



AGENDA ITEM NO: 9

DUNDRY VIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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Title: Crime and Community Safety

Recommendation:

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1. Performance

Crime type	Recorded Crime		Detected Crime	
	YTD total	% change	YTD % detected	% change
Dwelling burglary	96	-20%	10.4%	2.9%
Theft of vehicle	38	-22.4%	7.9%	-8.4%
Theft from vehicle	123	53.8%	8.1%	-0.6%
Violence against the person	556	32.7%	30.2%	-11.3%
Total crime	1899	7.5%	27.5%	-8.1%

1.1. The above reflects levels of crime reported to Police at the end of Oct 2014. The reduction in dwelling burglaries, and increase in detection rates, displays the ongoing commitment to this offence. It is hugely impactful on residents, who often feel that their home has been “violated”, and this is reflected by the fact that the issue is a PCC priority.

- 1.2. The actual levels of theft of motor vehicles are fairly small, so a 22% fall actually only equates to 9 less, offences (or just about one less offence per month). The rise in theft from motor vehicles is concerning though; most offences involve property being left, in clear sight, in unattended vehicles. As much as we promote crime reduction messages to people, we can't actually make people listen!
 - 1.3. Further work is needed to understand the significant rise in the recording of violence against the person. Bristol South has undergone some extensive work in terms of complying with National Crime Recording Standards, which may account for part of this increase. We are also committed to encouraging victims of domestic abuse to come forward, and report offences – this may also account for some significant part of the rise.
 2. It is also important to note that there has been a huge amount of change within the Police over this past year. This has affected some 60% of staff in some significant way, and I think we have to be realistic in understanding that this has had an inevitable impact upon our capacity to do everything that we once did. The change process should be completed by April 2015, and I am confident that things will start to show an upturn as our intelligence processes lead to better targeting of offenders and problem locations.
 3. Neighbourhood team news
 - 3.1. There are some minor changes to the neighbourhood team to make you aware of. Tony Westwell (Bishopsworth) is currently providing cover for a sergeant vacancy on the Bedminster area. PCSO Michelle Hibberd (Hartcliffe) is pregnant, and therefore is restricted to office duties. PCSO Claire Flower should be returning from maternity leave in February 2015.
 4. Neighbourhood priorities
 - 4.1. The Neighbourhood Delivery Team has agreed its community safety priorities for the next year. They are;
 - ASB
 - Drugs
 - Domestic Abuse

4.2. We have also agreed that our particular focus should be upon the priority wards of Hartcliffe and Filwood. Naturally we won't be ignoring the other wards across South Bristol; we just need to account for the long-term nature of the issues in these two areas, and the fact that they have a higher than average impact on issues across the whole of South Bristol.