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Re: Crime and Disorder

Introduction

- 1 The attached report provides an overview on crime and anti-social behaviour levels in the borough of Stockton between April to September 2014.

Key findings

- 2 Between April 2014 and September 2014, both publicly reported (-12.1%) and total crime (-11%) have reduced in the borough of Stockton.
- 3 This equates to 647 fewer victims of crime.
- 4 Comparisons with neighbouring local authority areas also show that Stockton has seen the biggest reduction to date.
- 5 Stockton also remains the safest place to live in relation to rates per 1000 population for both crime and ASB.
- 6 Despite overall crime reducing, there still continues to be slight increases in offences of violence (52 offences/+5.8%), rape (10 offences/+23.08%) and other sexual offences (10 offences/+13.9%).
- 7 Domestic related violence however has reduced by 217 offences, a significant decrease of 53.2%.
- 8 There are no concerns with regards to knife, gun or serious violence in Stockton.
- 9 However there are excellent reductions in several key crime areas: Personal robbery (-16 crimes/-39%), Burglary non-domestic (-102 crimes/-24.5%). Vehicle crime (-120 crimes/-28.7%) and Shoplifting (-102 crimes/-12.6%).
- 10 Burglary dwelling has also reduced this month and is now showing a 3.1% decrease on last year. Burglary offences in September also reduced by nearly half with only 27 offences compared to 45 in September 2013.
- 11 The forecast for the end of financial year is also projecting a reduction of 6.1%, the biggest anticipated decrease in crime levels when compared to neighbouring local authorities.
- 12 ASB is also showing a positive picture this period and we are the only local authority area to see a reduction (-1.8%).
- 13 Despite the decrease in ASB, if levels continue at the current rate, then a 6.5% increase is anticipated however we would still have the lowest increase when compared to Hartlepool (13.7%), Middlesbrough (17.9%) and Redcar & Cleveland (17.4%).
- 14 There have been no significant changes to offending locations when compared to last year.
- 15 There are no new emerging issues in relation to crime and disorder in Stockton borough.

**CRIME AND DISORDER
KEY FINDINGS -BOROUGH OF STOCKTON**

April 2014 – September 2014 - Cleveland Police Performance Statistics (as of 21.10.14)

Crime Levels	Publicly reported: 4708 crimes Total crime: 5213 crimes
Annual change to date	Publicly reported: Reduction of 647 crimes (-12.1%) Total Crime: Reduction of 642 crimes (-11%)
End of year projection	Down 6.1% - Biggest reduction compared to neighbouring authorities
Comparisons with neighbouring Local authorities (end year)	End financial year projections: Stockton: DOWN 6.1% Middlesbrough: DOWN 1.8% Hartlepool: UP 4.1% Redcar & Cleveland: UP 0.2%
Year to date detection rate:	34.2% reduction of 0.3 % (TOTAL CRIME)
Rate per 1000 comparisons with neighbouring Local authorities (Public reported)	Stockton: 24.3 - Maintaining the safest place to live Redcar & Cleveland: 28.3 Hartlepool: 30.6 Middlesbrough: 42.4



Crime table	Year to Date				
	Crime Type	2014/15	2013/14	Change	% Change
	Violence against the person	944	892	52	5.8%
	<i>Homicide</i>	0	0	0	-
	<i>Violence with injury</i>	563	525	38	7.2%
	<i>Violence without injury</i>	381	367	14	3.8%
	Sexual offences	134	114	20	17.5%
	<i>Rape</i>	52	42	10	23.8%
	<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	82	72	10	13.9%
	Robbery	30	46	-16	-34.8%
	<i>Business Robbery</i>	5	5	0	0.0%
	<i>Personal Robbery</i>	25	41	-16	-39.0%
	Theft	2575	3218	-643	-20.0%
	<i>Burglary - Domestic</i>	220	227	-7	-3.1%
	<i>Burglary - Non domestic</i>	315	417	-102	-24.5%
	<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	194	253	-59	-23.3%
	<i>Theft from the person</i>	32	46	-14	-30.4%
	<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	298	418	-120	-28.7%
	<i>Shoplifting</i>	707	809	-102	-12.6%
	<i>Other Theft</i>	809	1048	-239	-22.8%
Criminal damage and Arson	1025	1085	-60	-5.5%	
Publicly Reported Crime	4708	5355	-647	-12.1%	
Police Generated Crime	505	500	5	1.0%	
Total Crime	5213	5855	-642	-11.0%	
The details in above table relate to changes in levels for each crime category between April 14 and September 14.					

<p>Crime categories showing increases</p>	<p>Violence against the person (5.8%) Month on month increases in both with and without injury. With exception of April and August there has been an increase each month, in particular during May (up 22 offences) and recent month of September (up 21 offences).</p> <p>However there still does not appear to be any obvious areas to identify reasoning behind this.</p> <p>There are no concerns with regards to knife, gun or serious violence.</p> <p>Domestic related violence however is showing a reduction, from 408 to 191 crimes, a 53.2% reduction. Offences also accounted for only 20.2% of all violence, compared to 45.7% last year. There is nothing to indicate why offences are reducing so significantly and this is also the same for domestic related incidents (-579 incidents/-30.5%). This is also similar across the Cleveland Force area in comparison to increases in non-domestic related violence.</p> <p>Sexual offences (17.5 %) As noted in previous report, increases are linked to rape offences which are mainly historical with offenders known to their victims. No present concerns with stranger rapes. During September there was also a reduction of three offences compared to September last year.</p>																								
<p>Top 5 wards per 1000 population (based on ward population)</p>	<table border="1" data-bbox="480 875 1353 1149"> <thead> <tr> <th>April 14 – Aug 14</th> <th>Rate per 1000 pop</th> <th>April 13 to Aug 13</th> <th>Rate per 1000 pop</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Stockton Town Centre</td> <td>164</td> <td>Stockton Town Centre</td> <td>185</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mandale & Victoria</td> <td>48</td> <td>Mandale & Victoria</td> <td>47.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parkfield & Oxbridge</td> <td>47.5</td> <td>Parkfield & Oxbridge</td> <td>43.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hardwick</td> <td>37.8</td> <td>Hardwick</td> <td>40.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newtown</td> <td>34.2</td> <td>Newtown</td> <td>38.4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>No changes to ward locations when compared to same time period last year with the same top five wards remaining the same. However the levels of crime per 1000 population have increased in Mandale&Victoria and Parkfield&Oxbridge.</p>	April 14 – Aug 14	Rate per 1000 pop	April 13 to Aug 13	Rate per 1000 pop	Stockton Town Centre	164	Stockton Town Centre	185	Mandale & Victoria	48	Mandale & Victoria	47.1	Parkfield & Oxbridge	47.5	Parkfield & Oxbridge	43.5	Hardwick	37.8	Hardwick	40.6	Newtown	34.2	Newtown	38.4
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<p>Forthcoming period</p>	<p>Currently projecting a reduction of 6.1% for end of Financial year.</p> <p>Reductions also seen in the most recent month (September) from 956 crimes to 772. That's 184 fewer victims of crime in one month.</p> <p>The current month of October and beginning of November often see increases in crime and ASB towards the end of the month due to Halloween and Bonfire night.</p> <p>Police and SBC ASB/Enforcement Teams have extra operational activity planned in order to cover this time period. Extra patrols and targeting of specific locations resulted in offences of criminal damage reducing in October and November 2013 when compared to 2012.</p>																								

ASB levels	7089 incidents of ASB in Stockton			
Annual change to date	Reduction of 127 incidents (-1.8%). This is good news when compared to the end of July when incidents were showing an increase. Stockton is the only borough to see a reduction in ASB however the end of year projection is still showing an increase of 6.5%. Despite this, Stockton would still have the lowest increase compared to other three boroughs and is reduction on previous month when levels were projecting an 8.3% increase.			
Comparisons with neighbouring Local authorities	Stockton – DOWN 1.8% Hartlepool - UP 2.4% Redcar & Cleveland - UP 7.2% Middlesbrough - UP 10.6%			
Rate per 1000 comparisons with neighbouring Local authorities	Stockton continues to have the lowest rate per 1000 population for both ASB and crime. ASB rates: Stockton – 36.6 Redcar & Cleveland: 41.5 Hartlepool – 46 Middlesbrough – 53.1			
Top 5 wards per 1000 population	April 14-Aug 14	Rate per 1000 pop	April 13-Aug 13	Rate per 1000 pop
	Stockton Town Centre	204	Stockton Town Centre	174
	Mandale & Victoria	63.1	Mandale & Victoria	56.4
	Parkfield & Oxbridge	70.7	Parkfield & Oxbridge	68.5
	Hardwick	51.4	Billingham Central	51.2
	Norton North	50.5	Hardwick	51
	There are no major changes to ASB locations however the rates per 1000 population have increased in the top three wards. The top three wards are also the same for crime activity. Stockton town centre ward remains the priority hotspot area for the local policing area.			
Local confidence survey (Cleveland Police)				
The 'Local Public Confidence Survey' provides a structured means of obtaining feedback from local residents about the problems they face in their neighbourhood				
% of residents who think <u>police and local authority</u> are dealing well with crime and ASB issues	Stockton has the best rate comparable to other three policing areas (end Sept survey, completed every quarter). Stockton – 70.6% Hartlepool - 70% Middlesbrough - 68.6% Redcar & Cleveland - 66.6%			

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