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1. Description of decision

That the priority areas for action from the Executive Summary Strategic Assessment for inclusion in the North Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership Plan 2010 –2011 be endorsed.

2. Date of decision

17 March 2010

3. Reasons for decision

To provide an update on community safety activity during 2009-10 and to endorse the emerging priorities resulting the Strategic Assessment process for inclusion in the North Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership Plan for 2010-2011

4. Alternatives considered and rejected

In the process of developing the Strategic Assessment considered a range of alternatives before arriving at those contained in the Strategic Assessment.

5. How decision is to be funded

Through existing revenue funding and Area Based Grant.

6. Conflicts of interest

Name of all Executive members who were consulted AND declared a conflict of interest	Nature of interest	Did Standards Committee give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (if yes give details and date of dispensation)
None		

The Mayor has been consulted on this decision

JSM

Signed *[Signature]*

Date 17 March 2010.

Name of Decision Taker - WILL HURT

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Date decision published: 24.3.10

Date decision can be implemented if not called in: 6.4.10

Bedford Borough Council report to: The Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

REPORT BY: Assistant Director Environment and Communities

Annual progress report for the Community Safety Strategy 2008 – 2011 and ratification of the priority areas for action from the Executive Summary Strategic Assessment

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

- 1.1 The last progress report on the Bedford Community Safety Strategy 2008 - 2011 (CSS) and Action Plan was presented to the Community Culture Policy Review and Development Committee (CCPR&DC) in February 2009. The 3-year Strategy and Action Plan have a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to be reviewed annually following an annual crime and disorder strategic assessment. A request was made at CCPR&DC for an annual update on delivery of the Strategy and Plan in February 2010. The report will be supported by a Power Point presentation at Committee to provide an overview of progress against the CSS and Partnership Plan.
- 1.2 The 2010 annual Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment for Bedford Borough is now finalised and reports on emerging priorities and changes for the last year of the Strategy period April 1st 2010 - March 31st 2011. These are reflected in the Executive Summary Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan 2010 -2011 (See Appendix 1) of which summary details are provided within Section 5 of this report.
- 1.3 The Strategic Assessment has highlighted the following emerging priorities for action over the next year:
 - Violent crime
 - Serious Acquisitive Crime
 - Building Stronger Communities
 - Anti-social Behaviour and criminal damage
- 1.4 The Partnership Plan is the delivery arm for the 'Safer Communities' priorities held within the Bedford Sustainable Communities Strategy and Community Safety Partnership Strategy priorities. The Safer Thematic Partnership Group ensures that joint goals are delivered and that all statutory requirements are adhered to. This group has endorsed the Executive Summary Strategic Assessment (ESSA) and Partnership Plan and notes that it meets the requirements for corporate, LAA and

Crime and Disorder Act Council obligations. Further details are available at Section 5 of this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Portfolio Holder considers this report and if satisfied endorse the priority areas for action from the Executive Summary Strategic Assessment for inclusion in the North Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership Plan 2010 –2011.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To provide an update on community safety activity during 2009-10 and to endorse the emerging priorities resulting the Strategic Assessment process for inclusion in the North Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership Plan for 2010-2011.

4. KEY ISSUES

Resources

- 4.1 Area base Grant Resources for 2010 -11 are anticipated to be at the same level as 2009 - 2010 for revenue at £140,000, but the capital Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) has been cut by 50% to circa £25,000. Detail of commitment on spend is outlined further in the Detail section of this report. Area Base Grant in 2009 – 2010 contributed towards the following:

PPO Coordinator	8,400
Domestic Violence	28,200
Safer Neighbourhoods	16,800
Youth Offending Services	39,800
Serious Acquisitive crime robbery report, gates for ASB and Burglary, NCCZ signage and Bobby Van grant	38,300
Community Safety Posts	8,500

- 4.2 In addition to people resources, the partnership makes increased use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition, Pickupoint, mobile and static CCTV systems that have proved successful in providing supplementary evidence to police in the detection of crime and offenders.
- 4.3 Continuous improvements and refurbishments have been achieved on public green and play space areas for the benefit of all age ranges creating an increased sense of community ownership and feel safe factors.

- 4.4 A wide range of information advice leaflets have been distributed to many communities about 'Your Doorstep, Your Decision' and how to keep both themselves and their property safe.

Legal

- 4.5 Bedford Borough Council is a statutory partner of the Bedford CSP. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the Council as part of a community safety partnership to conduct an annual Strategic Assessment and produce an annual Partnership Plan.

Policy

- 4.6 Community Safety is being delivered as part of the new unitary council function in line with the Sustainable Communities Strategy and Corporate Plan 2009 – 2012 which identifies Safer Communities as one of the 8 priority areas for the Council over the next 3 years.

Risk

- 4.7 Nothing specifically identified as part of this report.

5. DETAILS

- 5.1 The Community Safety Partnership Safer Thematic Group has a strategic lead for the safer element of the Bedford Sustainable Communities Strategy which feeds into the Bedford Borough Partnership Board as show in the flow diagram in appendix 2. The Community Safety Thematic Partnership encompasses a range of organisations working together to reduce crime and disorder and improve community safety within the borough. It delivers it work through a number of multi-agency working groups including.

- Domestic Abuse Groups
- Community Safety Forums
- Bed:Safe and Bedford Business Improvement District (BID)
- Integrated Offender Management Panel
- Pride in Bedford
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Youth Offending Service - Prevent agenda
- Drug Intervention Programme Delivery Group
- Casualty Reduction Partnership
- Anti-social Behaviour Enforcement group
- Alcohol Action Group
- Youth Practitioner Group
- Police Tasking Group
- Operational Delivery Group
- Community Tasking Action Group

5.2 The Council now has in place a Community Safety Team comprising of a Community Safety Manager, Community Data and Information Officer, Research and Information Analyst, safer Neighbourhood Coordinator, Administrative Assistant and a Special Police Constable Community Safety Enforcement Officer. The Special Constable has the benefit of having police powers that can be utilised to help address a range of Safer Neighbourhood Team issues including parking, fly-tipping and Anti-Social Behaviour. This team have contributed to the development of the Strategic Assessment and will be essential to both monitoring and delivery of actions in the action plan over the next 12 months.

5.3 The Strategic Assessment has considered crime and anti-social behaviour reports in the light of community and partner consultation surveys and performance reports, the current strategy and previous Strategic Assessment completed in January 2009. Emerging priority areas within the 2008 - 2011 Strategy remain the same. Domestic Burglary, Violent crime including Domestic Violence and alcohol related injuries feature strongly and remain a priority focus for partners.

5.4 **Bedford Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) - 'Safer' goals**
Results from the Strategic Assessment and proposed Partnership Plan fully support the Bedford SCS aims which are as follows:

Aim 1	Reduce burglary, robbery and other serious acquisitive crime and criminal damage;
Aim 2	Tackle the issues which increase the likelihood of re-offending and target prolific offenders;
Aim 3	Tackle anti-social behaviour;
Aim 4	Reduce incidents of domestic violence;
Aim 5	Tackle crime and disorder by reducing drug dependency and alcohol misuse;
Aim 6	Tackle the fear of crime;
Aim 7	Increase public confidence in the Partnership's delivery of community safety;

5.5 **Golden Threads**

The Community Safety Partnership recognises a number of golden threads that affect success in achieving all the aims and priorities. It will be important for our Partnership Plan to be inclusive of the following:

- Drug and Alcohol misuse
- Community Cohesion
- Prolific and Priority Offenders
- Repeat victimisation

- Young people

5.6 **LAA 'Safer Communities' Targets.** The four important indicators shown in the table below are priority areas in Bedford Borough's refreshed Local Area Agreement under 'Safer Communities' which were endorsed by the Council's Service Design and Implementation Team. The same targets are reflected within the Community Safety Strategy. The Executive Summary at appendix 1 outlines a basket of indicators that relate to community safety performance and these are included amongst them.

Indicator	Baseline	Performance at end Q3 2009 /10	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11
NI 16 Serious Acquisitive Crime (PSA23)	2321 (2008 / 2009 actual)	1927 crimes (Predicted 10% off target)	9% reduction ✓ Achieved	9% reduction ✗ Unlikely to achieve	9% reduction
NI 30 Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders	29% Reduction 81 proven offences	Data always 6 months behind and indicating on target - 72 at year end	21% reduction ✓ Achieved	18% (66 offences) ✓ Likely to achieve	To be confirmed by Home Office
NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence	28% reduction in 2008 / 2009	Performing at 30% and on target.	28% ✓ Achieved	31% ✓ On target to achieve	To be confirmed
NI 40 Drug users in effective treatment	812 (Info from National Treatment Agency)	842 forecast end of year C / wide	813 ✓ Achieved	855 ✓ Achieved	To be confirmed

5.7 For the period April 1st - December 31st 2009 there has been an increase in recorded crime in the areas of domestic burglary and violent crime types. Crimes that have reduced include vehicle crime, robbery, criminal damage and burglary of premises other than dwellings. The downturn in the economy is believed to be part of the reason for increases in certain crime types. A downturn in people's fortune can change their behaviour and the choices that they make and it is for this reason that an emphasis has been made on tackling the 'Golden Threads' that run through the Partnership Plan.

Fear of Crime Survey 2009/10

- 5.8 In 2006 as part of LAA1, Bedfordshire County Council, as well as the three district councils (BBC, MBDC, SBDC) measured fear of crime. The question ‘how safe / unsafe do you feel when walking alone outside after dark?’ was asked by all four councils in their BVPI User Satisfaction Survey. The surveys were conducted via post, and the scores aggregated for the four councils. The final score was that 27.9% of respondents felt safe when walking alone outside after dark based on 5160 responses.
- 5.9 The LAA set out a reward target of 38.9% to be achieved by 2009/10. As a result of local government reorganisation the responsibility to measure this fell jointly to Bedford Borough Council and Central Bedfordshire Council. As there were no statutory user surveys in 2009, it was decided that the best option was to conduct a joint survey across the two areas, and keep it simple in order to keep costs down, and ensure we got a good response.
- 5.10 The result was a score of 46.7% across the two areas based on 1179 responses. This shows an increase of 18.8%, and was well over the target set by the LAA
- 5.11 **ASB Local Target.** The CSP set an annual local target to reduce reported incidents of anti-social behaviour to the police by 5% on a 2008/09 baseline. ASB reporting is seasonal, peaking during Easter, summer and October half term. Reporting is considerably reduced over the winter months through to March. Increases during the busy times have escalated and reduced further at quiet times. The Partnership forecasts that a small reduction will be achieved at year end but will not quite meet the target.

Incidents of Anti-social Behaviour Forecast end of year performance against target	Target 20010/11
10,900	10,737

- 5.12 Plans that have been ratified to support delivery of the Strategy include the Community Safety Alcohol Action Delivery Plan and an Anti-social Behaviour Plan. There are also action plans for Prolific and Priority Offenders, Domestic Violence, Serious Acquisitive Crime, People into Treatment and Drug Intervention Programme,

Community Safety Forums

- 5.13 The partnership is developing and supporting the delivery of Safer Neighbourhood Forums (SNF) across the Borough where local people can set their own local targets, and influence the way in which local services can make a difference to their local communities. Currently

there are 11 groups that meet supported by the Safer Neighbourhood Coordinator. The chairs of the groups were brought together in a recent event to set down some consistency of approach. Terms of Reference have been developed for the SNF which will provide an operating framework for them. The Community Safety Team proposes to consult more widely with local communities, deal with local problems and feedback to forums taking part in community problem solving where necessary.

Partnership Development

- 5.14 The Partnership now contributes funding towards a Prolific and Priority Offender Coordinator across the County and Luton that will give increased focus and direction for all 3 strands of the scheme:
- Prevent and Deter
 - Catch and Convict
 - Rehabilitate and Resettle
- 5.15 A Review of anti-social behaviour processes will take place to identify how well Bedford meets the Hallmark of Success. Further work is planned to identify better joint working practices and the development of a potential ASB team within the new unitary structure.
- 5.16 Partnership development over the year has included the following achievements;
- An extended Community Safety team with Funding for a data analyst to improve data sharing for the purposes of annual strategic assessments and regular sharing of information to enhance partner performance is being sought
 - A Thematic Partnership / CDRP Executive Function. 3 meetings have been held with governance arrangements and a plan for 2010 – 2011 agreed.
- 5.17 Further partnership development aspirations are outlined in the Executive Summary (Appendix 1) to be worked on over the coming year:

6. SUMMARY OF CONSULTATIONS AND OUTCOME

- 6.1 The crime and ASB strategic assessment included a range of public consultation from across the partners. A copy of this full document is available to Members upon request.

7. WARD COUNCILLOR VIEWS

Not applicable for this report.

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Background Papers: Appendix 1 – Strategic Assessment
Executive Summary and partnership Plan
2010 - 2011
Appendix 2 - Community Safety
Structure Chart

Bedford Borough Community Safety Partnership

Strategic Assessment Executive Summary and Partnership Plan 2010 – 2011

Safer Communities

The aim of the North Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership

“Tackling crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol misuse
and increasing perceptions about safety and well-being in our
communities”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The vision of the Bedford Community Safety Partnership is “*Tackling crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol misuse and increasing perceptions about safety and well-being in our communities.*”

Findings from the Strategic Assessment support the Sustainable Communities Strategy goal to achieve a Safer Borough and the 7 aims as follows:

Aim 1	Reduce burglary, robbery and other serious acquisitive crime and criminal damage;
Aim 2	Tackle the issues which increase the likelihood of re-offending and target prolific offenders;
Aim 3	Tackle anti-social behaviour;
Aim 4	Reduce incidents of domestic violence;
Aim 5	Tackle crime and disorder by reducing drug dependency and alcohol misuse;
Aim 6	Tackle the fear of crime;
Aim 7	Increase public confidence in the Partnership’s delivery of community safety;

Bedford Borough Community Safety Partnership achieved an 18% reduction in comparator crime between 2006 and 2009¹. However, since April 1st 2009, trends are changing in most crime areas, and the partnership performs worse than average in our CDRP Most Similar Family Group (MSG). There are a number of factors that contribute to these changes, including unemployment, health, poverty, migration and prominence of offenders. The Partnership is gathering momentum working with expressed intentions to work more closely together and to share strategic planning and delivery mechanisms. Bedford Borough became a Unitary Authority in April 2009 alongside Central Bedfordshire and takes its place as one of 3 Unitary Authorities in the County as a whole.

¹ based on 2005 - 2006 recorded crime figures.

EMERGING PRIORITIES AND CHANGES

VIOLENT CRIME

Violent crimes including domestic abuse and sexual assaults, although low in number, have increased considerably over the past year and require further investigation.

Bedfordshire Police's Blue Light Survey ranks domestic related crime as one of the 5 priorities for police in the Borough, with domestic violence accounting for 25% of all violent crime.

SERIOUS ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Serious acquisitive crime, in particular domestic burglary has more prevalent reporting rates and worse detection rates when comparing 2009 with 2008.

Burglary offences are higher than the MSG average, with sanction detection rates being lower than the MSG average. In addition volume burglary (other buildings) is also high. Victim satisfaction for the majority of serious acquisitive crimes has decreased in the reporting period.

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Building stronger communities where people feel safe and have increased confidence in partnership services.

A police victim satisfaction survey sent out in 2009 revealed a 17% gap evident between the satisfaction of victims from BME communities when compared to White communities (all crime), this gap drops to 2% when considering just anti-social behaviour.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE

Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage, with a focus around the fear of young people hanging around, vehicular speeding, parking, fly tipping and rubbish.

Volume criminal damage to dwellings is high and is consistently a public priority in the Borough. ASB in Bedford displayed an upward trend during 2009. 20% of incidents reported each month to Bedfordshire Police involved youth related anti-social behaviour.

GOLDEN THREADS

ALCOHOL AND ILLICIT DRUG MISUSE

Anecdotal community and partner information commonly raises alcohol and illicit drug misuse as a significant concern with many crime types and ASB. Three quarters of those convicted of disorder offences were identified as hazardous drinkers and over half identified alcohol as a factor in their arrest. Furthermore, 6 percent of crime and 6 percent of incidents are recorded as being alcohol related.

COMMUNITY COHESION

Communities that do not live in harmony or have reduced quality of life concerns will have a raised fear of crime. Bedford benefits from a diverse community of cultures and faiths, the cohesion and health of this community is vital to reducing the fear of crime.

MANAGING PROLIFIC AND PRIORITY OFFENDERS

The management of Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPO), who cause our communities the most harm, is a priority for the Partnership. Partners have stated their intent to work towards an Integrated Offender Management (IOM) scheme in order to reduce demand and make better use of resources.

REPEAT VICTIMISATION

Where offenders and victims are known to one another, the risk of repeat victimisation for victims of crime and anti-social behaviour is significant. Offences often involve violence or the threat of violence and occur in our urban and deprived areas.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people are often the victim and/or offender and require a safe space to develop into adulthood. Enabling them to take an active role in developing their local community and to take part in problem solving where they can be part of the solution will add to their portfolio of life skills and the potential to achieve well in their futures.

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

Development and delivery of IOM and drug intervention programme (DIP) scheme that incorporates a targeted approach to dealing with the common threads of prolific and priority offenders, repeat victimisation and substance misuse.

DATA SHARING

Completion of a robust thematic information sharing protocol which is monitored through the

partnership Strategic Assessment and Information Sharing Group.

COMMUNITY SAFETY EVENTS

Coordination and delivery of a calendar of community safety events, including the provision of a shared budget and identification of individuals to lead the events.

SPARKS

To further develop of co-located working arrangements and increased partnership use of SPARKS (a web based partnership tool to assist delivery of community problem solving).

EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES

Develop arrangements for pooled partnership funds to be utilised via the Safer Thematic Partnership Group.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Development and delivery of a sexual violence plan for Bedford Borough.

STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT

The partnership has identified a number of areas where improvements to the Strategic Assessment are required;

A STRONGER PARTNERSHIP

Increased understanding, engagement and commissioning of services amongst the responsible authorities is required to deliver an efficient and effective partnership.

INCREASE THE DETAIL

From January 2011, Strategic Assessments will be developed from a super output area level, replacing current ward level analysis. This allows improved targeting of localised issues.

MEASURE SUCCESS

Efforts and consideration should be given to developing joint cohorts to measure success across a broader spectrum of partner objectives.

IMPROVED RECORDING

Specific improvements around the recording of alcohol related offences are required.

TARGETTING OFFENDERS

Improved intelligence relating to offender patterns, demographics, trends and patterns will allow informed partnership activity to target offenders.

CONTINUOUS MONITORING

From April 2010, at least quarterly strategic assessment updates will be undertaken to provide continuous monitoring of emerging priorities and partnership performance.

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PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2010 TO 2011

The summary plan below outlines the key areas to be delivered by the Partnership in 2010 – 2011. Many of the activities are expanded in separate actions plans described within the Strategic Assessment, which are constantly monitored and reviewed by each partnership working group.

Outcome	Activity	Lead Authority	Targets
<p>Aims 2, 4 and 5 of the Bedford Sustainable Communities Strategy 'A Safer Borough' goal</p> <p>Reducing the level of reported injury related to violent crime</p>	<p>1. Development and delivery of the joint DIP and Integrated Offender Management Scheme (IOM) and PPO Delivery Plan (NI 30)</p>	<p>1. PPO Coordinator, Probation, BDAT and NHS Bedfordshire.</p>	<p>NI 30 Number of convictions recorded against Prolific and other Priority Offenders (LAA Target)</p>
	<p>2. Delivery and review of Bed:Safe</p>	<p>2. Bedford Borough Council.</p>	<p>NI 38 Class A Drug Offenders</p>
	<p>3. Delivery and review of the Tackling Knives Awareness Programme</p>	<p>3. Bedfordshire Police.</p>	<p>NI 15 Number of most serious violent crimes</p> <p>NI 20 Assault with injury crimes</p>
	<p>4. Refresh and delivery and review of the Alcohol Delivery Plans (NI 20)</p>	<p>4. Bedford Borough, BDAT, NHS Bedfordshire.</p>	<p>NI 28 Number of recorded serious violent knife crime offences</p>
	<p>5. Delivery and review of the Tackling Violent Crime Action Plan</p>	<p>5. Bedfordshire Police.</p>	<p>NI 32 Repeat victimisation for those with the MARAC. (LAA Target)</p>
	<p>6. Refresh and delivery of the Domestic Abuse Delivery Plan (NI 32)</p>	<p>6. Central Bedfordshire.</p>	

Outcome	Activity	Lead Authority	Targets
<p>Aims 1,2, and 5 of the Bedford Sustainable Communities Strategy, 'A Safer Borough' goal</p> <p>Reduce the level of reported Serious Acquisitive Crime</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delivery and Review of the Serious Acquisitive Crime Delivery Plan (NI 16) including use of Bluetooth technology and talking signs. 2. No Cold Calling Zones 3. Neighbourhood Watch & Safer Homes Scheme 4. Alley-gating & Security lighting 5. CAPS scheme 6. Schools programme and anti-bullying programmes through PSHE. 7. Development and delivery of the joint DIP and Integrated Offender Management Scheme (IOM) and PPO Delivery Plan (NI 30) 8. Delivery of the Drug Treatment Delivery Plan (NI 40) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Police (Inspector Gavin Hughes-Rowland) 2. Bedford Borough Community Safety Enforcement and Trading Standards 3. Police Crime Reduction Team 4. Bedford Borough Community Safety and Ward Councillors 5. Police Crime Reduction Team 6. Bedford Borough Education PSHE Team 7. BDAT and PPO Coordinator 8. BDAT 	<p>NI 16 Number of reported Robberies, Domestic Burglaries, Theft of vehicles and Theft from motor vehicles. (LAA Target)</p> <p>NI 40 Number of people into drug treatment (LAA Target)</p>

Outcome	Activity	Lead Authority	Targets
<p>Aims 3, 6 and 7 of the Bedford Sustainable Communities Strategy, 'A Safer Borough' goal</p> <p>Increasing community confidence and reducing the fear of crime and ASB</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual Calendar of events 2. Feedback to local communities about activities and outcomes 3. Increased engagement with local communities 4. At least 4 Weeks of Action delivered 5. Increased efficient activity through the use of SPARKS web tool 6. Development of an ASB Team to more efficiently address community concerns at an early stage 7. Development and delivery of a partnership confidence delivery plan 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bedfordshire Police 2. Bedford Borough 3. Safer Neighbourhood Forums 4. Bedford Borough and all Partners 5. Bedford Borough 6. Bedfordshire Police 7. CTAG 	<p>NI 1 Percentage of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together</p> <p>NI 5 Overall/general satisfaction with local area</p> <p>NI 17 Perceptions of anti- social behaviour</p> <p>NI 21 Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime issues</p> <p>NI 23 Perceptions that people in the area treat one another with respect and consideration</p> <p>NI 27 Understanding of local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime issues by the local council and police</p> <p>NI 41 Perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour as a problem</p> <p>NI 42 Perceptions of drug use or drug dealing as a problem</p> <p>NI 138 Satisfaction of people 65 and over with both home and neighbourhood</p>

Outcome	Activity	Lead Authority	Targets
<p>Aim 3 of the Bedford Sustainable Communities Strategy, 'A Safer Borough' goal.</p> <p>A) Reduced levels of ASB including criminal damage, litter, rubbish and fly-tipping</p> <p>B) Reduced levels of concern about vehicular speeding and dangerous parking.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased partnership activity in problem solving within Safer Neighbourhood community safety forums 2. Increase number of enforcement activities in respect of environmental crime 3. Increased availability of ANPR CCTV 4. Increased use of speed checks 5. Partnership working with the Casualty Reduction partnership to ensure priorities are dealt with 6. Increased partnership working with Borough Parking Team 7. Work with Local Ward Councillors in respect of utilising Ward Councillor Funds for community projects evolving from community engagement to address local issues 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safer Neighbourhood Coordinator, Bedford Borough Council 2. Community Safety Enforcement and Environment Team, Bedford Borough Council 3. Bedfordshire Police 4. Bedfordshire Police 5. Casualty Reduction Partnership 6. Car Park Services, Bedford Borough 7. Ward Councillors, Bedford Borough 	<p><i>Local Indicators:</i></p> <p>To reduce the level of reported ASB to Police</p> <p>To increase the number of enforcement actions in relation to environmental crime</p> <p>To increase the level of community volunteers that litter pick across the Borough's green spaces and streets.</p>

COMMUNITY SAFETY TARGET SUMMARY

Indicator	Detail	2009 – 2010 Target	2010 – 2011 Target
NI 30	Baseline of 81 proven offences bet Oct 7 - Sept 08 = 66	18% reduction in proven offences	Not set
NI 38	Countywide BDAT Indicator for Class A Drug Offenders	No target set	Not set
	Actual offending = 41 out of a predicted 44.4 providing us with a baseline of 0.91		
	Less than 1 is okay, but we are in the worst 6 in the country. Luton at 0.55		
NI 15	Number of most serious violent crimes	Not to exceed 70	Not set
NI 20	Assault with injury crimes	Reduce by 2% to 989 offences	Not set
NI 28	Recorded serious knife crime	Baseline year (2009 - 2010) To set target for 2010 - 2011	Not set
NI 32	Domestic Violence MARAC (Repeat Victimization)	31% reduction target set	28%
NI 16	Serious Acquisitive Crime (Robbery, Theft of and theft from motor vehicles and domestic burglary)	9% reduction target to achieve 15.4 crimes (2382) per 1000 population	9% reduction target to achieve 14 crimes (2168) per 1000 population
NI 1	Percentage of people believe people from different backgrounds get on well together	BBC Score 81. Better than national average	
NI 5	Overall satisfaction with local area	BBC Score 79.5. Just below national average	

Indicator	Detail	2009 – 2010 Target	2010 – 2011 Target
NI 17	Perceptions of ASB	BBC Score 19. Better than national average	
NI 21	Dealing with local concerns of ASB	BBC Score 25.7. Below national average	
NI 23	Perceptions that people treat one another with respect and consideration	BBC Score 26.7. Above national average	
NI 27	Understanding of local concerns about ASB and crime by police and council	BBC Score 25. Above national average	
NI 40	Number of drug users in effective treatment	To achieve 728 (+5% from baseline 693)	To achieve 742 (+7% from baseline 693)
NI 41	Perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour as a problem	BBC Score 25.4. Above national average	
NI 42	Perceptions of drug use or drug dealing as a problem	BBC Score 30.1	
NI 35	Building resilience to violent extremism	2.75 (to increase effectiveness from annual Self Assessment. Increase from 2.25 in 08/09)	
NI 138	Satisfaction of people 65 and over with home and neighbourhood	BBC Score 87. Above national average	
SP1 122	Confidence in police and LA to deal with ASB and crime	50%. The Gov has set Bedfordshire a 3 year target to achieve 59% by 2012	54%
Local	Reduce the level of recorded ASB	To achieve 10737 or below (Reduction target of 5.2%)	-

GOOD PRACTICE CASE STUDY

The Partnership uses a proven multi-agency problem solving methodology (SARA) to tackle problems by working with local stakeholders at a local level. Two case studies are included below to demonstrate how this multi-agency approach has reacted to communities issues in the last year.

STUDY 1: CAULDWELL WARD; TACKLING ASB AT OFFA ROAD PLAY AREA

In November 2008, a multi-agency on site meeting was held to address issues of Anti-social behaviour (ASB).

PARTNERSHIP AGENCIES

- North Bedfordshire Play Partnership
- CCTV
- County Council Youth Service
- Community Volunteer Service (CVS)
- Bedford Borough Council
- Bedford Design Group
- NACRO
- bpha Housing Association
- Bedfordshire Police
- Borough Cleansing Contractor (DSD)
- Local Councillors
- Bedfordshire Fire Service

ISSUES IDENTIFIED

- 2 different sets of youths using the area; one group play football and the other congregate in the road area. The second group are suspected of drug dealing in the afternoons;
- Cleansing, litter and damage;
- Bricks and other objects being thrown over / onto the railway line, causing damage to vehicles and windows;
- Noise generated by youths climbing on the electricity sub station;
- Setting fires in the youth shelter;
- Inconsistent Policing (including frequent changes in officers) and insufficient patrols in the area;
- Repeat victimisation of a resident who no longer reports incidents. Discarded knives and drugs paraphernalia in resident's gardens.

LEADERSHIP AND RESOURCES

bpha community development for Cauldwell Ward took the lead in creating a project group including young people in the area to problem solve, identify the issues, create a plan to redevelop the play site and celebrate improvements with the local community.

£70,000 and £38,000 funding was sought and approved from Borough Council and County Council's Youth Bank respectively.

PLANNING AND DELIVERY

The project group agreed that they would jointly manage a time bounded plan for funding, consultation, design and implementation of the project in 2 phases. The first phase to redevelop the Play area and launch it with a football team event and the second phase to design, create and deliver graffiti boards at the play area location. The group worked with Bedford Design Group to ensure the refurbishment contained the right elements.

A consultation was carried out with young people in December 08 with Bedford Design Group, and the local community were informed about the Young people's redevelopment project at Offa Road through Councillors, Community Council and Community Safety Forum.

Young people from Cauldwell and Kingsbrook were very motivated to redevelop the play area and opted for a replacement youth shelter, re surfacing and a graffiti wall. It was noted that the current youth play provision was one of the oldest, most used for outreach football and in a bad state of repair.

A Communication Plan included a notice board on site, advisory leaflets to local residents and an article in the borough wide Bedford News to all residents where positive messages about activity by young people to curb incidents of ASB were given.

The First Phase plan included open access facilities for adults, children and young people, was signed off by the young project group and delivered in July 2009. The site provided safe play together with minimising noise or disturbance to local residents.

The young designers launched the area with a football tournament against Borough Council,

Police, bpha and another local football team. This was attended by supporters and local residents and was a great success.

Phase two graffiti boards at the grounds were designed and delivered with the help of creative art facilitators and local young people over the autumn months in 2009. Levels of ASB in the area have reduced dramatically over the last 2 year period.

KEY OUTCOMES

Project completed to the satisfaction of local young people and residents

A reduction in the level of ASB reported to police. 15 reports of ASB were made from the specific location in 2008 compared with only 6 reports in 2009.

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GOOD PRACTICE CASE STUDY

The Partnership uses a proven multi-agency problem solving methodology (SARA) to tackle problems by working with local stakeholders at a local level. Two case studies are included below to demonstrate how this multi-agency approach has reacted to communities issues in the last year.

STUDY 2: HARPUR WARD; TACKLING BURGLARY & ASB IN PRIME MINISTERS AREA

The Bedfordshire and Luton Fire and Rescue Service (BLFRS) in partnership with Bedfordshire Police and Neighbourhood Watch Teams joined forces over two weekends to increase safety in the homes and on the roads in the Prime Ministers area, Bedford. This site was chosen specifically as it had experienced increased levels of anti-social behaviour, burglary and community concern.

PARTNERSHIP AGENCIES

- Ward Councillor Colleen Atkins
- Police Cadets
- BLFRS Tony Rogers
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Bedfordshire Police SNT
- Community Volunteers
- Local Residents

A series of meetings were held and chaired by Councillor Colleen Atkins to help bring the communities together and inform them of the proposed activities, including:

- Home fire safety checks by the Fire Service;
- Property marking by Bedfordshire Police;
- Bicycle marking by Bedfordshire Police;
- Installation of 'Smart Water' by Bedfordshire Police;
- Promotion of Neighbourhood Watch Scheme by Councillor Colleen Atkins;

LEADERSHIP AND RESOURCES

Multi-agency agreement on resources and expected outcomes were reached, driven by Colleen Atkins, who was able to galvanise the community to make the project a success and lobby, where appropriate for additional resources.

The key to success was the establishment of clear, realistic outcomes in addition to partners providing assurances on the delivery and commitment to activities.

BLFRS, Bedfordshire Police staff and volunteers time was spent 'in kind' across both weekends and included Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers personal time in supporting the events.

PLANNING AND DELIVERY

The project team undertook the following tasks:

- Councillor Colleen Atkins approached communities within her ward to ascertain the needs of the communities. This was undertaken using leaflet distribution, meetings, advice surgeries and collaborating with key contacts within the community;
- Councillor Atkins approached BLFRS and Bedfordshire Police to discuss involvement and specific activities;
- Joint planning and strategy meetings identified bespoke services that could be delivered in conjunction with the 2 weekends of activity;
- Local media organisations, including newspapers and radio stations were briefed and provided marketing for the initiative;
- Following the successful completion of the 2 weekends of activities, outcomes were communicated to the community by utilising local media outlets. Consequently, community perceptions of safety were improved.

KEY OUTCOMES

- 900 homes were visited by an individual to deliver community safety messages either personally or by leaflet (if the occupiers were not available);
- 40% of properties received Home Fire Safety checks which includes the free installation of one or more smoke detectors;
- Smart water property protections to at least 100 homes;
- Bicycle identification marking sessions were completed;
- Vehicle safety caps were installed;
- Levels of recorded crime dropped from 184 to 150 when comparing June 1st - December 31st 2008 with the same period in 2009. In addition, all burglaries reduced from 26 reports to 20 for the same period.
- Significant increase in the number and capacity of neighbourhood watch volunteers, this

will provide a long term increase in safety and community cohesion in the area.

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SUCCESS FACTORS

A number of key learning points and tasks emerged from the activities, these include;

- Ensuring that during the planning stage that individuals have the authority to assign and commit resources to the activities.
- Selecting the correct location to provide the opportunity to create a positive and sustainable impact for the community and partners;
- Completion of a cost benefit analysis to record the outputs and outcomes must be completed as part of the overall assessment and evaluation process.
- Sharing of the cost benefit analysis should be shared as part of the assessment process of the Sustainable Community Strategy and theme groups for delivering community improvements.

LEARNING POINTS

To improve and add values to the outcome of activities, wider engagement with additional partners to widen the range of services could include:

- Insulation and winter warmth services;
- Health care signposting services;
- Drop-in advice clinics, tailored to the project area;
- Examination of additional funding streams to allow wider development of activities.

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Adult health

Social inclusion

Children and young people

Environment and climate change

Economic development, regeneration and enterprise

Housing & transport

North Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership*

*CDRP (Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership)

Thematic Groups

Bedford Drug & Alcohol Action Team (B:DAT)

Domestic Violence

Prolific & Priority Offenders

Operational Delivery Group (ODG)

Community Tactical Action Group

ASB Enforcement

Serious Acquisitive Crime

Youth

Bed:Safe

Alcohol Action

Safer Neighbourhood Teams
Anti-social behaviour
(emerging areas)
“Weeks of Action”

Anti-social behaviour
(individuals)

Robbery
Burglary
Vehicle crime

Activity
Voice

Licensing

Education
Health