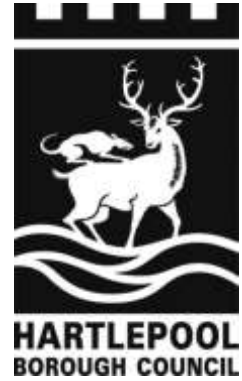




SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP AGENDA



Friday 13 November 2020

at 10.00 am

**in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

PLEASE NOTE: this will be a 'remote meeting', a web-link to the public stream will be available on the Hartlepool Borough Council website at least 24 hours before the meeting.

MEMBERS: SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

Responsible Authority Members:

Councillor Moore, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Tennant, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Denise McGuckin, Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council
Tony Hanson, Director of Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services
Hartlepool Borough Council
Sylvia Pinkney, Assistant Director, Regulatory Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Superintendent Sharon Cooney, Neighbourhood Partnership and Policing Command, Cleveland Police
Chief Inspector Peter Graham, Chair of Youth Offending Board
Michael Houghton, Director of Commissioning, Strategy and Delivery, NHS Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees and Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group
Ann Powell, Head of Area, Cleveland National Probation Service
Darren Redgwell, Head of Cleveland LDU, Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company
Nick Jones, Cleveland Fire Authority

Other Members:

Craig Blundred, Acting Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council
Lisa Oldroyd, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
Joanne Hodgkinson, Voluntary and Community Sector Representative, Chief Executive, Safe in Tees Valley
Angela Corner, Director of Customer Support, Thirteen Group
Sally Robinson, Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Jill Harrison, Director of Adult and Community Based Services, Hartlepool Borough Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE



2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2020

4. PRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 Force Control Room Update – *Representative from Cleveland Police*

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5.1 Community Safety Plan 2020-2021 – *Director of Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services*
- 5.2 Safer Hartlepool Partnership Performance – *Director of Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services*

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting – to be confirmed



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

4 SEPTEMBER 2020

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

Present:

Responsible Authority Members:

Councillor Moore, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Tennant, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Tony Hanson, Assistant Director, Environment and Neighbourhood Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Sylvia Pinkney, Interim Assistant Director, Regulatory Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Chief Inspector Peter Graham, Chair of Youth Offending Board
Michael Houghton, Director of Commissioning, Strategy and Delivery, NHS Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees and Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group
Nick Jones, Cleveland Fire Authority

Other Members:

Sarah Wilson, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
Joanne Hodgkinson, Voluntary and Community Sector Representative, Chief Executive, Safe in Tees Valley
Sally Robinson, Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services, Hartlepool Borough Council

Also Present:

John Lovatt, Adult and Community Based Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Ged Hall, Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, Hartlepool Borough Council

Officers:

Rachel Parker, Community Safety Team Leader
Joan Stevens, Statutory Scrutiny Manager
Angela Armstrong, Scrutiny Support Officer
David Cosgrove and Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Team

1. Apologies for Absence

Jill Harrison, Director of Adult and Community Based Services, Hartlepool Borough Council.

Craig Blundred, Acting Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council.

Superintendent Sharon Cooney, Neighbourhood Partnership and Policing Command, Cleveland Police.

Barry Coppinger, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland.

Ann Powell, Head of Area, Cleveland National Probation Service

John Graham, Director of Operations, Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company.

Angela Corner, Director of Customer Support, Thirteen Group.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the meetings held on 10 January 2020 and 20 March 2020

Confirmed.

4. Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services Fire and Rescue Service Inspection 208/19 – Summary of Findings *(Chief Fire Officer – Cleveland Fire Brigade)*

Purpose of report

To provide Members of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership with a summary of findings from Cleveland Fire Brigade's Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services Inspection which took place in July 2019.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Fire Brigade representative stated that it had been intended to present this report earlier in the year but this had not been possible due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The overall assessment of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services found that Cleveland Fire Brigade:

- is 'good' at effectively keeping people safe and secure from fire and other risks;
- is 'good' at how efficiently it manages its resources; and
- is 'good' at looking after its people.

The Inspection Report and its findings clearly show that Cleveland Fire Brigade is one of the top performing Fire and Rescue Services in the country – it was highlighted that no Authority had been rated as Outstanding. The Fire Brigade representative thanked all the partner organisation representatives that had been involved in the inspection.

The Chair congratulated the Fire Brigade on the outcome of the inspection and commented that it reflected the excellent working relationship it had with its partner organisations and in particular its involvement in the multi-agency Community Safety Team.

Decision

That the Safer Hartlepool Partnership notes the outcome of the Cleveland Fire Brigade HMICFRS Inspection 2018/19.

5. Hartlepool Community Safety Team – Neighbourhood Policing *(Cleveland Police)*

Purpose of report

To provide an update on Neighbourhood Policing.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Cleveland Police representative outlined the update on Neighbourhood Policing Team and indicated at the meeting that there were now 13 officers in the Team and that this number was to rise to 18 over the next few months. This would consist of 3 teams each with a sergeant and a dedicated Inspector lead. The new teams were having a positive effect and were addressing in the community the main issues within the Community Safety Plan and there was particularly positive work around domestic abuse.

The Chair commented that the public appreciated the re-instigation of Police officers 'on the beat' in their communities and this was an extremely welcome and positive move.

Decision

That the Safer Hartlepool Partnership members notes the report and receives a further update report once all the Neighbourhood Policing Teams were in place.

6. Anti-Social Behaviour in Hartlepool – Final Report *(Chair of Audit and Governance Committee)*

Purpose of report

To present the Audit and Governance Committee's finding following completion of its investigation into Anti-Social Behaviour in to Hartlepool.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, Councillor Hall, presented the outcome and recommendations of the Committee's investigation into anti-social behaviour in Hartlepool. Councillor Hall stated

that the Committee began its inquiry in July 2019 and undertook a variety of methods of investigation including extensive community engagement, as outlined in section 11 of the report along with a town-wide survey and a targeted survey of young people. A number of representatives from organisations involved in the prevention of and dealing with anti-social behaviour were invited to present evidence to the Committee including Cleveland Police, North East Ambulance Service, Cleveland Fire Brigade, Registered Social Landlords and local residents groups.

During the investigation it was noted that the Victims' Commissioner had requested a piece of work be undertaken by ASB Help and the University of Nottingham Trent to look at understanding the impact and experience of victims of anti-social behaviour and the response from agencies to tackle it. One of the contributors to this piece of work, Dr James Hunter was invited to provide the Committee with a presentation which included information from the Crime Survey for England and Wales. The presentation highlighted the importance of understanding people's differing perceptions of anti-social behaviour and identifying the risk of anti-social behaviour and the prioritisation of individual cases.

Based upon the findings, a number of conclusions and recommendations have been made and these are listed in sections 14 and 15 of the report.

Councillor Hall draw attention to the Committee's emphasis on continuing the ground-breaking partnership arrangement of the Integrated Community Safety Team in delivering enforcement, support and education activity, including the prioritisation of anti-social behaviour as a crime due to its significant impact on victims and its role as a potential precursor to criminal behaviour.

During the investigation, Members of the Committee were keen to explore the potential to develop more innovative options for reporting anti-social behaviour, including online mechanisms and the use of electronic apps along with the creation of a single point of contact for reporting incidents of anti-social behaviour.

The Police representative stated that since transferring to Hartlepool earlier in the year he had very impressed with the joint working within the Community Safety Team and highlighted a specific case of anti-social behaviour that had been resolved by the team.

The Chair welcomed the report and the in-depth investigation undertaken by the Audit and Governance Committee and commented that the development of an action plan, as set out in the recommendations, was needed to support the Committee's findings. This was supported by the Partnership members. The Safe in Tees Valley representative commented that the organisation was becoming involved in mediating anti-social behaviour problems to see if that was a more productive method of resolving such issues. The progress on this would be reported to a future meeting of the Partnership.

Decision

1. That the Audit and Governance Committee's Anti-Social Behaviour report be received and its recommendations agreed, pending consideration of a detailed Action Plan.
2. That an Action Plan be developed for implementation of the report's recommendations for consideration at the meeting in November 2020.
3. That the implementation of the Action Plan be monitored and progress reported back to the Audit and Governance Committee on a six monthly basis.

7. Draft Community Safety Plan 2020-2021 (*Assistant Director (Environment and Neighbourhood Services)*)**Purpose of report**

To consider and agree a draft Community Safety Plan for 2020-21.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Interim Assistant Director, Regulatory Services reported that the process to develop a new three-year Community Safety Plan was due to commence earlier in the year but had been 'over-taken' by the Coronavirus Pandemic. Due to this delay and the additional work required to produce a three-year plan it was now proposed that a one-year plan for 2020-21 be developed with a new three-year plan deferred to next year.

The proposed strategic objective for 2020-21 was "To make Hartlepool a safe, prosperous and enjoyable place to live, work and visit". The key priorities for the Partnership in 2020/21 were proposed as Drugs and Alcohol; Anti-social Behaviour; and Domestic Violence. Subject to the approval of the draft plan which was appended to the report, there would be an eight week consultation period utilising a wide range of mechanisms including local press and social media.

The Chair thanked Partner organisations for their input into the draft plan submitted which had been done in a very short time-frame and with the competing priorities brought by the Coronavirus Pandemic. The Chair also stated his support for the move to a three-year plan next year.

Decision

That the draft Community Safety Plan 2020-21 be approved for consultation.

8. Safer Hartlepool Partnership Performance (*Assistant Director (Environment and Neighbourhood Services)*)

9. Safer Hartlepool Partnership Performance *(Assistant Director (Environment and Neighbourhood Services))*

Purpose of report

To provide an overview of Safer Hartlepool Partnership performance for Quarter 3 – October to December 2019 (inclusive) and for Quarter 4 – January to March 2020 (inclusive).

Issue(s) for consideration

The Community Safety Team Leader presented the two quarterly reports whose submission to the Partnership due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The data was somewhat out of date and future quarterly reports would be based on a new data set driven by the priorities in the draft plan for 2020/21.

A Member commented that some of the statistics, such as opportunistic crime like shop-lifting would have declined to almost nil during the Coronavirus Pandemic lock-down and such changes shouldn't be utilised to skew the statistics monitored in future quarterly reports.

Decision

That the two quarterly reports be noted.

10. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent

The Chairman ruled that the following item of business should be considered by the Committee as a matter of urgency in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(B) (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 in order that the matter could be dealt with without delay.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Chair reported that the next meeting would be held on Friday 13 November 2020 at 10.00 am.

The meeting concluded at 10.40 am.

CHAIR



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

13th November 2020



Report of: Director of Neighbourhood and Regulatory Services

Subject: **COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2020-2021**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Non key decision. To present and seek approval from the Safer Hartlepool Partnership of the final draft of the Community Safety Plan 2020-21 (see **Appendix 1**).
- 1.2 To seek the Partnership's approval for an amendment to future Strategic Assessment periods.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 established a statutory duty for Local Authorities, Police, Fire Brigades, Probation Trusts (including Community Rehabilitation Companies) and Clinical Commissioning Groups to work together to address local crime and disorder, substance misuse and reoffending issues. Collectively the organisations are known as the "Responsible Authorities" and make up the Safer Hartlepool Partnership.
- 2.2 In accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Crime and Disorder Regulations 2011, Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) have a statutory responsibility to develop and implement a Community Safety Strategy setting out how it intends to address crime and disorder, substance misuse, and re-offending issues.
- 2.3 In March 2020, the Safer Hartlepool Community Safety Plan 2017/20 came to an end.

3. DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2020-21

- 3.1 The Community Safety Plan 2020-21 provides an overview of some of the recent activities undertaken to improve community safety in Hartlepool, and key findings from the Partnership's Strategic Assessment and public consultation.

3.2 The plan sets out the Partnership's strategic objective for 2020/21 and the key priorities that the Partnership will focus on as detailed below.

3.3 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership strategic objective for 2020-21 is: -

“To make Hartlepool a safe, prosperous and enjoyable place to live, work and visit”

3.4 The key priorities for the Partnership in 2020/21 are: -

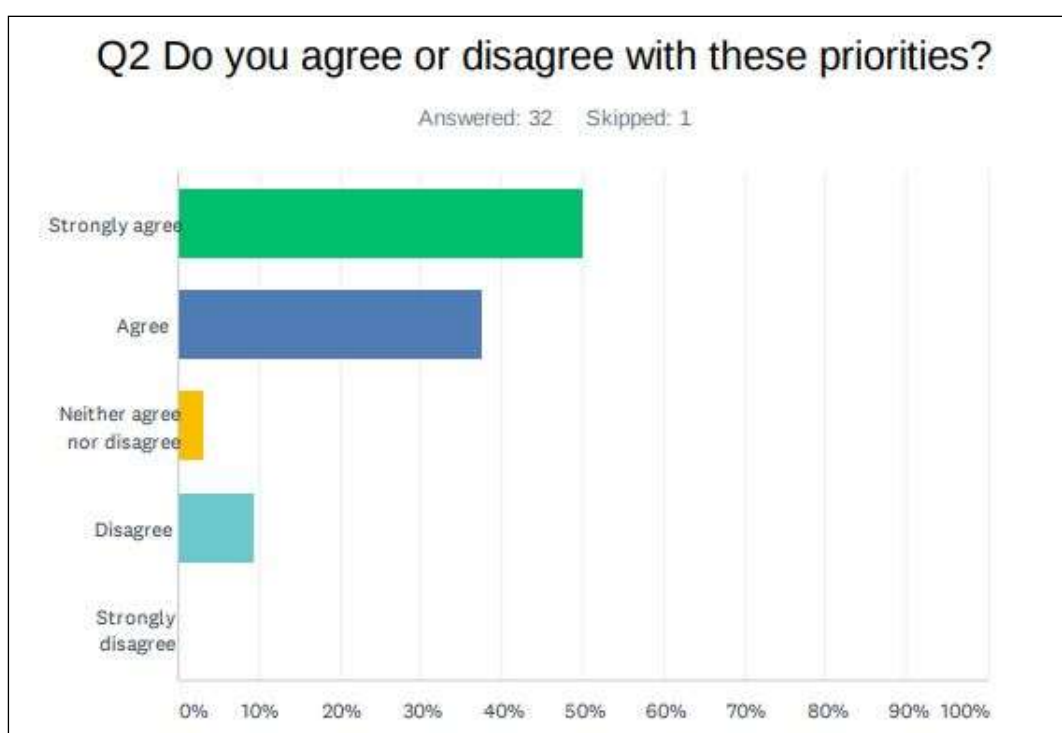
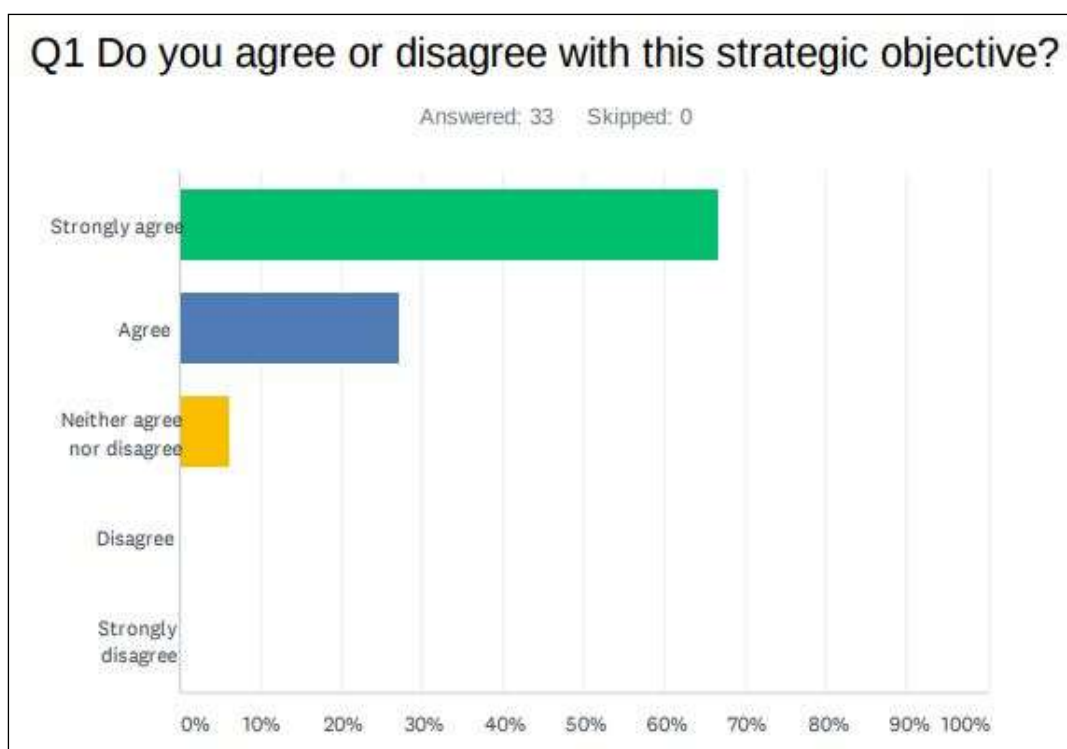
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Domestic Violence

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 Following agreement of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership strategic objective and priorities in September 2020, the first draft of the Community Safety Plan was published for an eight week public consultation period.

4.2 The public consultation included an on-line survey and direct consultation with the Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Hartlepool Borough Council's Finance and Policy and Audit and Governance committees.

4.3 Although there was relatively low take-up in relation to the on-line survey, there was strong agreement with the proposed strategic objective and priorities from respondents and committees.



- 4.4 Feedback from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner also confirmed that the Community Safety Plan supports the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan, fulfilling the obligation set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 for PCC's and Community Safety Partnership's to have due regard for the priorities established in the Police and Crime Plan and Community Safety Plan.

5. DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING

- 5.1 Delivery of the Community Safety Plan will be via existing agencies, organisations and through partnership working.
- 5.2 Performance will be monitored by the existing Neighbourhood Safety Group and reported back to the Safer Hartlepool Partnership.
- 5.3 The Community Safety Plan incorporates a number of performance indicators that will be used to measure and monitor performance in the three key priority areas.

6. STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 Prior to the Community Safety Plan being prepared and published, there is a requirement to undertake a Strategic Assessment to identify the community safety issues affecting the town and consult with the public about these. The findings of the Strategic Assessment and public consultation then help direct the development of the Community Safety Plan.
- 6.2 Typically the Strategic Assessment takes around three months to prepare (including around 8 weeks for consultation).
- 6.3 For a number of years, the Strategic Assessment period has run from 1st January to 31st December each year meaning there is insufficient time to prepare both the Strategic Assessment and the Community Safety Plan prior to a 1st April implementation.
- 6.4 In order to allow for new Plans to be in place by April, it is proposed that future Strategic Assessments be brought forward and cover the period of 1st October to 30th September.

7. SECTION 17 CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 Failure to develop a Community Safety Plan would undermine the Safer Hartlepool Partnerships ability to fulfil its statutory responsibilities to set out a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder, combating substance misuse and reduction in re-offending in Hartlepool.

8. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 In accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended) the Safer Hartlepool Partnership is required to produce a Community Safety Plan to set out how it intends to address crime and disorder, substance misuse, and re-offending issues.

- 8.2 As part of the Council's Policy Framework, the Community Safety Plan will be presented to full Council for consideration and approval at its meeting on 17th December 2020.

9. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 The Community Safety Plan 2020/21 will ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are considered when formulating and implementing the Community Safety Plan 2020-2021.

10. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Risk Implications	No relevant issues
Financial Considerations	No relevant issues
Child/Family Poverty Considerations	No relevant issues
Staff Considerations	No relevant issues
Asset Management Considerations	No relevant issues

11. RECOMMENDATION

- 11.1 That the SHP approves the Community Safety Plan 2020/21.
- 11.2 That the SHP approve a change to the period to be assessed for future Strategic Assessments to 1st October until 30th September each year.

12. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 12.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership has a statutory duty to develop and implement a Plan to reduce crime and disorder, combat substance misuse, and reduce re-offending.

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Safer Hartlepool Partnership



Community Safety Plan

2020 - 2021



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1. FOREWORD

As Chair, I am pleased to present the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan for 2020 – 2021 on behalf of The Safer Hartlepool Partnership (SHP).

The Partnership Plan brings together our aims, ambitions and priorities for the next year. We will work in Partnership to tackle the issues which impact on, and matter to local people.

During the lifetime of the previous Community Safety Plan introduced in 2017, there have been a number of key community safety achievements, not least the launch of an integrated Hartlepool Community Safety Team in March 2018.

Created in response to requests from residents for a more joined-up service, the team brings together staff from Hartlepool Borough Council, Cleveland Police and Cleveland Fire Brigade who are all based together in the Police Station on Avenue Road. During 2020, the work of this team will be strengthened by the Chief Constable of Cleveland Police's commitment to neighbourhood policing which will see an increase in dedicated resources to gather intelligence, prevent crime and problem solve in our local communities.

The Community Safety Plan 2020 – 2021 reflects the outcomes of the 2019 SHP Strategic Assessment. In utilising this data and information, it has enabled the SHP to identify the priority areas to be focussed on for the next year. This will enable us to deliver a holistic approach, with a greater emphasis on prevention and reducing harm.

The SHP has faced new challenges in recent years including, most recently, the onset of COVID-19 which has had a huge impact on all aspects of life in the town. There has been a significant change in issues that are presented to partners to address, whilst also tackling substantial resource pressures. Important matters such as organised crime, serious violence, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and responding to those members of our communities with specific vulnerabilities understandably take priority.

The SHP will continue to look at new and innovative ways of working collaboratively to reduce crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending, and most importantly, improving the quality of life for the people who live and work in and visit Hartlepool.

Councillor Shane Moore

Chair, Safer Hartlepool Partnership



2. INTRODUCTION

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership (SHP) brings together a number of agencies and organisations concerned with tackling crime and disorder in Hartlepool. As defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Partnership comprises members from each of the “responsible authorities”; Hartlepool Borough Council, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Fire and Rescue Service, National Probation Service (Cleveland), Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company and Hartlepool and Stockton Clinical Commissioning Group. In addition, a range of other stakeholders from the public and voluntary sectors are also represented and include Thirteen Group, Safe In Tees Valley and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland.

Our key role is to understand the kind of community safety issues Hartlepool is experiencing; decide which of these are the most important to deal with; and then decide what actions we can take collectively, adding value to the day-to-day work undertaken by our individual agencies and organisations.

We detail these actions in our Community Safety Plan. To help us do that we undertake a Strategic Assessment which analyses a range of detailed information that exists about crime, disorder, substance misuse, re-offending and other community matters that are affecting Hartlepool.

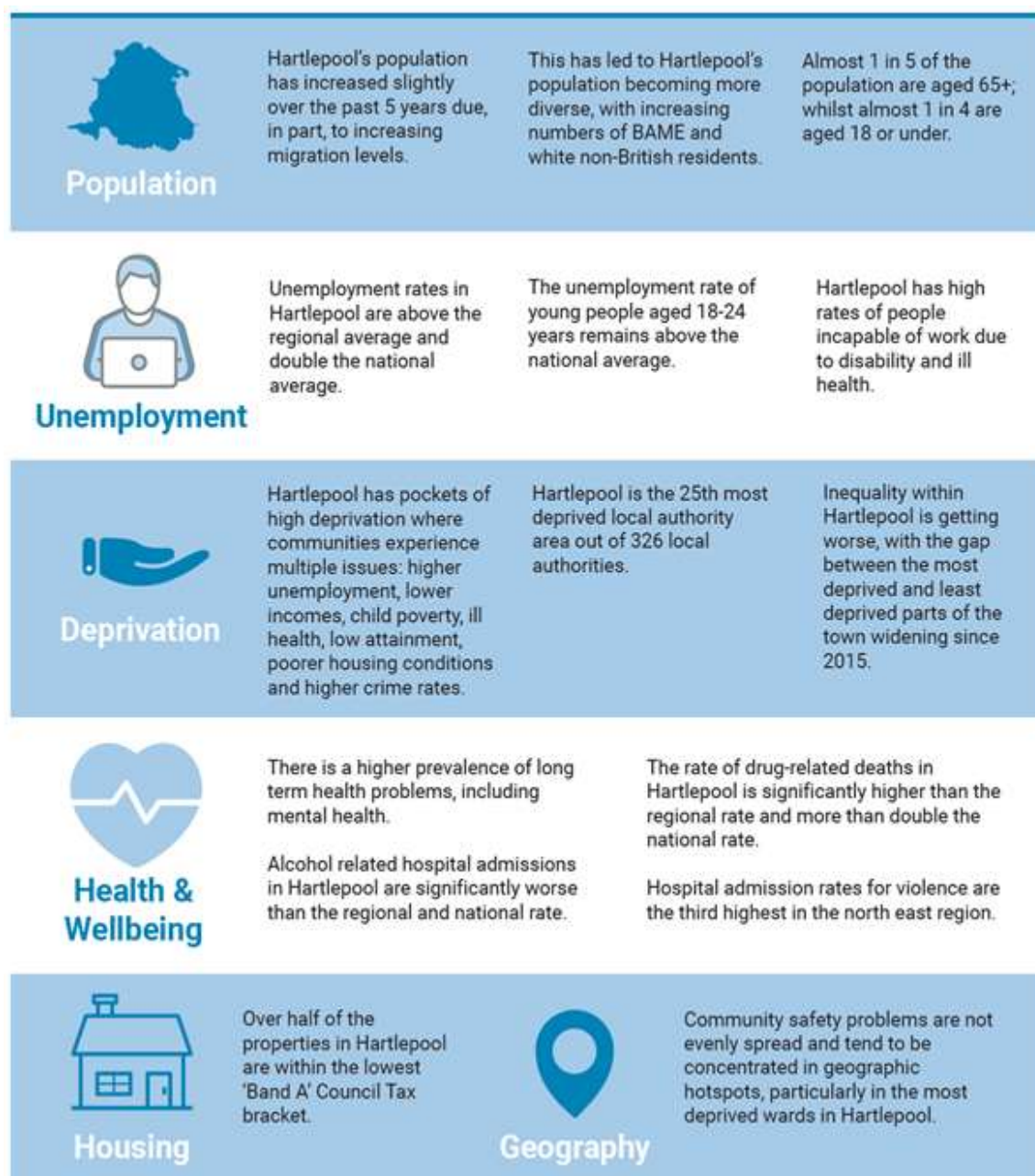
The outcomes of the assessment form recommendations about how to keep the Community Safety Plan priorities relevant.

In producing our plan we are also mindful of the pledges of the Police and Crime Commissioner in his Police and Crime Plan and the requirement to 'have regard' to the priorities established by this plan.

The community safety landscape continues to evolve and partners continue to face challenges in having to adapt the way services and initiatives are delivered. Since the introduction of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, legislative changes have amended our focus, and also the statutory partners we work with, but the principles of working together remain at the heart of tackling crime and disorder.

3. LOCAL CONTEXT

Hartlepool is the smallest unitary authority in the North East region and the third smallest in the country comprising of some of the most disadvantaged areas in England. Issues around community safety can be understood by a number of contextual factors:





4. SUMMARY OF THE 2019/20 PLAN

During the final year of the Community Safety Plan 2017 – 2020 we have continued to focus our priorities on ensuring Hartlepool is a safe place for residents, workers and visitors by undertaking activity to address the issues that are likely to have most effect on people during their day to day lives.

Reduce crime and repeat victimisation

- Provided home and personal crime prevention advice, target hardening and emotional support to more than 500 victims of crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Held regular “drop in” sessions in the Community Hubs and schools to offer property marking.
- Delivered targeted crime prevention campaigns and communicated key messages through a variety of media.
- Hosted a Serious Violence Summit to explore how agencies can work together to tackle serious violence.
- Developed a Victim Care Pathway for victims of Modern Day Slavery

Reduce the harmed caused by alcohol and drug misuse

- Developed a new integrated model for drug and alcohol services.
- Secured 18 premise closure orders for residential properties concerned in the supply of illegal drugs

Create confident, cohesive and safe communities

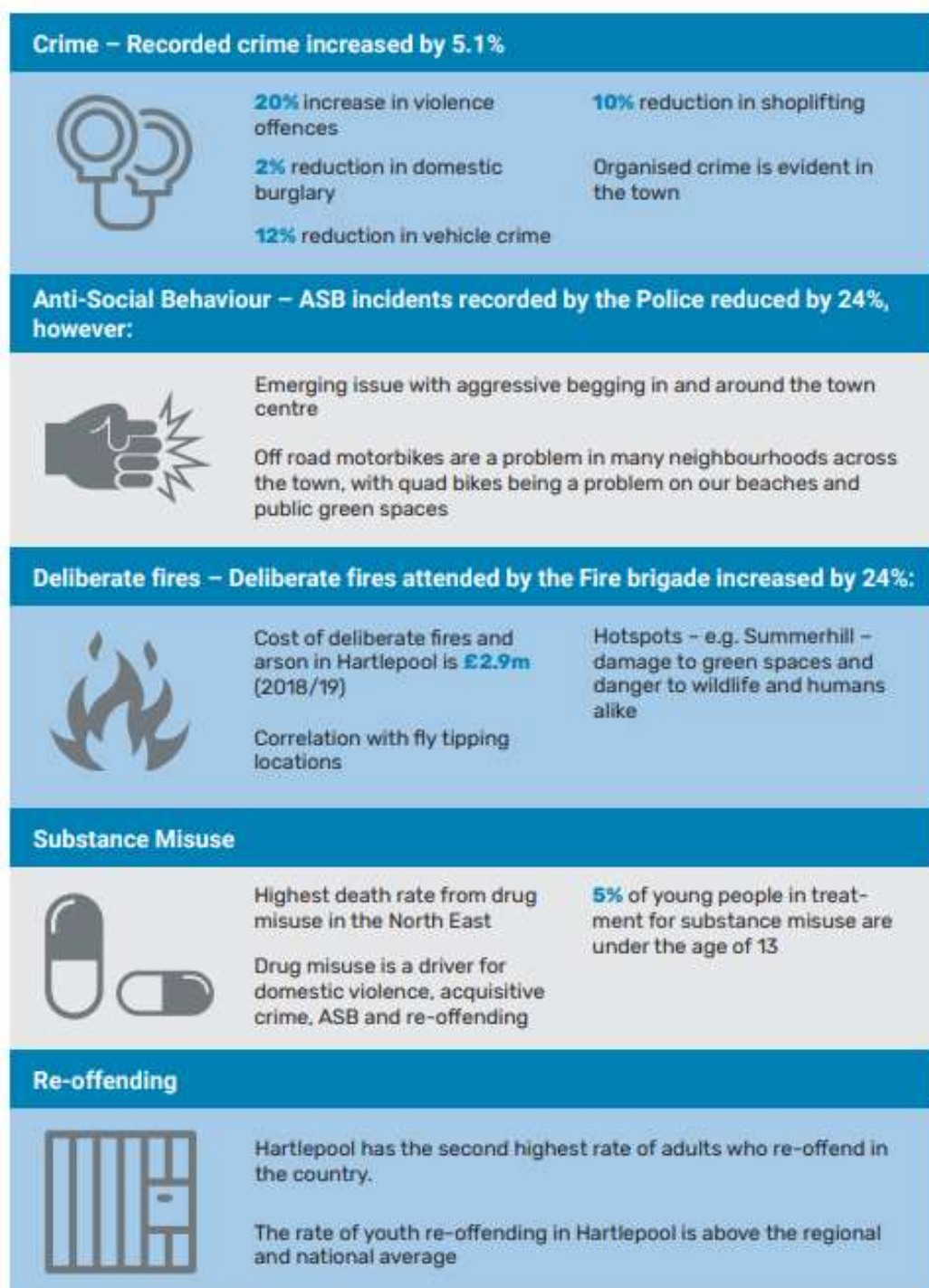
- Delivered early intervention, diversionary, educational and positive activities through the deployment of the Target Youth Outreach Team, achieving more than 1,600 contacts with young people identified as at risk of exploitation and / or becoming involved in anti-social or criminal behaviour.
- Co-ordinated multi-agency “Days of Action” to target anti-social behaviour and environmental issues in hotspot locations
- Carried out targeted operations to address illegal and dangerous parking at schools, identify and seize nuisance off-road vehicles, respond to complaints of aggressive begging.
- Delivered the annual Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Day (ASBAD) which highlights the consequences of anti-social behaviour and provides young people with the knowledge and understanding of the roles of support and Community Safety focused agencies working in Hartlepool.

Reduce offending and re-offending

- Supported the implementation of the Cleveland Divert scheme which engages with adults at risk of entering the Criminal Justice System for low-level offences and offers eligible offenders the opportunity to engage with services as an alternative to prosecution.

5. STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2019

The Partnership conducts an annual assessment of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending in Hartlepool to identify and address the community safety issues that impact upon and really matter to the local community. Key findings from the 2019 assessment are outlined below.





6. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership has a statutory obligation to engage and consult with the communities of Hartlepool about community safety priorities.

The annual Community Safety Survey is designed to assist the Partnership to:

- Gain a wider understanding of public perception of crime and anti-social behaviour in the local area;
- Understand what makes people feel safe and unsafe; and
- Understand which issues cause most concern

Analysis of the results of the survey conducted in February 2020 highlighted that although many residents perceive crime and anti-social behaviour to be a problem in their area, more than half of respondents said they had not been a victim of crime in the previous 12 months.

When asked about feelings of safety, most respondents said they feel safe being outside during the day and after dark. Those who said they felt unsafe stated this was due to poor street lighting, lack of police, suspicious people hanging around and people dealing drugs.

The survey findings also revealed that serious violence, organised crime and “county lines” drug dealing are issues which cause concern in our communities amongst the community and should be included as priorities in the Community Safety Plan.

The annual Face the Public event scheduled to take place on 16th March 2020, was cancelled due to safety concerns relating to COVID-19.

In addition to the Partnerships’ consultation with the public, and in fulfilling the requirements of the Police and Justice Act 2006, the Council’s Audit and Governance Committee, conducted an investigation into anti-social behaviour in Hartlepool during 2019 under its statutory crime and disorder scrutiny responsibilities.

A town wide public survey was conducted to seek residents’ opinions and experiences of ASB. The response rate was good with almost 400 surveys completed. More than two thirds of respondents stated that they had experienced ASB in the preceding six months.

The survey results further identified that the main issues of ASB experienced by respondents included rubbish / littering, groups hanging around in the street / public places, rude / abusive behaviour by young people, begging and vehicle nuisance (off-road bikes).



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In addition to the survey, an extensive consultation and engagement exercise was conducted, with an open invitation extended to individuals and groups. Drop in sessions were held in a number of locations including the Community Hubs and Sheltered accommodation complexes.

A series of workshops were attended by representatives from resident's groups and associations, representatives from minority communities of interest or heritage, young people who attend various youth clubs across the town and representatives from the Hartlepool Taxi trade.

Several interviews were also conducted with individual residents who had experienced and reported anti-social behaviour.

Common issues of concern were identified across all of these groups and included drug and alcohol abuse and drug dealing, deliberate fires and fly-tipping, noise nuisance and littering and a lack of police visibility in neighbourhoods.



7. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2020/21

The new strategic objective for the Partnership in 2020/21 is: -

**To make Hartlepool a safe, prosperous and enjoyable
place to live, work and visit**

8. PRIORITIES 2020/21

As with any town, Hartlepool faces many challenges and must work within an environment of conflicting demands and limited resources.

The Partnership recognises that there are many issues that impact on the lives of some, or all, of Hartlepool's residents and continued efforts will be made by all Partnership members to address these in a focussed and effective manner.

Issues such as hate crime, violence (particularly serious violence) and exploitation are significant in both the local and national context and the Partnership recognises the need to work both individually and collectively to address them.

However, the Partnership also recognises the benefits of identifying those issues that have the greatest impact on the town and the need to target resources and efforts to deal with them effectively and efficiently.

To do this, the Safer Hartlepool Partnership will focus activity on three key priority areas – each of which contributes towards a wide range of community concerns. The three key priority areas for 2020/21 are: -

Drugs and Alcohol

Through targeted partnership working, focussed efforts will be made to reduce both the demand for, and the supply of, illegal drugs in Hartlepool.

The Partnership will also work together to reduce the negative social, personal and health consequences caused by the misuse of alcohol in the town.

Anti-social Behaviour

The Partnership will look to reduce anti-social behaviour in Hartlepool.

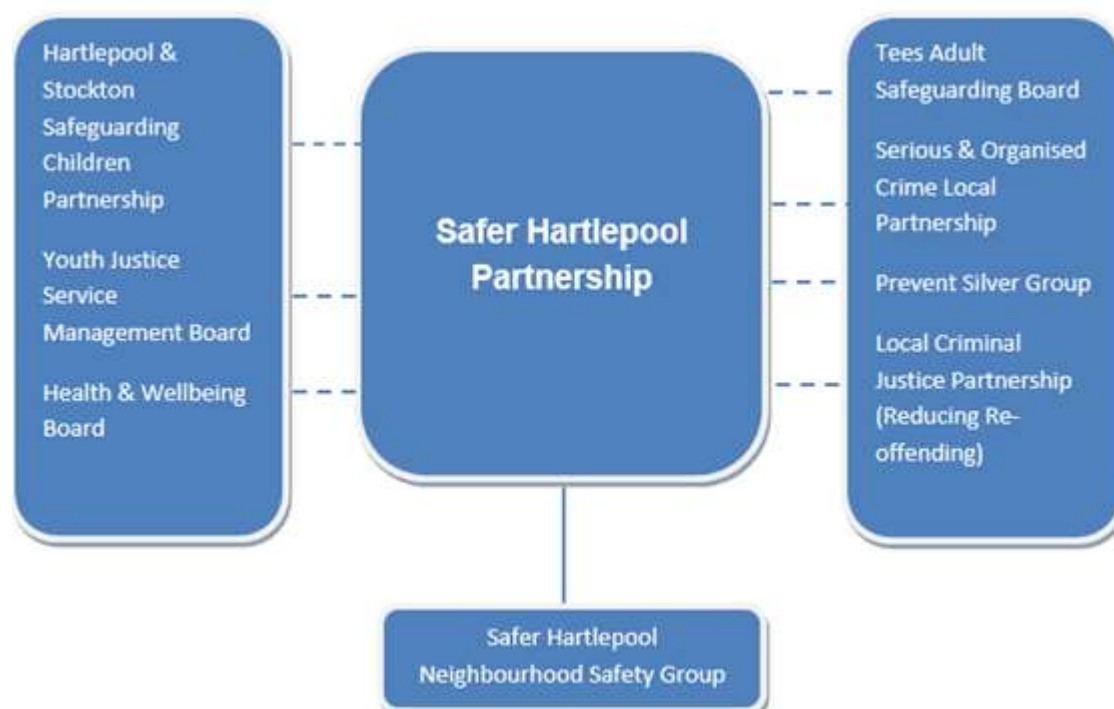
Domestic violence and abuse

The Partnership will work together to safeguard individuals and their families from domestic violence and abuse.



9. DELIVERING THE PLAN

The Partnership will draw on available resources to ensure delivery of the plan through the effective use of existing organisations, agencies and groups and the establishment of new ones where required.





10. MONITORING PERFORMANCE

Performance of the Community Safety Plan will be monitored by the Safer Hartlepool Partnership against a range of key performance indicators for each of the priorities which include:

Priority	Indicator
Anti-Social Behaviour	ASB incidents reported to the Police
	Rate of ASB per 1,000 population
	Number of noise complaints received
	Number of fly-tipping reports received by the Council
	Number of Deliberate Secondary (F3) fires
	Number of Deliberate Vehicle Fires
Drugs and Alcohol	Drug Offences - Possession
	Drug Offences - Supply
	% of opiate drug users that have successfully completed drug treatment
	% of non-opiate drug users that have successfully completed drug treatment
	% of alcohol users that have successfully completed alcohol treatment
	% of young people that have successfully completed treatment
	Number of young people known to substance misuse services
	% of people dependent on alcohol and not in the treatment system
	% of people dependent on opiates or crack and not in the treatment system
Domestic Violence	Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police
	Rate of Domestic Abuse incidents per 1,000 population
	Repeat Incidents of Domestic Abuse
	Rate of repeat Domestic Abuse incidents per 1,000 population



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SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

13th November 2020



Report of: Director of Neighbourhood and Regulatory Services

**Subject: SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP
PERFORMANCE**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 For information. To provide an overview of Safer Hartlepool Partnership performance for Quarter 1 and 2 – April to September 2020 (inclusive) against key indicators linked to the priorities outlined in the Community Safety Plan 2020/21.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Community Safety Plan 2017-20 came to an end in March 2020 and due to the outbreak of COVID-19 the development of a Community Safety Plan for 2020/21 was delayed.
- 2.2 In September 2020, a draft Community Safety Plan for 2020/21 was presented to the Partnership with a strategic objective to “make Hartlepool a safe, prosperous and enjoyable place to live, work and visit”. Members agreed that the priority areas of focus to achieve this objective should be Anti-Social Behaviour, Drugs and Alcohol and Domestic Violence.

3. PERFORMANCE REPORT

- 3.1 The report attached (**Appendix A**) provides an overview of performance against key indicators linked to the agreed priorities during Quarters 1 and 2 of 2020, with comparisons made to the same time period in the previous year, where appropriate.

4 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Risk Implications	No relevant issues
Financial Considerations	No relevant issues

Legal Considerations	No relevant issues
Consultation	No relevant issues
Child/Family Poverty Considerations	No relevant issues
Equality and Diversity Considerations	No relevant issues
Section 17 of The Crime And Disorder Act 1998 Considerations	No relevant issues
Staff Considerations	No relevant issues
Asset Management Considerations	No relevant issues

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That members of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership note and comment on the information provided for Quarters 1 and 2.
- 5.2 That members consider the inclusion of additional performance indicators for future reports to assist them in monitoring the success of the Community Safety Plan.

6. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership is responsible for overseeing the successful delivery of the Community Safety Plan.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

Safer Hartlepool Partnership – Community Safety Plan 2017- 20
Safer Hartlepool Partnership – Draft Community Safety Plan 2020 - 21

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Safer Hartlepool Partnership Performance Indicators**Quarter 1 - April to June 2020****Community Safety Plan Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour**

The following indicators have been identified to assist in the monitoring of this priority area.

Indicator	Year to Date Apr - Jun 20	Apr - Jun 19	Apr - Jun 20	Difference	% Difference
ASB incidents reported to the Police	1919	1131	1919	788	70%
Rate of ASB per 1,000 population	-	12.1	20.6	-	-

Anti-social behavior incidents reported to the Police in Hartlepool increased by 70% when compared to the previous year. It is reasonable to suggest that this increase, in part, has been as a result of the “lockdown” restrictions that were imposed to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the first quarter of this financial year, with many reports relating to the possible breach of these. The highest number of incidents in this quarter were recorded in April (778), with the figures reducing in May and June to 674 and 467 respectively.

During this quarter, ASB incidents reported to the Police increased in all four Local Policing Area across Cleveland. Hartlepool experienced the greatest percentage increase of reported incidents and the second highest rate (joint with Stockton) of incidents per 1,000 population as detailed in the tables below:

Indicator - ASB Incidents reported to the Police	Year to Date Apr - Jun 20	Apr - Jun 19	Apr - Jun 20	Difference	% Difference
Redcar & Cleveland	2359	1587	2359	772	49%
Middlesbrough	3515	2607	3515	908	35%
Stockton	4073	2437	4073	1636	67%

Police Anti-Social Behaviour Incident rate per 1,000 population	Hartlepool	Redcar & Cleveland	Middlesbrough	Stockton
	20.6	17.2	24.9	20.6

Number of ASB complaints received by the ASBU	Year to Date Apr - Jun 20	Apr - Jun 19	Apr - Jun 20	Difference	% Difference
	92	133	92	-43	-32%

Unlike Police incidents, anti-social behavior complaints received by the Council’s Anti-Social Behaviour Unit reduced in this quarter compared to the same period in

the previous year. This reduction is predominantly linked to a reduction in complaints about ASB in Rossmere Park.

Number of ASB cases opened by Thirteen	Year to Date Apr - Jun 20	Apr - Jun 19	Apr - Jun 20	Difference	% Difference
	131	115	131	16	14%

Thirteen Group have seen a 14% increase in ASB cases compared to the same period in the previous year.

Indicator	Year to Date Apr - Jun 20	Apr - Jun 19	Apr - Jun 20	Difference	% Difference
Number of noise complaints received by the Council	175	107	175	68	64%

Noise nuisance complaints received by the Council's Public Protection Team increased by 64% when compared to the previous year. With many people spending significantly longer periods of time in their homes during this period, it is possible that this increase may be reflective of this. Unlike ASB reports, noise complaints increased month on month during this quarter with 44 in April, 54 in May and 77 in June. More than 40% of all complaints received in this quarter cited loud music as the main issue.

Indicator	Year to Date Apr - Jun 20	Apr - Jun 19	Apr - Jun 20	Difference	% Difference
Number of fly-tipping reports received by the Council	798	517	798	281	54%

The Council's Contact Centre recorded a 54% increase in Fly-tipping reports during this quarter compared to last year. Reports of fly-tipping also relate to side waste (additional black bags not placed in wheelie bins) left in back alleys as well as the more "traditional" reports of larger household items e.g. mattresses, furniture etc. being dumped in more rural parts of the town.

Indicator	Year to Date Apr - Jun 20	Apr - Jun 19	Apr - Jun 20	Difference	% Difference
Number of Deliberate Secondary (F3) fires	148	223	148	-75	-33.6
Number of Deliberate Vehicle Fires	15	13	15	2	15.4

Deliberate secondary fires (F3) are any non-accidental fires that do not involve property or casualties/rescues or where four or fewer appliances attend. Deliberate F3 fires in Hartlepool are predominantly refuse (rubbish) fires and grassland.

The reduction in F3 fires during quarter 1 is reflective of a Cleveland wide reduction of 33.5% and it is possible that "lockdown" restrictions may have had a beneficial

effect on this particular type of ASB. During this period, Hartlepool Community Safety Team undertook a proactive approach to prevent and deter individuals from setting deliberate fires, including patrols in hotspot areas and increased publicity to raise awareness of the dangers of fire setting.

Community Safety Plan Priority – Drugs and Alcohol

The following indicators have been identified to assist in the monitoring of this priority area.

Indicator	Year to Date Apr - Jun 20	Apr - Jun 19	Apr - Jun 20	Difference	% Difference
Drug Offences - Possession	87	71	87	16	23%
Drug Offences - Supply	32	26	32	6	23%

The increase in drugs offences recorded by the police is indicative of proactive policing. Responding to community intelligence a number of warrants were carried out during this period with positive results, particularly in respect of the identification and disruption of cannabis farms.

Indicator	Year to Date Apr - Jun 20	Apr - Jun 19	Apr - Jun 20	Difference	% Difference
% of opiate drug users that have successfully completed drug treatment	3.60%	4.30%	3.60%	-0.70%	-16.30%
% of non-opiate drug users that have successfully completed drug treatment	21.50%	26.90%	21.50%	-5.40%	-20.10%
% of alcohol users that have successfully completed alcohol treatment	26%	33.10%	26%	-7.10%	-21.50%
% of young people that have successfully completed treatment	3%	13.60%	3%	-10.30%	-78%
Number of young people known to substance misuse services	33	44	33	-11	-25%
% of people dependent on alcohol and not in the treatment system	50.20%	48.60%	50.20%	1.20%	3.30%
% of people dependent on opiates or crack and not in the treatment system	77.80%	74.30%	77.80%	3.50%	4.70%

Information provided by the Council's Public Health Team identifies that there has been a reduction in the number of individuals who successfully completed alcohol and drug treatment compared to the previous year. Again it is reasonable to suggest that COVID-19 will have had an impact on these outcomes.

Figures also indicate a high level of unmet need, with half of all individuals known to be alcohol dependant and more than 70% of opiate or crack users not currently accessing treatment services.

During the summer a new integrated drug and alcohol treatment service has been launched in Hartlepool known as START – Supporting Treatment and Recovery Together, to help people reduce their level of dependency. A key priority of the service is to reduce the harm to individuals, significant others, and the local community.

Community Safety Plan Priority – Domestic Violence

The following indicators have been identified to assist in the monitoring of this priority area.

Indicator	Year to Date Apr - Jun 20	Apr - Jun 19	Apr - Jun 20	Difference	% Difference
Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police	987	764	987	223	29%
Rate of Domestic Abuse incidents per 1,000 population	-	8.2	10.6	-	-
Repeat Incidents of Domestic Abuse	437	333	437	104	31%
Rate of repeat Domestic Abuse incidents per 1,000 population	-	3.6	4.7	-	-

Research conducted by domestic abuse charity Women's Aid and the BBC's Panorama programme has identified that UK Police forces received one domestic abuse call every 30 seconds in the first seven weeks of lockdown.

In Hartlepool, Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police during quarter 1 increased by 29%, 223 more incidents than in the same period in the previous year and resulted in the rate of domestic abuse incidents per 1,000 population increasing from 8.2 to 10.6.

The highest number of incidents were reported in May, 355, with 293 reported in April and 339 in June.

The rate of repeat domestic abuse incidents also increased from 3.6 to 4.7, with the highest number of repeat incidents also reported in May, 153, with 134 reported in April and 150 in June.

Referrals to all specialist domestic violence services provided by Harbour increased by 21% from 634 to 770. However, refuge / supported accommodation referrals surged from 39 to 127, an increase of 226%.

Number of Domestic Abuse cases opened by Thirteen	Year to Date Apr - Jun 20	Apr - Jun 19	Apr - Jun 20	Difference	% Difference
	29	17	29	12	71%

Domestic Abuse Support Workers from Thirteen Group have reported a 71% increase in cases compared to the same period in the previous year, an actual increase of 12 cases.

Quarter 2 – July to September 2020

Community Safety Plan Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour

Indicator	Year to Date Apr - Sep 20	Jul - Sep 19	Jul - Sep 20	Difference	% Difference
ASB incidents reported to the Police	3085	1317	1166	-151	-11%
Rate of ASB per 1,000 population	-	14.1	12.5	-	-

Anti-social behavior incidents reported to the Police reduced by 11% when compared to the previous year and by 39% compared to quarter 1. The easing of “lockdown” restrictions may explain the reduction in part, however more detailed analysis would be required to be able to identify the reasons for such decreases.

During this quarter, ASB incidents reported to the Police reduced in all four Local Policing Area across Cleveland. Hartlepool experienced the greatest percentage reduction of reported incidents, but maintained the second highest rate of incidents per 1,000 population as detailed in the tables below:

Indicator - ASB Incidents reported to the Police	Year to Date Apr - Sep 20	Jul - Sep 19	Jul - Sep 20	Difference	% Difference
Redcar & Cleveland	3997	1664	1638	-26	-2%
Middlesbrough	5907	2557	2392	-165	-6%
Stockton	6439	2302	2366	64	3%

Police Anti-Social Behaviour Incident rate per 1,000 population	Hartlepool	Redcar & Cleveland	Middlesbrough	Stockton
	12.5	11.9	17	12

Number of ASB complaints received by the ASBU	Year to Date Apr - Sep 20	Jul - Sep 19	Jul - Sep 20	Difference	% Difference
	231	128	139	11	9%

Unlike Police incidents, anti-social behavior complaints received by the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Unit increased slightly in this quarter compared to the same period in the previous year.

Number of ASB cases opened by Thirteen	Year to Date Apr - Sep 20	Jul - Sep 19	Jul - Sep 20	Difference	% Difference
	270	104	139	35	34%

ASB cases opened by Thirteen Group in this quarter increased by 34% when compared with the same period in the previous year, with a small increase compared to quarter one of 6%

Indicator	Year to Date Apr - Sep 20	Jul - Sep 19	Jul - Sep 20	Difference	% Difference
Number of noise complaints received	354	149	179	30	20%

Although complaints in quarter 2 were 20% higher than in the previous year and 2% more than quarter 1, month on month complaints have reduced with 70 in July, 64 in August and 44 in September. In 30% of all complaints received in this quarter, music was cited as an issue.

Indicator	Year to Date Apr - Sep 20	Jul - Sep 19	Jul - Sep 20	Difference	% Difference
Number of fly-tipping reports received by the Council	1790	562	992	430	54%

The Council's Contact Centre recorded a 54% increase in Fly-tipping reports during this quarter compared to last year and a 24% increase compared to quarter 1. Reports of Fly-tipping continue to relate to side waste (additional black bags not placed in wheelie bins) left in back alleys as well as the more "traditional" reports of larger household items e.g. mattresses, furniture etc. being dumped in more rural parts of the town.

Indicator	Year to Date Apr - Sep 20	Jul - Sep 19	Jul - Sep 20	Difference	% Difference
Number of Deliberate Secondary (F3) fires	286	121	138	17	14
Number of Deliberate Vehicle Fires	20	15	5	-10	-66.7

Deliberate fires across Cleveland reduced by 17% in quarter 2. Although Hartlepool experienced an increase of 14 percent compared to the previous year, compared to quarter 1 incidents reduced by 7% (-10 incidents).

Community Safety Plan Priority – Drugs and Alcohol

Indicator	Year to Date Apr - Sep 20	Jul - Sep 19	Jul - Sep 20	Difference	% Difference
Drug Offences - Possession	160	64	73	9	14%
Drug Offences - Supply	61	22	29	7	32%

Drug possession and supply offences recorded by the police increased by 14% and 32% respectively in quarter 2 when compared to the previous year although was a slight reduction compared to quarter 1.

Indicator	Year to Date Apr - Sep 20	Jul - Sep 19	Jul - Sep 20	Difference	% Difference
% of opiate drug users that have successfully completed drug treatment			Q2 Data released Nov 26th		
% of non-opiate drug users that have successfully completed drug treatment			Q2 Data released Nov 26th		
% of alcohol users that have successfully completed alcohol treatment			Q2 Data released Nov 26th		
% of young people that have successfully completed treatment			Q2 Data released Nov 26th		
Number of young people known to substance misuse services			Q2 Data released Nov 26th		
% of people dependent on alcohol and not in the treatment system			Q2 Data released Nov 26th		
% of people dependent on opiates or crack and not in the treatment system			Q2 Data released Nov 26th		

Quarter 2 data for the above indicators is not available at the present time.

Community Safety Plan Priority – Domestic Violence

Indicator	Year to Date Apr - Sep 20	Jul - Sep 19	Jul - Sep 20	Difference	% Difference
Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police	1913	944	926	-18	-2%
Rate of Domestic Abuse incidents per 1,000 population	-	10.1	9.9	-	-
Repeat Incidents of Domestic Abuse	845	401	408	7	2%
Rate of repeat Domestic Abuse incidents per 1,000 population	-	4.3	4.4	-	-

Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police during quarter 2 reduced by 2%, 18 less incidents than in the same period in the previous year and by 6%, 61 less incidents than quarter 1, resulting in the rate of domestic abuse incidents per 1,000 population standing at 9.9 at the end of September.

Incidents in quarter 2 reduced month on month with 322 reported in July, 312 in August and 292 in September.

Whilst the rate of repeat domestic abuse incidents increased slightly from 4.3 to 4.4, the number of repeat incidents also reduced month on month with 144 reported in July, 138 in August and 126 in September.

Quarter 2 data from Harbour is not yet available, however the organisation has adopted new ways of working to reach victims of domestic abuse, particularly in response to the increasing number of referrals at the height of lockdown and the inability to carry out face to face and group work with clients.

One of the innovations has been the introduction of a live chat facility which can be accessed via the Harbour website and means anyone who wants to access Harbour's services can now do so online, in the evenings and at weekends. This has been extremely successful with clients engaging digitally, where they had previously been reluctant to seek support.

As part of the ongoing campaign to raise awareness of domestic abuse, how to report it and where to get help, officers from the Hartlepool Community Safety Team have been visiting local hair and beauty salons to hand out information and many salons are now displaying posters to encourage victims of domestic abuse to speak to the police and signposting victims to organisations offering support.

Number of Domestic Abuse cases opened by Thirteen	Year to Date Apr - Sep 20	Jul - Sep 19	Jul - Sep 20	Difference	% Difference
	70	25	41	16	64%

Domestic Abuse Support Workers from Thirteen Group have reported a 64% increase in cases compared to the same period in the previous year, an actual increase of 12 cases, and an increase of 41% compared to Quarter 1.