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SBC Crime & Disorder Audit review (07.08.13-23.10.13)

1. Stockton Borough Council Community Safety Crime and Disorder Audit has now been in place for 10 weeks and is due to end on 25.10.13.
2. As of 23.10.13, there have been 5264 forms returned, which exceeds the 2010 total of 5222 questionnaires (target for 2010 was 5000 questionnaires). There are also three days left of the audit which may potentially see this total increase.
3. The types of questionnaires that have been completed are as follows:-
 Face to Face – 4054 (3854 on database) accounting for 77%
 Postal – 784 (774 on database) accounting for 15%
 Online – 426 (417 on database) accounting for 8%
4. The above figures relate to all returned forms that are on the audit database and also those yet to be inputted. Any forms received after the 25.10.13 will not be included.
5. A full review of the audit results will be available for SSP meeting in December. A brief summary of the current responses are detailed below (based on the 5045 forms currently on the audit database). This includes the priorities that have currently been chosen and with only just over 200 forms to be added, it is unlikely that these priorities will change (see appendix section).
6. In relation to gender, Females currently account for 54% of submissions, followed by 40% from males (6% where the gender was not recorded). It was to be expected that females would account for the majority of returns and is similar figure to 2010 (50% female/40% male).

7. Table 1 below illustrates the age groups of those who completed this section:-

Table 1

Age	No	% Total
16 and under	1493	29.6%
17-24	395	7.8%
25-34	650	12.9%
35-44	610	12.1%
45-54	668	13.2%
55-64	572	11.3%
65 and over	561	11.1%
Not given	96	1.9%
8. Total	5045	100.0%

9. The above table shows that the most common age group is the 16 and under which is mainly due to the number of forms that were distributed to local secondary schools. Other age groups have been fairly evenly spread with exception of the 17-24 years age group. Consultation sessions have been conducted at locations such as University of Stockton and Stockton Riverside College however has been difficult to increase the total for this age group (this age group may increase due to further 219 forms yet to be inputted).
10. In terms of ethnicity, there has been some excellent work within the BME community which has resulted in 288 forms being completed. This compares to 244 in 2010 audit. There are also further forms from the BME community that have yet to be inputted so this figure will be higher. There has also been some good feedback from several establishments during the Audit consultation. This includes staff at Cultures Community Interest Company (Cultures CIC), Dovecot St, which works within the BME community who have been very pleased with the interaction with C/Safety Staff who visited and keen to develop and maintain a relationship with the C/ Safety Team.
11. Analysis of ward areas shows increases in several ward areas however this has been due to the number of forms returned from schools such as Egglecliffe and Conyers which has a catchment area within those two wards and within Ingleby Barwick. Table 2 within the appendix section provides details on the number of returns for each ward along with the percentage they account for based on 26 ward areas. The table also shows low number of returns in the Parish wards (84 forms) and compares to 127 in 2010. This has been highlighted throughout the audit and numerous locations within the Parish wards have been visited in order to increase the number of submissions including further deliveries of the magazines.

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12. So far 416 residents who have completed the form, and details on the database, have answered YES to question relating to 'Do you consider yourself to have a disability', accounting for 8 % of the respondents. This is comparable with 2010 audit (430 returns accounting for 8%). For information -This question relates to the respondents own interpretation of whether they feel they have a disability, it is difficult ascertain if the respondents are registered disabled or not. It is also a fairly personal question in which some residents may feel uncomfortable with answering. This was evident in questionnaires that were received back from a centre that caters for those with a disability with only a small number of residents who completed this form answering Yes or leaving it blank.
13. 30% (1534) have stated they have read the audit magazine, and of these 554 stated they felt 'More Safe' after reading the magazine. Therefore, 36% of those who read the magazine (1534 residents) felt safer after reading the information in it which is reassuring and showing the positive impact the magazine has had. This is similar percentage to previous weeks. This is also similar percentage to the 2010 audit results.
14. There has been lots of positive feedback with regards to the audit and work conducted by all involved in SSP. Any feedback which relates to ASB or lack of police/ASB presence has been fed back to both police and SBC ASB Officers so that they are aware of resident's views and to identify if there are any specific problems that can be dealt with.
15. Table 2&3 within the Appendix section illustrate the priorities that have currently been chosen for Crime and ASB. The priorities highlighted in bold are those that were chosen by residents in the 2010 Audit. This shows that four of the top 5 for crime remain the same as 2010. In relation to ASB, three of the current ASB priorities remain in the top 5. It is unlikely that these priorities will change with only just over 200 forms to be added.

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APPENDIX**Table 1 – Ward distribution**

Ward	No	% of ward (26 wards)
Billingham Central	130	2.9%
Billingham East	146	3.3%
Billingham North	142	3.2%
Billingham South	126	2.8%
Billingham West	78	1.7%
Bishopsgarth and Elm Tree	135	3.0%
Eaglescliffe	340	7.6%
Fairfield	181	4.1%
Grangefield	160	3.6%
Hardwick	101	2.3%
Hartburn	183	4.1%
Ingleby Barwick East	251	5.6%
Ingleby Barwick West	393	8.8%
Mandale and Victoria	295	6.6%
Newtown	118	2.6%
Northern Parishes	34	0.8%
Norton North	127	2.8%
Norton South	136	3.0%
Norton West	114	2.6%
Parkfield and Oxbridge	221	4.9%
Roseworth	117	2.6%
Stainsby Hill	174	3.9%
Stockton Town Centre	189	4.2%
Village	179	4.0%
Western Parishes	50	1.1%
Yarm	348	7.8%

Table 2 – Crime & ASB Priorities

Priority	No	ASB	No
Anti Social Behaviour	3094	Vandalism	3049
Violent crime	2707	Poor parental responsibility	2673
Drug related offending	2539	Threats / verbal abuse	2602
Criminal Damage	2488	Alcohol misuse	2492
Robbery	2149	Littering / dumping rubbish	2373
Domestic Violence	2110	Dog fouling	2308
Alcohol related crime / ASB	2076	People being drunk rowdy	2129
Dwelling burglary	1825	Street Drinking	2013
Arson / deliberate fires	1563	Noise nuisance	1807
Diverting YP from offending	1402	Throwing missiles	1686
Road safety / speeding	1390	Prostitution	1447
Vehicle crime	1236	Graffiti	1360
Retaining&Developing Policing	1192	Restorative Practices	430
Hate crime	1170		
Reducing reoffending	711		
Victim / witness support	675		
Providing reassurance	301		