

Community Safety Plan Quarter 3 2007/08 performance monitoring – exception report

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, two are amber.

The amber targets are 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 13,298 for April – December 2007. This is an increase of 0.5% 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 still stands at 13.6%, with the biggest increases this quarter for Other Theft and Other Crime.

1.6- Visit all premises licensed under the Motor Salvage Operators Regulation 2002 at least annually. Improvement from Quarter 2 with arrangements in place to set up visits with SBC Licensing from January 2008.

2. Anti Social Behaviour

There are 13 targets, of which eight are green, four 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 further drop Q2 and the target remains red. There were 1,399 offences recorded in Q3, which is 3,897 offences YTD. This is a reduction of 0.9% on the same period last year, but is still over the target for this year by 29.3%. 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 1 FPN for dog fouling issued and 108 FPNs for litter issued between April and December 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 38% below target for dog fouling and 29.4% 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.

2.12 – To obtain 15 ASBO/CRASBOs per year. There have been 7 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 seven are green, three are amber and one is red.

The red target is as follows:

3.6 – To ensure 100% of needles are being exchanged by March 2008. The exchange rate for Q3 was 72%. This is a further drop from last quarter's rate of 74%, and significant improvement is now needed to ensure 100% by March.

The amber targets are as follows:

3.3 – To increase the number of arrests for Class A supply offences by 5% from baseline of the average of the last 3 years. There were 38 arrests in Q3 with 114 YTD this is 5% below the target. There is still a chance that target can be reached.

3.5 - To support the provision of 'drugs in the workplace' training to at least 5 local employers per year. A new training programme has been designed but the contract has not yet started.

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 – December is 643, which is a 4.6% increase on the baseline. There is a chance this target can be reached.

4. Dwelling Burglary

There are two targets, both of which are green.

5. Violent Crime

There are nine targets of which five are green, and three are amber and one red.

The red targets are as follows:-

5.6 – Reduce assaults resulting in injury in the nighttime economy. This target was red in Q1 and has moved to amber in Q2 and is now red. The figures for Q3 were 57, but the poor performance in Q1 is bringing the YTD total up to 43% above the target figure.

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. Work is now in progress to transfer information onto EDIS planned to be in place by April 2008.

5.3 – Improve position to be in top five of MSCDRP group. Stockton is now 7th of 15 MSCDRP, and just below the group average.

5.7 – Use Licensing Act to review at least 6 licenses of Pubs and Clubs with high levels of violent crime. No license reviews have taken place in this quarter another 3 are needed in the next quarter in order to reach the target.

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. Current year to date figures are 8.1% below the figures for the same period last year and we are now performing at only 4.2% above the proposed target. There is a chance the target can be reached.