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**Changes to Strategic Assessment Report**

**Introduction**

1. Each year Safer Stockton Partnership has undertaken a yearly partnership strategic assessment which is produced by the Community Safety Team Analyst within Stockton Borough Council.
2. The aim of the document is to provide the partnership with an overview of the current crime and anti-social behaviour issues in the borough, along with the harm caused by the misuse of drugs and alcohol.
3. It is used by the partnership to identify if there are emerging areas that need to be included as strategic priorities for the forthcoming financial period.
4. The assessment draws upon research and analysis from a wide variety of partnership data between the 12 months of October through to September.
5. This 12 month of data is not line in financial crime figures and provides crime levels for the rolling 12 month period.
6. Therefore the actual increase in crime based on the 12 month rolling data can often vary from that of the financial crime statistics (April to Sept).
7. During the first four months of the current financial year (April 15 to July 15), crime in Stockton has increased by 17.9%.
8. Alongside this, the majority of crime categories are also showing significant increases.
9. This is particular of note for offences of violence.
10. In April 2014, the Community Safety plan was implemented to cover the period of April 2014 to March 2017. The key priorities within this plan were identified by residents during the community safety team consultation in August 2013.
11. For the first year of the plan (end March 15) several of the performance targets within the CSP were not met.
12. Therefore each of the six priority owners were asked to review their performance targets.
13. Those that were still relevant and were achieved remained and others amended or removed.
14. As there are now several new targets and measures in place it is recommended that the PSA for this year is an exception report, looking at six month of current crime and ASB data.

15. The report would mainly focus on the period of April 15 to Sept 15 against the same time period last year. However the statistical section will also have information relating to different data sets (6 and 12mths of crime).
16. The research would focus on crime and ASB linked to the six priorities from the Community Safety Plan to ascertain if the partnership is on track to meet its targets.
17. Alongside this, there will be emphasis on recommendations in order to move successfully forward during October 2015 and March 2016 in order to achieve these targets.
18. The report will still include a wide variety of partnership data, including analysis on victim, offenders and geographical areas however will be more focused on current issues rather than rolling 12 month of data.
19. This will allow for more streamlined report that can be utilised by the partnership to identify how the CSP is aiding with the reduction of crime and ASB.
20. This recommendation is supported by Steve Hume, Community Safety and Security Manager.
21. This report is submitted to member of the partnership for consideration.

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