



Cherwell Safer Communities

Report 2010-11 and Rolling Plan for 2011-13

Foreword

“The police now have just one clear objective: to cut crime. But the police can’t cut crime on their own. Local councils, health services, probation and fire and rescue services all play a vital role too in keeping communities safe. They all do an amazing job, but in the past their activities have been hindered by reporting burdens, unnecessary rules and a lack of discretion. Instead, we will allow local professionals to focus on local priorities and work with the police to cut crime.”

Rt. Hon Theresa May, MP



Since the Government came to power the emphasis is shifting from a beauracritic top down style of leadership to a bottom up community delivered approach. We see and hear of , crime commisioners, community based budgets and single plain messages from the Home Secretary, “Our target will be to cut crime”, Here in Cherwell together with the police we have cut crime year on year for the last six years. We have set an ambitious target of reducing crime this year by a further five percent. We want you to join in with us to achieve this by volunteering free time you may have to benefit your community in supporting your Neighbourhood Action Group and Neighbourhood Watch schemes in any way you can. We know this is a big ask but without your help we will not succeed in the way that you would like us to.

Councillor George Reynolds,
Cherwell District Council Deputy Leader



In my five years here as Police Commander for Cherwell and Chair of the Community Safety Partnership, we have delivered year on year reductions in crime and anti social behaviour. We have achieved this through innovative projects such as “Deter Young Offenders” “Safe and Confident Communities” and Operation Juggernaut (targeted police interventions). The “Big Society” will allow us to carry on building our partnership and continuing to lead the way in new initiatives such as community crime mapping, business intelligence through the Community Intelligence Hub and working together to develop a frame work to prevent young people falling into crime. Together we believe we can continue to maintain and even reduce crime in the District now and in the future.

Superintendent Howard Stone,
Cherwell Local Police Area (LPA)
Commander

Introduction

1. Introduction

The Crime and Disorder Act, 1998 imposes a duty upon:

- Cherwell Local Police Area (Cherwell LPA)
- Cherwell District Council (CDC)
- Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)
- Thames Valley Police Authority (TVPA)
- Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT)
- Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (OFRS)
- Oxfordshire Probation

To work in partnership to develop a strategy to tackle crime, disorder and substance misuse in their local area. This partnership is called the Cherwell Safer Communities Partnership (CSCP).

The CSCP is the lead body in delivering the District's vision of making Cherwell a safer place. To achieve this goal the partnership aims to reduce the risk of people becoming either a victim or perpetrator of crime; two situations that can have far-reaching consequences.

The CSCP comes into its own by delivering projects that bring together the combined resources of statutory partners, voluntary organisations and private business. The breadth of skills, knowledge and experience in the partnership ensures that the end result is greater than the sum of the parts. It is not the function of the partnership to get involved in the day to day business of partners but to work collaboratively to make Cherwell a better place to live work and visit.

When the Government came to power it scrapped the previous top down performance management structure, this included national indicators, local area agreements, comprehensive area assessments and several existing strategies. New crime and Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) strategies are on their way, together with less onerous performance reporting, with an emphasis on localism and locally set targets. In 2011 the current Community Safety Strategy comes to an end. The county wide officer group agreed a template for an interim rolling plan to guide the partnerships through this period of transition following the comprehensive spending review.

In addition Cherwell District Council's joint management arrangements with South Northants will have an effect.

With these factors in mind and the inevitable uncertainty around what is coming in new ASB and crime legislation, the partnership has agreed this new interim plan instead of a new comprehensive strategy.

This approach has been adopted by all the CSPs in the County, it outlines:

- the policies the partnership is working to.
- services available and initiatives in action
- achievements from last year
- the three strands of a crime, place, victim, and offender
- what the partnership is going to do.

By concentrating on these, the partnership will prioritise its service delivery.

The plan.

Section 1

- outlines the context of this plan including emerging Government policy.

Section 2

An overview of services and achievements dealing with:

- those projects that focus on issues that effect whole communities or neighbourhoods (place)
- those projects that support or prevent individuals from becoming a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour (victim)
- those projects that prevent or enforce against those at risk of offending. (offender).

Section 3

- how the partnership will continue to deal with the three strands of a crime: the place, the victim the offender.

“ No single organisation can hope to reduce the incidence of crime. Local organisations need to work together to develop comprehensive solutions to improve the community’s quality of life. ”

Audit Commission



Section 1

Context

Government policy

Since the Government came to power there have been many comments on the “Big society” and what it will look like in the community. It is clear from the comprehensive spending review and the cuts to partner’s budgets and services that the future will definitely be one of doing more, or the same, for less. Communities will be asked to take a much more active role in provision of services through volunteering and generating community funds to shape their communities how they want them.

Theresa May in her consultation document “More Effective Response To Anti Social Behaviour” states:

“The everyday crime and disorder that is described as ‘anti-social behaviour’ – from vandalism and graffiti to drug dealing and harassment – has a huge impact on the quality of life of millions of people in this country. It is corrosive, blighting communities and neighbourhoods.

Moreover, as recent tragic cases have shown, it is often targeted at those members of our society who are least able to protect themselves.

I know that, across the country, many police forces, councils, social landlords and others are working hard to tackle the problem. But despite more than a decade of targets, government initiatives and seemingly endless legislation, the police receive over 3.5 million reports of antisocial behaviour a year, and many more incidents are reported to councils or social landlords, or not reported at all.”

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Cherwell

ASB is the partnership’s top priority and this is recognised in its structure and delivery. Cherwell District Council works very closely with a dedicated ASB officer and a seconded police officer, with access to information and intelligence from Police and Council data. Both officers use the Police data bases and recording

processes to ensure a seamless delivery of service in partnership.

The Government believes the current ASB toolkit is too unwieldy and is now proposing a radical streamlining of the toolkit.

This is what it says:

“ We want to move away from having a tool for every different problem to ensuring that the police and partners have faster, more flexible tools. These, plus more effective sanctions, will help professionals and, where necessary, the courts stop anti-social behaviour earlier, and better protect victims and communities. ”

Specifically, the Government is proposing to:

- repeal the ASBO and other court orders for anti-social individuals, and replace them with two new tools that bring together restrictions on future behaviour and support to address underlying problems – a Criminal Behaviour Order that can be attached to a criminal conviction, and a Crime Prevention Injunction that can quickly stop anti-social behaviour before it escalates
- ensure there are powerful incentives on perpetrators to stop behaving antisocially – for example, by making breach of the new orders grounds for eviction from social housing
- bring together many of the existing tools for dealing with place-specific anti-social behaviour, from persistent litter or noisy neighbours, to street drinking and crack houses, into a Community Protection Order
- bring together existing police dispersal powers into a single police power to direct people away from an area for anti-social behaviour
- make the informal and out-of-court tools for dealing with anti-social behaviour more rehabilitative and restorative; and introduce a Community Trigger that gives victims and communities the right to require agencies to deal with persistent anti-social behaviour.

Section 2

Projects that tackle concerns that affect communities

This section illustrates the structures in place within the district and how they impact on those that live work and visit the district.

It goes on to describe the services available and the successes in each of the three strands of a crime, the place, the victim and the offender.

Partnership structure in Cherwell

CSCP regards itself as being at the leading edge of partnership working. The partnership piloted the Deter Young Offender programme; was the first to bring Joint Agency Tasking and Coordinating (JATAC) to the County as well as Community TV. CSCP reports to the County Community Safety Partnership and to the Local Strategic Partnership.

Below CSCP sits Joint Agency Tasking and Co ordinating dealing with those issues which are happening now. In addition, the Local Area Policing Board, brings together the partnership, the Thames Valley Police Authority (TVPA) and TVP to deliver Neighbourhood Management.

Crime in Cherwell

Crime in the district has fallen consistently over the last few years. Examples of the success the police and the partnership have had in reducing crime are:

- in 2003 there were 2,317 serious acquisitive crime offences recorded. In 2011 it had reduced by 65% to 807
- in 2004 there were 1,015 violence against the person offences recorded, by 2011 it had fallen by 29% to 722.

Compared to this time last year:

- burglary down by 18%
- serious acquisitive crime down 21%
- all crime down 8%
- violence against the person down 21%.

Projects that tackle concerns that affect communities

The place

CSCP relies on the County-wide Strategic Intelligence Assessment, to give it the look over the horizon to see what is coming that may impact on the lives of its residents and visitors. In addition to this CSCP shares intelligence and information amongst its partners.

In late 2010 the partnership re-assessed its position and, following consultation through Council and partnership surveys, set priorities for the coming years.

Priorities for 2011/12 are:

- anti social behaviour
- crime
- young people
- domestic violence
- reduce alcohol related assault.

In addition to the above, the partnership recognises that there are overarching priorities that run through all of these themes they are:

- fear of crime
- communications.



Achievements to date

CCTV

Cherwell District Council and Thames Valley Police invested in new technology, transforming the control room to being one of the most advanced in the country. The scheme has 50 cameras in the three major settlements. The operators use the cameras to detect and deter crime and improve public safety. The scheme has proved extremely important in detecting crime by identifying offenders whom may not have been caught by traditional witness identification.

Cherwell Neighbourhood Management (NHM)

Successful implementation of Cherwell Neighbourhood Management, including setting up Neighbourhood Action Groups, recruiting and deploying Neighbourhood Support Officers (NSOs), Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and problem-solving training for all Neighbourhood Action Group members.

Nightsafe

A partnership initiative between Police, Council and Licensed Premises to reduce violence and promote safe sensible drinking. Although the Council's Nightsafe officer post has been reduced from full to part time, the promotion of the Nightsafe objectives continues through the pub watch groups supported by the Council. The Kidlington and Bicester groups are now well established and have been promoted during 2010/11 attracting new members in the urban centres. In addition premises in the villages surrounding both Bicester and Kidlington have been encouraged to join.

A Banbury Rural South Pub Watch has also now been established and is fully operational

Cleaner Greener Cherwell

Cleaner Greener Cherwell has resulted in street wardens, neighbourhood teams and community payback working in partnership with the Council's environmental services department to improve the environment. The use of Fixed Penalty Notices for litter offences (enforced by environmental



teams and now assisted by street wardens) has had a well-publicised and significant impact on cleanliness in the district.

Operation Juggernaut

Operation Juggernaut is a police blitz operation run at peak crime times throughout the year. These operations have significantly reduced the amount of crime. Cherwell has one of the lowest crime rates in the county and in the force area.

Safe and Confident Neighbourhoods:

During 2010-11 CSCP took part in a pilot project called Safe and Confident Neighbourhoods. Its aim was to improve public confidence in the way the police and local authorities tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, A new approach was taken to understanding our communities and their preferences in being communicated with. This resulted in Neighbourhood Action Groups helping their communities more effectively, by using the communication methods those communities prefer.

Cherwell Crime Partnership

Cherwell Crime Partnership works with retailers, businesses, licensees, TVP, CDC, Town and Parish Councils to deter and prevent ASB across the District. The scheme retained the Safer Business Award (distinction) and an award for 'Community Safety' in 2010. It's successes include a 29% reduction in shoplifting in Bicester in its first year, reductions in theft from the person down 40%, and serious violent crime down 72% in Banbury in the 24 months between 2009 and 2011. Visit www.cherwellsafe.org.uk.

Community TV

Twelve TV screens have been installed in prominent venues. They pass on safe and healthy information from all of the partners on a daily basis.

Community Intelligence Hub

Over the last three years the partnership, through Cherwell DC liaising with TVP commissioned an IT development company to create a business intelligence tool. This “Hub” has the ability to analyse and map any data input from another computer source. This is especially relevant now, with crime mapping and the partnership is working closely with TVP to provide partially interactive crime mapping to the district.

JATAC Deter Young Offenders

A panel meets fortnightly to discuss crime and ASB. Part of this group’s remit is to manage potential young offenders who come to the knowledge of the police or courts. This is the first of its type in the county and possibly the country. It has so far reduced crime committed by this sample group by 70%

Anti-Social Behaviour Team

Partnership working between the ASB team, police and registered social landlords (RSLs) has been tested, with three significant groups of cases being progressed to formal action in the courts. The focus of two of these actions has been around the use of injunctive powers to deal with persistent offenders, while the third centred on the use of closure powers in a case involving the sale of ‘class A’ drugs from RSL premises.

Preventative operations have been carried out, most notably the Youth Tasking Action Group (YATAG) operations at Kidlington. This series of patrols was designed to engage and divert young people who may be responsible for anti social behaviour.

Victim-Led Anti Social Behaviour Project

A new cutting-edge process to be rolled out between the partners aimed at reducing the likelihood of those at risk being missed by the relevant authorities. The procedure should ensure that cases are tracked efficiently and effectively.

Neighbourhoods are the key building blocks for the Big Society; they are where people engage and where frontline services are delivered.

In response to concerns raised by the public and the business community, a Dispersal Order was put in place covering the centre of Kidlington. The order was introduced in October 2010 and will be reviewed in February 2011.

During 2010/11 the teams ASB co-ordinator retired and, in October 2010, a new post holder took over. The opportunity was taken to refocus the role from a practitioner to an advisory and enabling role.

This means that more cases can be identified and resolved. This approach produces greater resilience and spreads knowledge and expertise of the team. This change of operational direction has coincided with the introduction of the Thames Valley Police’s Victim led anti-social behaviour procedure. The result has been more police officers becoming activity involved in resolving ASB cases, supported and advised by the ASB coordinator and the Council’s ASB case worker.

Brighter Futures

“One of my main beliefs is that we need to do more to help the young people and children of Banbury to improve their life chances and achieve their ambitions. To my mind, this is the key to breaking the cycle of deprivation and addressing the health inequalities that we are experiencing.”

Councillor Colin Clarke, Banbury Town Mayor and Cherwell District Council Portfolio Holder for Brighter Futures in Banbury

This project aims to create “brighter futures for Banbury people”, to tackle the evidenced deprivation and inequality. The project aims to break the cycle of deprivation and health inequality, but the route to a brighter future will be different for each individual. To be successful this project will need to move individuals forward, some of whom may have complex, inter-woven needs.

For individuals to realise their full potential the basic ingredients need to be right: a decent home and physical surroundings, secure income, good health and well-being, a feeling of safety and a connection or belonging to where they live.

Objectives for 2010 were:

- reduce levels of crime and disorder in the target areas
- offer support for families with members at risk of offending or who were adversely affecting their communities
- develop a programme to improve the sense of community and belonging in the target areas.

Objectives for 2011 are:

- co-ordination of activities for Young People
- community engagement activities
- maintain reduction of crime and disorder.

The partnership is committed to supporting this project as it directly correlates to the priorities of reducing Crime, ASB, Domestic Abuse incorporating Violence against the person and deterring young people from crime.

Further information on Brighter futures can be obtained from the Councils web site.

Projects that support or prevent individuals from becoming a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour

The victim

Achievements to date:

Young people's safety

- Bicester Bus Project
A joint project with OCC where youth workers interact with young people in crime hotspots to engage positively in social education covering subjects such as ASB, crime, safe sex and drug avoidance
- Community TV and the Oxford and Cherwell Valley College (OCVC) Project. Working with students of OCVC as part of their course work, CSCP developed a number of short videos on community safety messages which are now being aired publicly on the community TV network

- DVD with North Oxon Academy funded by CSCP: A police led project where students created a short public safety information film about drink and drugs linked to rape for community TV
- Housing Projects and JATAC
Working with CDC housing department and social landlords to reduce the amount of homelessness and reduce offending amongst tenants, promoting good neighbourhoods
- ASB at Tasking Group, Joint Agencies Tasking and Operations Groups. The three partnership engagements allow partners to develop and agree joint tactical solutions to anti social behaviour and monitor resolution of each case. The hierarchy of the meeting group allows cases to be progressed at both operational and strategic levels and for cases to be referred upwards and downwards as the risk assessment dictates
- JATAC and the Operations Groups are effectively dynamic problem solving groups whilst Tasking Group (TCG) takes a strategic overview considering performance and emerging trends in crime and anti social behaviour.

ASB reporting strategy

The introduction of the victim led ASB procedure in October 2010 was designed to ensure that vulnerable victims of ASB were identified at the earliest possible opportunity. To date, CDC ASB team (incorporating a TVP officer) have identified and effectively dealt with two high risk cases and four medium risk cases.

This approach, together with the analysis of frequent callers to partners' ASB and nuisance services, is leading to a more targeted responsive service delivery, with most resources being directed where they are needed.

All repeat ASB callers identified at the start of the project have had their cases reviewed and resolution plans put in place where appropriate.

ASB, ABCs and ASBOs etc.

The Government has indicated that it intends to overhaul the powers available to practitioners, removing those that are seen to duplicate statutes that already exist. The Home Office intends to

consult on these proposals during spring 2011 and the ASB team will ensure that they take part in that process. This exercise will allow an early understanding of Government's thinking on its proposals for a new 'ASB Toolkit' and use of the consultation response to influence emerging policy.

The Home Office has also indicated that it wishes to reinforce the powers available to RSLs to secure evictions of their tenants found guilty of ASB offences.

Meanwhile, the ASB team and its partners will continue to use the powers offered by current legislation to put in place formal interventions where early interventions have not been successful or offending behaviour warrants such actions.

In the twelve months to Dec 2010 the team have entered into 22 acceptable behaviour contracts and have been partners in securing seven ASB injunctions and five lesser civil court sanctions. These are undertakings to the court by offenders not to do certain things. The team has received 1,233 service requests in relation to alleged nuisances, such as noise and accumulations of waste.

37 abatement notices under the environmental protection act 1990 have been issued and one warrant to seize noise making equipment has been executed.

Domestic and sexual abuse

Domestic and sexual abuse has been a priority for the partnership. Work on domestic abuse has been going on for some time with the originators of the domestic abuse help advisors known as the champions scheme coming from Cherwell. This resulted in a network of hundreds of domestic abuse champions across the county. The Independent Domestic Violence Advisor service provides support for high-risk victims. It complements the work of the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse service, which provides a helpline and outreach support for victims. Domestic violence courts were introduced in 2009, resulting in victims receiving special measures to support them through their time in court.

Cherwell continues to support victims through its domestic abuse action group linked into its housing department's homelessness strategy.

Hate crime

In 2009 legislation expanded the definition of discrimination to include race, gender and sexuality. In response the partnership has been involved in developing MANTRA, a third party reporting and referral system that can respond rapidly to incidents of hate crime using the most suitable support organisation.

Vulnerable adults

The partnership contributes to the support of vulnerable adults through its work with the County Council in "no cold calling" zones and nominated neighbour schemes, reducing victims of distraction burglary and rogue traders.

Physical security improvements

In relation to burglary, domestic abuse, robbery and other incidents where the victim's property needs additional security, the partnership runs a target hardening scheme. For the last five years, victims of these offences have been offered a house survey and a financial contribution to install additional security. In areas of high burglary, landlords have been offered financial assistance to secure their properties whether an offence has been committed or not.

Projects that prevent or enforce against those at risk of offending

The Offender

Achievements to date:

Burglary, car crime and robbery

Cherwell residents still regard the prevention of burglary, car crime, robbery, violence and anti-social behaviour as high priorities. This is called acquisitive crime. As of January 2011 acquisitive crime was down 30% in the district on last year. In response to public demand the partnership runs regular policing operations such as Operation Juggernaut that target known perpetrators, patrol crime hotspots and events or venues where crime is likely to occur.

ASB team

ASB still remains the priority for neighbourhoods in the desire to lead peaceful lives. Cherwell's ASB and nuisance teams lead the way in tackling anti-social behaviour. They have an impressive track record and national reputation in dealing with this type of anti-social behaviour by using the most appropriate methods. The team was the first in the country to implement a drink banning order and drug house closures.

Recent headline cases involving partnership working to resolve anti social behaviour have identified areas where communications with partner agencies, other partners and the wider public can be improved. The ASB team is committed to learn from these experiences and put in place means to overcome identified shortcomings.

This, associated with the ambition that all partners will adopt the victim-led risk assessment procedure, is aimed at driving forward an improvement in the quality of service offered to the community.

Drug dealing

Drug dealing and its effects have been a concern for some Neighbourhood Action Groups. The ASB team will continue to exploit every opportunity to use available powers of closure when the use and sale of Class A drugs adversely affects the community. Running in parallel is the power to close premises giving rise to intolerable nuisance. Consideration will be given to these powers where activity involving selling lesser classes of drugs has a similar impact.

With regard to treatment our partners the Drugs and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) have the following objectives in their 2011-12 strategy which CSCP supports

- to develop an up to date communication strategy by working with partners to ensure that drug advice, information and education continues to be disseminated
- ensure our drug and alcohol information and literature is widely accessible across the county
- work with partners to ensure that schools have a range of educational packages available to them
- continue to work with community safety teams to gain knowledge of local findings and local recreational drug use

- continue to work with the licensing team to have access to local licensed premises to promote campaigns across the county

Managing offenders

Integrated offender management was introduced two years ago. It brought together the police, probation and Cherwell DC in close monitoring of persistent offenders and in projects with targeted under 18s who are the persistent offenders of the future. This scheme is called the Deter Young Offenders and has produced a 70% reduction in criminal activity in the first cohort.



Cherwell continues to support positive activities for young people by:

- developing the Positive Activities For Young People web page and search engine (www.activitiesoxfordshire.info) and the Cherwell District Council micro site (www.cherwell.gov.uk/cherwellyouth) to act as the essential guide for Cherwell young peoples activities
- delivering the Youth Activator initiative in parks and Multi Use Games Areas and supporting voluntary youth clubs to engage young people and sign post them to positive activities using alternative sports
- setting up the Banbury Youth partnership in January 2011 to address the issues surrounding the “Brighter Futures” cycle of deprivation issues for Bretch Hill and Grimsbury
- delivering the “holiday hub” activity programme for 5 -16year olds from summer 2011
- helping voluntary youth clubs in delivering positive activities and expanding opportunities.

Section 3

Projects that focus on issues that affect whole communities or neighbourhoods

This section sets out how the partnership will deal with each of the three strands of a crime: the place, the victim and the offender over the coming year.

Projects that focus on issues that affect whole communities or neighbourhoods

The place

In 2011-12 CSCP will:

- continue Operation Juggernaut
 - continue to implement its NightSafe scheme, working closely with partners to respond to licensing changes in the Police Reform and Social Justice Bill
 - complete the set up of the Banbury Rural North Pub Watch
 - undertake a review of CCTV in response to budget reductions and opportunities within the Bicester re development, ensuring that the scheme maintains its effectiveness
 - roll-out the Safe and Confident Communities Project to all parts of the districts and ensure that minimum standards are implemented
 - continue JATAC, a successful ground breaking approach to joined up response in reducing offending in young people
 - reshape the delivery of its street warden service, giving it greater focus on tackling environmental, public space and anti-social behaviour. This will include making the service responsible for environmental visual audits and neighbourhood walkabouts, fines, preliminary investigations and referrals into environmental issues and an evidence-gathering resource in neighbourhood disputes
- continue street surgeries
 - enforce residents parking policy
 - establish a communications approach to addressing perceptions around fear of crime and ASB
 - publicise crime statistics and success stories
 - target our efforts in a more coordinated way, and at what the public and available intelligence tells us are the priorities
 - improve the visibility of street wardens (and the police)



- introduce the Victim led Anti Social Behaviour procedure to its RSLs and other partners
- using existing software, develop an information recording and case management system for anti social behaviour cases graded 'standard'
- expand the use of Community Intelligence Hub in delivering business intelligence to our services and explore delivering community crime information to the public
- carry out real time customer satisfaction surveys of customers using the ASB teams, using the information collected to improve service delivery
- set up procedures necessary to use the fixed penalty notice powers available to councils under the Noise Act 1996.



We will gauge our success by monitoring:

- reduction of Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC) by 5% against last year
- reduction of the level of violent assault by 12% against last year
- the levels of satisfaction with the cleanliness of our district
- the levels of satisfaction with the way we deal with crime, anti-social behaviour and nuisance
- the incidence of repeat callers contacting partners regarding nuisance and anti social behaviour
- the value of confiscation orders.



Projects that support or prevent individuals from becoming a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour

The victim

In 2011-12 CSCP will:

- continue to support the Domestic Abuse (DA) strategy through the County action group
- support the implementation of the Government's plan to address Violence Against Women and Girls
- develop a local response to sexual abuse using the introduction of a Thames Valley Sexual Abuse Referral Centre
- implement the MANTRA hate crime reporting system
- provide additional support, guidance and advice to victims of distraction burglary and rogue traders
- through JATAC, CDC housing and ASB departments, continue to provide support to people with mental health issues who are at risk of anti-social behaviour enforcement
- roll out the victim led risk assessment approach to partner agencies
- respond to the Governments consultation in relation to the proposed new 'ASB Toolkit
- work to reduce the need for repeat calls to the ASB and nuisance services.

We will gauge our success by:

- increasing the detection rate for violence against the person to 42%
- increasing the detection rate for SAC to 15%
- increasing the number of confiscation orders by 5%
- monitoring the number of domestic abuse assaults
- monitoring the number of assaults on women
- supporting MANTRA by inputting reports received about hate crime and responding
- monitoring distraction burglary
- monitoring the number of repeat calls and repeat callers
- monitoring the number of agencies using the victim led risk assessment procedure.

Projects that prevent or enforce against those at risk of offending

The offender

In 2011-12 CSCP will:

- implement a new partnership web-based case management system to improve our approach to tackling anti-social behaviour
- support a risk driven approach to managing the ASB case load and more effectively manage expectations for the nuisance case load
- continue to support and administer JATAC and the Deter Young Offenders project
- work with other partners to develop a suitable youth provision within the district
- support positive activities for young people in the district, diverting them away from crime.

We will gauge our success by:

- reducing SAC by 5% against what was reported in April 2011
- reducing Violence against the person by 12% against what was reported in April 2011
- improving detection for SAC to 15%
- improving detection for Violence against the person to 42%.



Support activities

To be able to judge priority areas of work, which interventions to implement and how to fund, cost and evaluate the projects the partnership draws upon a number of support functions

Data and research

Data and research enables us to quickly understand emerging trends in crime alongside the assessment of daily and weekly variations. For example, our Nightsafe scheme was set-up using the evidence provided through analysis. It was then extended into our rural areas.

Finance and performance

The partnership relies heavily on external grants that require effective and efficient management of public money. This is tied to the performance outputs of projects and higher level outcomes in terms of crime and anti-social behaviour reduction targets.

Communications

Communications are targeted at specific communities. For example, after the courts have granted an Anti-Social Behaviour Order we produce details of the conditions of the order and deliver it to the area affected by the order so communities are aware of it (unless the person is under 18).

We will introduce a 'name and shame offenders' policy and use the media to bring this to public attention. In the development of CIH the partnership is exploring delivery of crime information to the public in partnership with TVP



Conclusion

Projects that focus on issues that affect whole communities or neighbourhoods

Conclusion

The Government's approach to fighting crime involves a radical shift in power from Whitehall to local communities. The police and partners will be given far greater freedom to do their jobs and use their discretion. The community will have more power to hold the police and Community Safety Partnerships to account. Success will be judged by the public on the simple fact of whether crime has fallen.

This will put the public in charge, making the police directly accountable to their communities through the election of Police and Crime Commissioners and mandatory local beat meetings. From May 2012, Police and Crime Commissioners will have real powers to make a difference – setting force budgets and the police and crime plan. Public cooperation, not just passive consent. In Cherwell the partnership will actively engage with the Oxfordshire Safer Communities Partnership to secure a place in the Commissioners Panel.

Partnership working is not an end in itself. The role of CSCP is to make sure that offenders are properly targeted, that victims are supported effectively, local public spaces are safe, and that local operations on the ground are working together with neighbourhood policing teams. In Cherwell the partnership will continue to support the integrated offender management project, Deter Young Offender programme and support of Neighbourhood Management through the Local Area Policing Board.

The Partnership is committed to securing funds and joint resourcing wherever possible. The partnership is also committed to directing what funds and resources are available to the priorities the community tells us are the most important. The Partnership has secured funding from the County Council for the coming year with a possible three years funding thereafter subject to review. This funding is allocated to the priorities by the funding panel. The partnership agrees the funding at the beginning of each financial year.

The Partnership looks forward to delivering the ambitious objectives set out in this plan. It also embraces the concept of the "Big Society" working with volunteers and community groups doing more for less delivering community aspirations.

Glossary

ASBO Anti Social Behaviour Order possibly to be scrapped by Government

ASB toolkit Anti Social Behaviour Tool Kit in process of being re written

Cherwell District Council (CDC)

Cherwell Local Police Area (Cherwell LPA) Area commanded by a police Superintendent Co terminus with Cherwell District Council

Cherwell Safer Communities Partnership (CSCP)

Multi agency partnership dealing with crime and anti social behaviour

Community Intelligence Hub (CIH)

Community TV 12 TV screens in various locations in District showing public safety information

Deter Young Offender (DYO) Multi agency management programme for potential young offenders

Joint Agency Tasking and Coordinating (JATAC)

Multi agency meeting to deal with operational crime and anti social behaviour issues

Local Area Policing Board (LAPB) Group comprising of police authority, local police and community to ensure delivery of policing plan

MANTRA Oxfordshire Multi-Agency Network Tackling Racially Aggravated Harassment. Multi agency network reporting tool for all aspects of discrimination including hate crime

Neighbourhood Management (NHM) Police led initiative working with neighbourhoods to tackle the issues that matter most to their communities

Nightsafe A partnership initiative between Police, Council and Licensed Premises to reduce violence and promote safe sensible drinking

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT)

Oxfordshire Probation

Thames Valley Police Authority (TVPA) An elected body that oversees the delivery of policing in the Thames Valley

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Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC) A term for all crimes involving theft from the person, burglary, theft of motor vehicles and theft from motor vehicles

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