

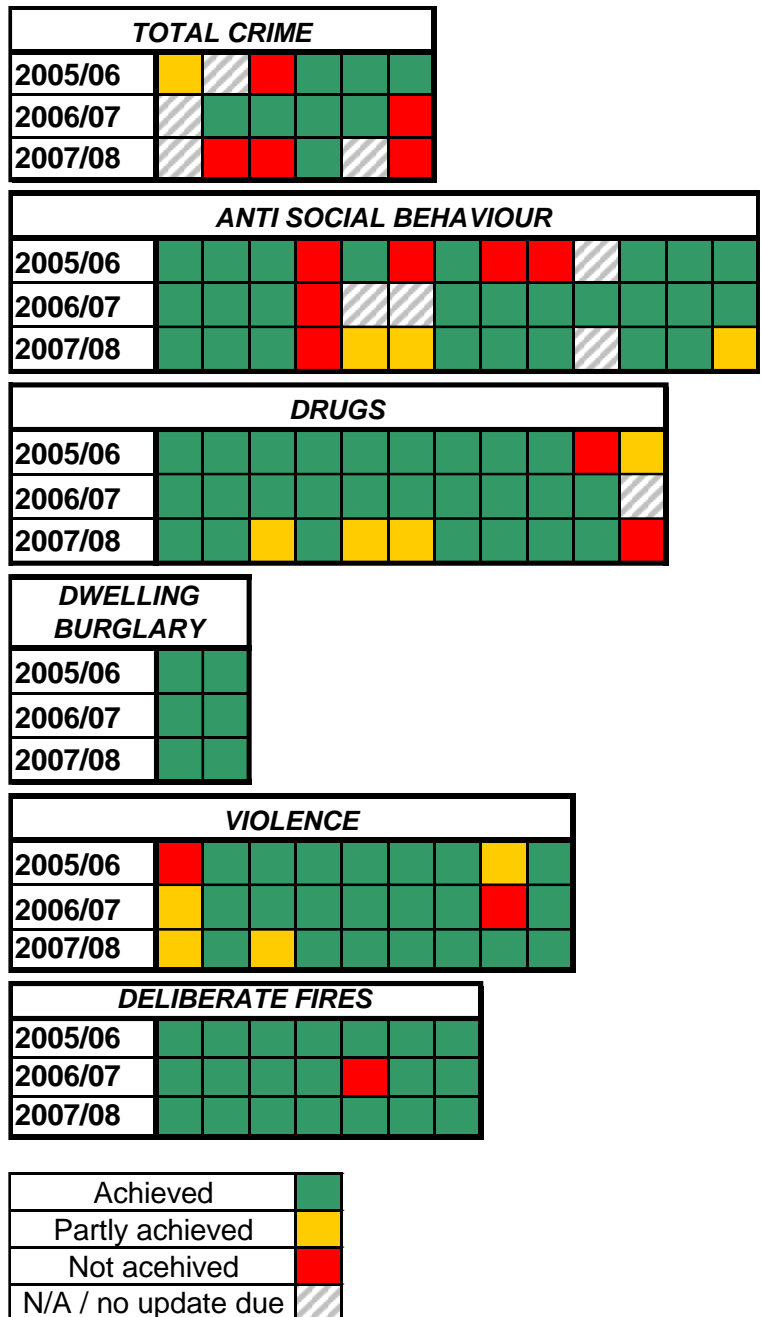
FINAL REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE AGAINST COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2005/08

1. Throughout the lifetime of the Community Safety Plan 2005/08 we saw some outstanding results especially in Dwelling Burglaries, which are down to the lowest level since the 1970s with only 747 dwelling burglaries reported in 2007/08. Overall deliberate fires and Violent Crime continued to show a downward trend. We maintained and developed our approach of using prevention and support followed by enforcement where that fails to work, for anti social behaviour and achieved all but one of our drugs targets in the final year of the plan. Total crime reduced by 14% on the baseline year of 2003/04, whilst we did not achieve our target of a 20% reduction our total crime rate remained the lowest in the Tees Valley. We did achieve a 22% reduction against the government's preferred measure of a 20% reduction in 'BCS Comparator Crime'.
2. Our overall aim as a partnership during 2005/08 was to improve the safety of the community in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees by:
 - Reducing crime in the Borough
 - Reducing disorder and anti social behaviour in the Borough
 - Reducing fear of crime in the Borough
 - Reducing fear of disorder and anti social behaviour in the Borough.

48 targets were set in the plan attached to the five key priorities identified by residents as the most important to them during the 2004 consultation and for Total Crime. 32 have been fully achieved, six are slightly below target, with only seven that we have been unable to achieve. Of the seven two targets relate to Fixed Penalty Notices and whilst the number that we have issued has reduced rather than the increases proposed in the targets this is seen as positive because less offences are being witnessed even though there is more uniformed presence on the streets. One target was set for 2005/06 only and two targets cannot be updated until later in the year.

We measure fear of crime via the Council's MORI survey that is carried out every two years. The most recent survey and the one applicable to this plan was 2006/07 where we found that 94% of residents feel safe walking outside alone in the daytime and 54% feel safe after dark. Overall feelings of safety after dark remained the same but there was a positive 3% shift in those residents who said they now feel very safe rather than fairly safe.

3. The charts below show the trend of target achievement over the three year period of the plan. 2006/07 was our best year when we fully achieved 39 of our 48 targets with only four not achieved.



4. The shaded areas in the chart show where some targets could not be reported on at year end because data was not available such as the target that is linked to the MORI survey which is only available in one year of this plan and the target relating to young offenders where data is only available in the July of the following year.

5. There was only one target that we failed to achieve throughout the lifetime of the plan and that was to reduce criminal damage by 15% over the lifetime of the plan. We were not awarded additional funding in 2006/07 through the national initiative to tackle criminal damage because at that time Stockton had the lowest level of this crime type across the Cleveland force area, even though we were demonstrating an upward trend. We did receive funding from GONE in September 07 and this has helped us to reduce the upward trend and we ended the year with 0.1% increase compared to the same period the year before. Residents identified criminal damage as a key priority during the 2007 consultation programme.
6. We had to adjust five targets in the life the plan - 2.5a & b were for fixed penalty notices issued and this was reset for 2007/08 to take into account a change in procedures in how the notices were issued and subsequently enforced, even so we have struggled to meet the re set target, it is felt that this relates to less incidents being seen as public awareness of these issues is increased. 3.9 was reset when legislation changed April 2006 to Test on Arrest. We had to set a new baseline for target 5.6 to reduce violence in the night time economy, after discovering that there had been an error in recording incidents which resulted in incidents outside of the specified area being included in the baseline calculation, the adjusted baseline was agreed at SSP July 05.
7. The targets that we have not achieved at the end of 2007/08 are shown below:

	Target	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
1.2	Stay out of worst quartile (94 out of 371 CDRPs).	93	106	89
1.3	Reduce Total Crime by 20% 2005/06 – 17,865 2006/07 – 17,043 2007/08 – 16,427	4% over target. 18,570	0.04% over target. 17,664	7.5% above target. 17,653
1.6	Visit all premises under the Motor Salvage Operations regulations annually	Five visited	No visits made	No visits made, formal force wide policy being considered
2.4	Reduce Criminal Damage by 15% over three years.	4.4% increase, 17.5% above target.	4.6% increase, 27.5% over target.	0.1% increase, 28% over target.
2.5a	Increase by 25% in Fixed Penalty Notices for dog fouling	Achieved	Target re set	13 issued against a target of 25

2.5b	Increase by 25% in Fixed Penalty Notices for litter	32% below target	29% below target. Target re set	57% below target
3.9	Achieve a year on year reduction in the number of positive drugs tests on charge for trigger offences. Baseline = 291 Target re set in 2006 to test on arrest.	290 achieved.	Baseline year for new measure.	6.7% increase.

8. As well as targets we also had a number of actions under each key priority. We fully achieved all actions under Total Crime, Anti Social Behaviour and Misuse of controlled drugs. Of the 15 actions under violent crime we achieved 12 fully. We were unable to carry out door supervision reviews or assess the impact of the Security Industry Agency because they were unable to share data with us because they are unable to pull off Stockton specific data. Whilst a Business Improvement District was established it has had limited impact on contributions to the running costs of CCTV and finally the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy group did meet regularly through 2005/07 but is currently under review to reflect the changes in the PCT. Of the 10 actions to reduce deliberate fires we achieved nine of them but were unable to retain the rapid response rubbish vehicle beyond the summer of 2006.
9. Overall we have been very successful over the last three years in achieving the Partnership's overall aim of improving the safety of the community in the Borough. Of the targets that we did not achieve we have carried forward some forward into the Community Safety Plan 2008/11. We aim to maintain reductions in All Crime (Total Crime) We have set a target to reduce Criminal Damage by 12% over the three years and set a target for an annual decrease in the number of positive tests on arrest using a baseline taken from the previous two years.
10. Members are asked to consider this report.

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