Current year to date figures are 40.8% below the figures for the same period last year and we are now performing at only 1.2% above the proposed target. This successful period will have been helped by the very wet weather in July and August, and if current good performance continues we can achieve the target.