

Crime and Disorder Committee

**Grand Jury Room, Town Hall
24 August 2010 at 6.00pm**

The Committee will usually convene immediately following the conclusion of the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

The Committee deals with

The review and scrutiny of decisions made, or other actions taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions, and to make reports and recommendations to the Council or the Cabinet with respect to the discharge of those functions.

The role of the Crime and Disorder Committee

The Committee shall meet to review or scrutinise decisions or other actions taken in connection with the functions conferred to the Committee, these being, a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the Borough and a strategy for combating the misuse of drugs in the borough.

The Committee has to meet at least once in every twelve month period.

The Committee may co-opt persons to serve on the Committee who are members of the public, employees, officers or members of responsible authorities, for example, the Council, Essex County Council, Essex Police Authority, Essex Fire and Rescue Authority and the Essex Probation Service. Executive members of the Council may not be co-opted to the Committee. Co-opted persons shall not be entitled to vote on any matter, unless the Committee so determines.

The work of the Crime and Disorder Committee

An annual review of the Safer Colchester Partnership Strategy will be a year on year substantive report to be considered by the Committee.

Any Member of Colchester Borough Council may give written notice to the Scrutiny Officer (on behalf of the Head of Corporate Services) that they wish an item to be included on the agenda of the Committee in relation to a local crime and disorder matter. If the matter is considered a local crime and disorder matter, the item will be included on the first available agenda of the Committee.

A crime and disorder matter is a matter involving anti-social behaviour or other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment, or the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances.

The Committee once it has considered a local crime and disorder matter shall consider whether or not to make a report to the Cabinet or Council, and if it decides not to, shall notify the Councillor concerned of its decision(s) and the reason(s) for it.

If the Committee decides to report to the Cabinet or Council, it will provide a copy of the report to the Councillor concerned and the responsible authorities and co-operating persons or bodies as appropriate.

**COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL
CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE
24 August 2010 at 6:00pm**

Members

Chairman : Councillor Christopher Arnold.
Deputy Chairman : Councillor Dennis Willetts.
Councillors Nigel Offen, Gerard Oxford, Julie Young,
Nigel Chapman, Mark Cory, Andrew Ellis, Bill Frame and
Theresa Higgins.

Agenda - Part A

(open to the public including the media)

Members of the public may wish to note that agenda items 1 - 5 are normally brief.

Pages

1. Welcome and Announcements

(a) The Chairman to welcome members of the public and Councillors and to remind all speakers of the requirement for microphones to be used at all times.

(b) At the Chairman's discretion, to announce information on:

- action in the event of an emergency;
- mobile phones switched off or to silent;
- location of toilets;
- introduction of members of the meeting.

2. Substitutions

Members may arrange for a substitute councillor to attend a meeting on their behalf, subject to prior notice being given. The attendance of substitute councillors must be recorded.

3. Urgent Items

To announce any items not on the agenda which the Chairman has agreed to consider because they are urgent and to give reasons for the urgency.

4. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman to invite Councillors to declare individually any personal interests they may have in the items on the agenda.

If the personal interest arises because of a Councillor's membership of or position of control or management on:

- any body to which the Councillor has been appointed or nominated by the Council; or
- another public body

then the interest need only be declared if the Councillor intends to speak on that item.

If a Councillor declares a personal interest they must also consider whether they have a prejudicial interest. If they have a prejudicial interest they must leave the room for that item.

If a Councillor wishes to make representations on an item on which they have a prejudicial interest they may do so if members of the public are allowed to make representations. In such circumstances a Councillor must leave the room immediately once they have finished speaking.

An interest is considered to be prejudicial if a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard it as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillors should consult paragraph 7 of the Meetings General Procedure Rules for further guidance.

5. Minutes

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To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on the 24 August 2009 and 19 May 2010.

6. Have Your Say!

(a) The Chairman to invite members of the public to indicate if they wish to speak or present a petition at this meeting – either on an item on the agenda or on a general matter not on this agenda. You should indicate your wish to speak at this point if your name has not been noted by Council staff.

(b) The Chairman to invite contributions from members of the public who wish to Have Your Say! on a general matter not on this agenda.

7. Safer Colchester Partnership

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See report from the Head of Life Opportunities.

8. Exclusion of the public

In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in accordance with The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt information (for example confidential personal, financial or legal advice), in Part B of this agenda (printed on yellow paper) can be decided. (Exempt information is defined in Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE

24 AUGUST 2009

Present: - Councillors Arnold, Barlow, Hogg, Maclean, Pyman, Sykes,
Taylor, Willetts and J Young
Substitutes: - Councillor Chuah for Councillor Cory
Councillor Harris for Councillor Naish

1. Crime and Disorder

RESOLVED that the committee:

- i) Noted the Home Office Guidance for the scrutiny of Crime and Disorder matters enclosed in the agenda as a background paper.
- ii) Noted the Developing Overview and Scrutiny event to be held in the Town Hall the following evening and that would include discussions on Councillor Calls for Action and issues in regards to crime, disorder and anti social behaviour.

Councillors Barlow, Harris, Maclean, Pyman and Taylor (in respect of being Members of their local Neighbourhood Action Panel) all declared a personal interest in the following item.

Councillor Sykes (in respect of being a member of her local Neighbourhood Action Panel and Member of the Stanway Parish Council) declared her personal interest in the following item.

Councillors Hogg and Chuah (in respect of being members of their local Neighbourhood Action Panel, and Trustees of St Anne's Community Hall Association) both declared a personal interest in the following item.

Councillor J Young (in respect of being a Member of her local Neighbourhood Action Panel, a Member of Essex County Council, and her spouse being the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, a Member of the Essex Probation Board, and a Member of the Responsible Authorities Group) declared her personal interest in the following item.

Councillor T Young (in respect of being a Member of his local Neighbourhood Action Panel, a Member of the Essex Probation Board, and a Member of the Responsible Authorities Group, and his spouse being a Member of Essex County Council) declared his personal interest in the following item.

Chief Superintendent Tim Newcomb and Superintendent Jason Gwillim, both of Colchester and Tendring Police, Councillor Tim Young, Portfolio Holder responsible for Community Safety and Mr. Ian Vipond, Executive Director and Chair of the CCDRP Responsible Authorities Group, all attended the meeting for this item.

2. Colchester Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

Mr. Ian Vipond introduced the report on the work and progress of the Colchester Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

Chief Superintendent (CS) Newcomb addressed the committee to explain the role of Tendring and Colchester Police in relation to the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

CS Newcomb explained how Colchester was meeting its Crime and Disorder targets including:

Criminal damage had reduced by 9% to date in 2009-10.

Violent crime had reduced by 7.5% to date in 2009-10.

Dwelling Burglary had reduced by 11% to date in 2009-10, with 31 fewer victims in burglary, and an excellent result of 64% detection rate.

Offset against this, it was noted that:

Burglary in commercial premises had risen.

Thefts from motor vehicles had increased, though vehicle theft had reduced.

There were to date in 2009-10 fewer instances of anti social behaviour, though the reductions are marginal.

Councillor T Young addressed the committee to explain that Community Safety was one of the Council's Strategic Priorities, and spoke of some of the Community Safety successes in the last year, including:

The SOS and Community Bus

Days of Action

The Safer Colchester pilot

Encouraging feedback from officers supporting the Neighbourhood Action Panel process of improving attendances and better organisation.

Councillor Young said partnership working had improved immeasurably and the Council had an excellent relationship with Essex Police.

Councillor Young told the committee that the Council had served its first 'Closure Notice (Order)' on a private landlord tenanted dwelling. Councillor Young circulated the Closure Order to the panel. Councillor Young was confident that the order would be enforced by the Magistrate Court. Councillor Young agreed to circulate to the panel details of the background and press notice in respect of this order.

It was also confirmed that Colchester was the only authority in Essex where the Community Safety Team was based at the local police station, an initiative well thought of and appreciated

inside and outside the borough.

CS Newcomb responded to Councillor Hogg in respect of the perceived rise in the average age group of drink related cases of anti social behaviour (ASB) in the St. Anne's Ward. CS Newcomb said he did not have any statistics to confirm this perception, but that further research was needed and would be fed back directly to Neighbourhood Action Panels. CS Newcomb did confirm the trend and problem of young people drinking to excess before visiting the Town Centre. A crime analysis was required to determine why youngsters do this and determine a way of preventing this from happening.

Superintendent Gwillim said alcohol with young people had been a problem for a number of years, so there could be a natural assumption that these people are getting older and getting involved in alcohol related ASB. It was a fact that the average age of people diagnosed with liver sclerosis was going down.

In response to Councillor Barlow, CS Newcomb said that whilst there had been a significant decrease in violent crime, domestic violence had increased locally and nationally. Special units at Tendring and Colchester are tasked with addressing these issues. The target percentages for reducing the perceptions of ASB are based on people who tick 'high values' in surveys, and who expect it to decrease if we are successful in reducing instances of ASB, so the aim was to reduce the perception of ASB amongst residents. DS Newcomb confirmed that more officers are present on the ground and their work is better targeted than ever before, with innovative ways of working with new technology introduced. Councillor Young explained that there are now Street Wardens covering the whole of the borough.

Both Councillor J Young and Taylor acknowledged their appreciation of the partnership and what it had achieved, with Councillor Young saying the relationship and communication between the Council and Essex Police had improved immeasurably. Councillor Young did express a request for more attention to be given to producing good news stories to local residents and for more to be done to allay fears of residents.

Councillor Arnold asked that the Council's Communications Team consider publishing an article in the Courier on good news stories, not just about reducing crime but to help towards improving the resident's perception of crime.

In discussions with the committee, DS Newcomb said residents needed to be encouraged to report all instances of crime. Whilst there may be a common perception that "if the Police cannot do anything about a crime why bother to report it", DS Newcomb said he would be dismayed if improvements in targets was as a result of not reporting crime, saying all serious offences should be reported as this information provides an accurate data base of information that allows the police to more intelligently target patrols and resources, and any crime involving bodily contact provides forensic opportunities.

Councillor Sykes said that Stanway Parish Council did not support the West Colchester Neighbourhood Action Panel as it never received feedback or progress on issues that had been raised. Councillor T Young said he would discuss this issue with the appropriate officers.

In response to Councillor Willetts about the concerns of the large geographical area of the Constable Neighbourhood Action Panel and the long journeys needed by some residents to attend meetings, Councillor Young said he would speak to the Chair of the panel and the Head of Street Services to determine if this situation could be improved. Councillor Young did say there are fifteen panels covering the borough, the number that was felt adequate at the time of the panels review by Councillor Henshall as Portfolio Holder in 2007.

In response to Councillor Willetts, DS Newcomb said the crime detection rates are those provided under caution, during reprimands and defendants admitting extra offences in court. In respect of Credit Card Fraud (CCF), DS Newcomb said the instances of reported CCF are only a fraction of the actual number of instances. The Police will deal with CCF if reported, though he said it was difficult to get evidence from the financial institutions to help prosecutions.

Councillor Arnold thanked guests and officers for attending the meeting and contributing to what was a meaningful discussion.

RESOLVED that the committee considered and noted the current work and progress of the Colchester Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership in developing a safer Colchester.

CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE
19 MAY 2010

1. Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Arnold be appointed Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

2. Deputy Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Willetts be appointed Deputy Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.



Crime and Disorder Committee

Item
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24 August 2010

Report of	Executive Director for Neighbourhoods	Author	Peter Carrington 717816
Title	Safer Colchester Partnership (formerly known as the Colchester Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership CCDRP)		
Wards affected	All		

This report considers the current contribution of the Safer Colchester Partnership and the partnership's role in achieving effective crime reduction and increased community safety.

1. Action required

- 1.1 To invite the Crime and Disorder Committee to consider the current work and progress of the Safer Colchester Partnership (SCP) formerly known as the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership.

2. Reason for report

- 2.1 Under the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 the panel is required to meet once a year to review and scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their statutory crime and disorder reduction functions as the committee considers appropriate.
- 2.2 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory duty on every local authority to work with partner agencies to develop and implement strategies for tackling crime and disorder. The Chief Officer Group responsible for meeting this statutory duty is known as the Responsible Authorities Group (RAG). The current RAG partnership consists of the Borough Council, Police Service, County Council, Primary Care Trust, Probation Service, Colchester Borough Homes, Essex Drug & Alcohol Team, Police Authority and Essex Fire & Rescue. The group elects a chairperson each year which is currently Ian Vipond, Executive Director, CBC.
- 2.3 Under Section 17 of the 1998 Act, Colchester Borough Council has a statutory duty to 'exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it can to prevent crime and disorder'.
- 2.4 The Minister for Policing and Criminal Justice, Nick Herbert, confirmed in the House of Commons recently that Community Safety Partnerships continue to be seen as important to delivering crime reduction with an emphasis on delivering actions, whilst working alongside the new Police and Crime Commissioners.

3. Background information

- 3.1 The Role of the Safer Colchester Partnership (SCP)
The SCP partnership continues to explore new opportunities to work more closely with other agencies and community groups to effectively reduce crime.

The overriding principle is that no one agency can reduce crime on its own and only by working collectively together can we make Colchester safer than it already is.

- 3.2 Colchester Borough Council and the police have a joint CBC and Safer Colchester Partnership (SCP) Team based within Colchester Police station that promotes one of the strongest examples of joint working in Essex and the UK. The team also works closely with both council and Colchester Borough Homes ASB teams who are critical to delivering reductions in anti-social behaviour across the borough.
- 3.3 The Colchester SCP structure, list of Action Groups, partner agencies and management chart is attached in Appendix **A** and shows the significant complexity of inter agency working necessary to promote and deliver a safer Colchester. Increasingly greater co-operation has been achieved with sharing human and financial resources between Colchester, Tendring and Braintree Community Safety Partnerships particularly when delivering joint crime reduction conferences, training and seminars.
- 3.4 Each year the SCP produces a detailed document called a Strategic Assessment of Crime that analyses wide ranging crime data, results of adult and young people consultations, community cohesion, counter terrorism, partnership data, hot spot crime areas, Public Service Agreements 2008-2011, LAA 2 and other borough or government targets. The Strategic Assessment frames the following year's performance and crime reduction targets known as an Annual Partnership Plan the key priorities for 10-11 and headline crime data is attached in appendix **B**.
- 3.5 Integrated Offender Management Units
The previous government set new additional targets for CSP's for reducing re-offending and having a key role in developing Integrated Offender Management Units (IOM) which will bring together into one building all those agencies responsible for offenders and reducing re-offending. The new coalition has voiced its support for IOM's given the government's aims to reduce the prison population as a result of which the SCP will have an integral role of developing the new service locally.
- 3.6 National Performance Indicator (NI35)
Over the last year a National Performance Indicator (NI35) lead by Colchester Borough Council has been a priority service for the council linked to preventing radicalisation and promoting community cohesion through faith and culture. The Audit Commission outcome for NI35 is a score of between one (lowest) to five (highest) with Colchester achieving a level of three in just one year. The work of the council and SCP in delivering NI35 in Colchester is seen as only one of six in the Eastern Region, and the only one in Essex, as being an example of best practice.
- 3.7 SCP Team
To manage, and deliver the complex partnership working agenda in Colchester, there are currently five posts within the combined CBC/SCP Community Safety Team. These posts are:
- a) One permanent full time council post consisting of a Community Safety Co-ordinator who manages and co-ordinates all the strategies, roles, policies, functions and responsibilities of the CBC/SCP team and partnership working across the borough

- b) One permanent full time council Senior Community Safety Officer which is funded from savings made in 2007 against two former full time council posts within the Community Partnerships Team
- c) One full time SCP Admin Assistant on a fixed term contract until November 2011. This post is funded from government funding.
- d) One full time SCP Community Safety Officer on a fixed term contract until March 2011. This post is funded from government funding.
- e) One part time Prevent Office (Counter Terrorism) on a fixed term contract until March 2011. This post is funded from government funding.

3.8 Some SCP Successes

Colchester SCP relies on a highly complex network of partner agencies and project delivery which is often viewed by other Community Safety Partnerships as setting the benchmark for innovation, positive partnership working and crime reduction. The excellence of the SCP partnership working in Colchester has led to a number of firsts in the county some of which are:

- a. North East Essex Multi-Faith Forum (as part of NI35 - Prevent) which has markedly improved our understanding and links into faith groups, minority ethnic groups and diverse cultural groups that supports greater community cohesion and crime reduction.
- b. Neighbourhood Policing
- c. 15 Neighbourhood Action Panels
- d. Keep Project that targets 20 of the most prolific drug misusers which has resulted in a minimum 60% reduction in their re-offending
- e. SOS and Community Engagement Bus every Friday and Saturday night that has treated 1,100 plus adults and young people in two years which would have normally been taken to A&E. The youngest person treated is 13 the oldest 78
- f. Colchester Business Against Crime, Designated Public Place Order that Police Officers report has made a significant impact upon their ability to remove alcohol from people acting in a disorderly manner
- g. Crime Reduction 'Toolkits' that are the first of their kind in the UK to identify exactly what tasks SCP partners agencies can do to collectively reduce crime

3.9 There are two special projects worth highlighting this year which are the Community Days of Action and Safer Colchester Project. Both of these projects will be expected to have a significant role to play in delivering community based crime reduction in Colchester over the coming years. Central to both projects is the high visibility, high impact and intense services delivered to local communities who see actions not words as making a difference to their communities.

3.10 Community Days of Action (CDOA)

CDOA, funded by the SCP and LAA monies has been delivered on six occasions to date and focuses on one intensive day of action through a mix of six key themes which are:

- a) Enforcement from 5.00am to 4.00pm involving drug raids, TV licensing evasion, benefit fraud, DVLA car tax and insurance checks, removing abandoned vehicles, targeting hot spot ASB areas, serving police warrants on known offenders and disrupting offenders criminal activities
- b) Council Services involving additional street cleaning, clearing dumped rubbish, cleaning graffiti and fly-tipping, improving parks and

recreational areas of litter and glass, clearing back over hanging foliage

- c) Public & Business Consultation involving visits to homes and businesses providing crime reduction advice/leaflets, and seeking views of local residents on priorities for Neighbourhood Action Panels, crime reduction and community safety
- d) County Council involving repairing street lighting, damaged roads or paths, cutting back overhanging foliage
- e) Community and partner agency engagement involving community payback and youth offending restorative justice projects i.e. painting over graffiti, clearing paths, rebuilding fences, decorating community centres, SOS Bus services, community cohesion projects, health care checks, fire safety checks/advice, benefits and housing advice,
- f) Youth Engagement involving youth services, sporting facilities, accessing community centres and projects to keep young people occupied

3.11 Safer Colchester Project

The focus of this project was to create a model which is both innovative and encompasses new ways of working that will make Colchester an even safer place to live, increase quality of life for communities and reduce the fear of crime. Due to the positive strength of partnership working delivered by the SCP Colchester was chosen to undertake this county project that in effect delivers the CDOA over an extended three month period targeting

- Reducing crime
- Reducing the fear of crime
- Reducing anti-social behaviour
- Increasing community confidence

- 3.12 The project was funded to the sum of £99,920 primarily through the Safer Essex Partnership with additional funding or human resources from the Safer Colchester Partnership and partner agencies. There have been remarkable reductions in asb, youth nuisance, decreased crime and much greater community engagement which impacts on local confidence levels and the view that practical actions are being taken to make local communities safer. A review and assessment of the project will be completed in late September/October 2010 that will inform how best to take the project forward in Colchester and across Essex.

4 Further sections

- 4.1 The CBC/SCP Community Safety Co-ordinator is responsible for administering and managing, on behalf of the SCP, all Home Office and partner agency funding targeted at crime reduction and community safety. Crime reduction targets are used to determine an annual spending plan that is monitored by chief officers and senior managers who receive regular reports on the evaluation of projects to ensue effective service delivery, value for money and the achievement of performance management outcomes.

5 Strategic Plan references

- 5.1 This work directly contributes to the council's Strategic Plan for 2009-2012 objectives for community safety.

6 Consultation

- 6.1 Consultation is an ongoing process and will increase markedly linked to the importance of Neighbourhood Action Panels and the development of Annual Crime Reduction Plans.

7 Publicity Considerations

- 7.1 All publicity tries to achieve a positive reflection of the Safer Colchester Partnership, police and council as partners working together rather than any one individual agency.

8 Financial implications

- 8.1 The SCP, like every agency, is facing very difficult and challenging financial times ahead with an immediate 32% cut in SCP funding, 29.2% in Counter Terrorism (Prevent) and 50% in LAA1 Performance Reward Grant monies during 2010. This is additional to partner agencies having to reduce their contributions and other budgets no longer ringfenced and protected by government. Currently, and this may reduce further after the government spending review is announced in October 2010, the SCP funding for 2010-2011 will be:
- a) £117,791 Home Office Area Based Grant (ABG) down from £149,830 in 2009-2010.
 - b) £77,022 - Police Basic Command Unit Fund (BCU) that Colchester police kindly use to support the work of the SCP. The police also provide in kind all office accommodation for the CBC/SCP Team. The BCU fund was removed from ringfenced status by government recently which may place it at risk of significant cuts
 - c) £6,500 from Colchester Borough Council.
 - d) £4,500 from Essex County Council down from £6,500 in 2009-2010
 - e) £5,000 from Essex Police Community Grants – Eastern (Colchester & Tendring) Division
 - f) £5,000 from Essex Fire & Rescue Service which is now under review
 - g) No funding from Essex Police Authority (second homes council tax) down from £38,400 in 2009-2010
- 8.2 Recent and sudden reductions in government funding for Community Safety Partnerships of 32% during 2010 and a total of 48% for Colchester over the last four years will result in a comprehensive review of all SCP funding, projects, commitments and posts in October/November 2010. The review will also consider the impact of reductions in funding for LAA 2 crime reduction projects and Counter Terrorism (Prevent).
- 8.3 The Safer Colchester Partnership has attracted inward investment of approximately £1,250,000 pounds over the last 10 years to combat all forms of crime and make Colchester even safer. The funding has supported many initiatives including domestic abuse, SOS Bus, violent crime, street lighting, CBC and Crime Partnership CCTV, alcohol misuse, counter terrorism, drug misuse, repeat victims of crime, burglary, anti-social behaviour, 15 Neighbourhood Action Panels, car theft, faith, cultural, community or voluntary groups and business crime.
- 8.4 Partnership working will be more critical than ever before with an emphasis on innovative and radical joint working key to sustaining the SCP and its many successes. This will require exploring greater use of cross boundary / agency working, shared human resources, new roles, changed and possibly fewer priorities, shared places of work and or employment contracts.

9 Human Rights Implications

9.1 There are no specific human rights implications.

10. Equality and Diversity implications

10.1 The work of the SCP takes into account the diverse nature of the borough by developing an understanding of the needs of different communities. This is done through the Strategic Assessment of Crime, 15 Neighbourhood Action Panels, North Essex Multi-Faith Group and the Hate Crimes Panel. The partnership's work to improve community safety is intended to promote equal access to a good quality of life for all residents.

10.2 The Safer Community Partnership Equality Impact Assessment is available via

http://www.colchester.gov.uk/Info_page_two_pic_2_det.asp?art_id=8001&sec_id=1988

11 Community Safety Implications

11.1 The Community Safety implications are the subject of this report.

12 Health and Safety Implications

12.1 There are no specific health and safety implications.

13 Other Standard References

13.1 None.

Background Papers

Appendix **A** - Structure chart for the SCP and CBC Community Safety Team.

Appendix **B** - Key Crime Priorities



COLCHESTER SAFER COLCHESTER PARTNERSHIP (SCP)

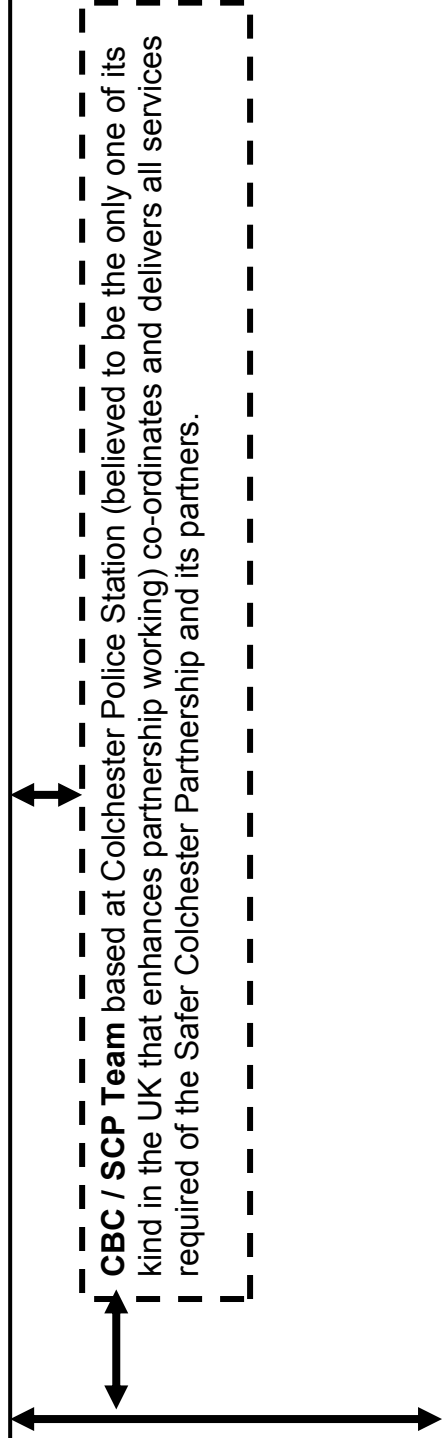
Chief Officer Group

Safer Colchester Partnership - Responsible Authorities Group (RAG)

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act places a duty on agencies to work together with other key partners to reduce crime and disorder to increase community safety for the residents, businesses, visitors and students of Colchester. To meet this duty the Chief Officers named below share the primary strategic lead, and ultimate responsibility, for delivering all of the Colchester Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership's (CCDRP) strategies, performance targets, policies and protocols to reduce crime in Colchester. This includes ensuring a **Strategic Assessment of Crime** and **Annual Partnership Plan** is produced each year reporting on our performance, progress against targets and crime reduction priorities. From these documents a range of crime reduction initiatives and projects are developed to meet stated objectives and outcomes in combination with those targets from the Local Area Agreement 2008 -2011. The current membership of RAG is:

Jan Vipond. (Chairperson) Executive Director - Colchester Borough Council.
Jane Gardner. Area Co-ordinator Partnerships, Essex County Council.
Jason Gwillim. Partnerships Superintendent - Essex Police - Eastern Division.
Karen Loweman. Director of Housing Management Colchester Borough Homes
Donna Teifer. Senior Health Improvement Practitioner Specialist - North East Essex Primary Care Trust.
Cllr Margaret Fisher. Essex Police Authority.

Cllr Tim Young. Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Housing - Colchester Borough Council.
Cllr Anne Turrell. Council Leader for Colchester Borough Council - Essex Fire Authority member
Danny Fearn. Divisional Commander - Essex County Fire & Rescue Service.
Debbie Rodway. Manager - Partnerships. Essex Probation Service.
Peter Carrington. (RAG Co-ordinator). Community Safety Co-ordinator - Colchester Borough Council & Colchester SCP



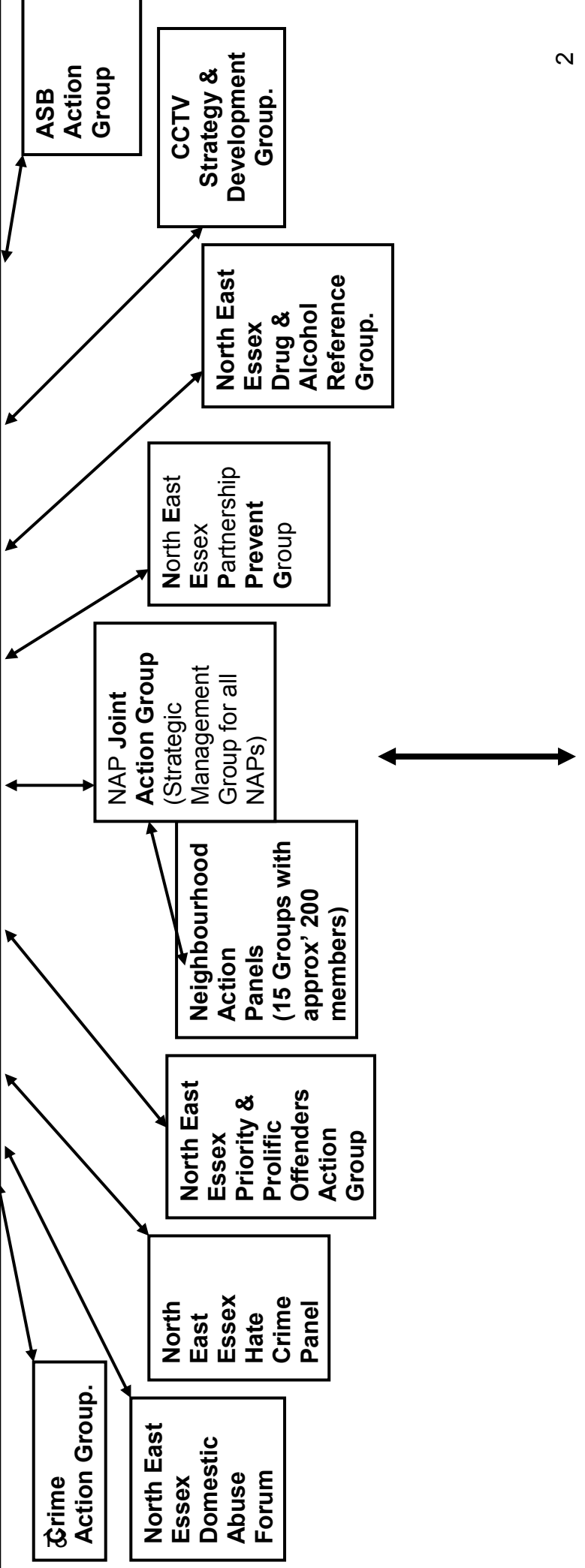
Operational and Service Delivery Management Group

Safer Colchester Partnership - Tasking and Co-ordinating Management Group (TCMG)

Through the work of the Community Safety Co-ordinator for Colchester Borough Council this group consists of partner agency managers who direct and manage the day to day operational functions, roles and responsibilities of the CDRP and reports to RAG on progress, service delivery and performance. TCMG also liaise with the Colchester 2020 LSP to ensure joint working to achieve Pan Essex performance targets. The Community Safety Co-ordinator is also responsible for CDRP polices, performance targets, strategies and various action plans to deliver and implement the **Annual Strategic Assessment of Crime & Annual Partnership Plan**. TCMG, on behalf of RAG, also manages various government funding streams, projects, monitoring and evaluation, roles and functions of Action Groups (see next page), reporting on progress, engaging/supporting community and voluntary groups or partner agencies, commissioning services, delivering 15 Neighbourhood Action Panels and implementing government legislation. The current membership of the TCMG is:

Andy Fusher. (Chairperson) Acting Chief Inspector - Essex Police Eastern Division (Colchester District).
Peter Carrington. (Deputy Chairperson) Community Safety Co-ordinator - Colchester Borough Council & CDRP.
Jane Gardner. Area Co-ordinator Partnerships, Essex County Council.
Martin Avent. Commander - Essex County Fire & Rescue Service
Donna Telfer. Senior Health Improvement Practitioner Specialist - North East Essex Primary Care Trust

Sue Nice. Housing Manager - Colchester Borough Homes
Sgt Steve Scott-Haynes. Lead for Neighbourhood Policing and Youth
Samantha Riley. ASB Manager Colchester Borough Council & SCP ASB Team
Debbie Rodway. Partnerships Manager - Essex Probation Service
Martin Buddery. Registered Social Landlords Representative



Safer Colchester Partnership - Partnership Assembly (PA)

This partnership meets to share information, good practice and to monitor, evaluate, assess and comment upon the progress, performance, partnership working, strategies and **Annual Partnership Plan** of the Colchester Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CCDRP). Current members come from: Connexions, Probation Service, MOD, Colchester Borough Neighbourhood Watch, Registered Social Landlords, Youth Services, Victim Support, Voluntary & Community Groups, Compact (which links to over 100 voluntary and community groups), Residents Association, Youth Offending Team, Drugs and Alcohol Services, Drug & Alcohol Action Team (Essex County), Town Centre Partnership, Faith, Race, Domestic Violence and many more.

GROUPS REPORTING DIRECT TO THE SCP ALTHOUGH OTHER ACTION GROUPS MAY DEVELOP TO MEET CHANGING PRIORITIES

ACTION OR TASK & FINISH GROUPS/FORUMS	Chairperson	Co-chair (CC) or Link (L) person	Phone	Email
1. Colchester Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group	Samantha Riley	Peter Carrington (CC)	01206 282593 07946 232808	Samantha.riley@colchester.gov.uk peter.carrington@colchester.gov.uk
2. Colchester Volume Crime Action Group	Acting Chief Inspector Andy Fusher	Peter Carrington (CC)	0300 333 4444 07946 232808	Andy.fusher@essex.pnn.police.uk peter.carrington@colchester.gov.uk
3. North East Essex (Colchester & Tendring) Domestic Abuse Forum	Angie O'Toole	Sonia Carr (CC)	01206 500585 01206 717818	a.otoole@colchester-refuge.org.uk sonia.carr@colchester.gov.uk
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7. Colchester Strategic CCTV & Development Group	Peter Carrington	Vacant Post (CC)	07946 232808	peter.carrington@colchester.gov.uk
8. Colchester Neighbourhood Action Panels x 15 plus NAP JAG Strategy Group	Local community representative or Police	Peter Carrington (L)	07946 232808	peter.carrington@colchester.gov.uk

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Essex Drug Action & Alcohol Team (EDAAT)	Awaiting new contact	Peter Carrington (L)	07946 232808	peter.carrington@colchester.gov.uk
Essex Police - Eastern Division - Tasking Group	Sector Commander for Colchester	Peter Carrington (L)	0300 333 4444 07946 232808	peter.carrington@colchester.gov.uk
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Hate Crime Forum (ECC)	Leanne Thornton	Peter Carrington CC)	07946 232808	l.thornton@tendingdc.gov.uk peter.carrington@colchester.gov.uk
MOD – Colchester Garrison NAP	Major D E Casey MBE	Peter Carrington (L)	01206 782020 07946 232808	david.casey829@land.mod.uk peter.carrington@colchester.gov.uk
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Appendix B.

CRIME PRIORITIES AND HEADLINE CRIME DATA.

The following recommendations have been based upon those where Safer Colchester Partnership agencies, community groups and the general public have expressed a common priority for inclusion in the current Annual Partnership Plan.

LAA 2 PRIORITY	Safer Colchester Partnership PRIORITY
KEY PRIORITY 1 - CRIME:	
<p>Objective 1: LAA2 - NI 18. Reduce adult and youth re-offending rates for those under probation supervision.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Support and develop Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Units b) Maintain and enhance Priority & Prolific Offenders Action Group to target and disrupt known repeat offenders c) Support the new national performance indicator to reduce re-offending rates
<p>Objective 2: LAA2 - NI 19. Reduce rate of proven re-offending by young offenders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Family Intervention Workers b) Youth Diversion projects c) Maintain current Priority & Prolific Offenders Action Group to target known repeat offenders
<p>Objective 3: LAA2 - NI 20. Reduce assaults causing injury.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Develop Crime Group to combat emerging or persistent crime priorities b) Reduce violent crime, ASB and criminal damage linked to the Night Time Economy (NTE)
<p>Objective 4: LAA2 - NI 111. Reduce first time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Family Intervention Workers b) Youth Diversion projects c) Use of ASB legislation and family contracts
<p>Objective 5: LAA2 - <u>Local Indicator L13</u> Reduce repeat incidents of domestic abuse.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Enhance role and function of Domestic Abuse Forum to combat DA and repeat victims b) Support role of MARAC at targeting most complex incidents c) Continue with Sanctuary Scheme to protect and enable victims to remain in their own homes and reduce need for re-housing d) Raise awareness of how to get help and to report abuse
<p>Objective 6: LAA2 - <u>Local Indicator L14</u>. Reduce fear of crime.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continue and expand Community Days of Action b) Continue delivery and effectiveness of Safer Colchester Project c) Improve press and media coverage of positive crime reduction projects and low crime levels

KEY PRIORITY 2 - ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:	
Objective 1: LAA2 - NI 17. Reduce perceptions of ASB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Enhance role and function of joint CBC/Safer Colchester Partnership ASB team b) Support regional, county and local minimum standards for reducing ASB c) Develop specific ASB Action Group to combat incidents of ASB or ASB hotspots
KEY PRIORITY 3 - DRUG MISUSE:	
Objective 1: LAA2 - NI 115. Reduce substance misuse by young people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reduce crime & re-offending caused by drug misuse b) Ensure Drug & Alcohol Action Group becomes more effective at targeting causes and effects of drug misuse issues
KEY PRIORITY 4 - ALCOHOL:	
Objective 1: LAA2 - NI 39. Reduce alcohol harm related hospital admission rates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reduce crime & offending caused by alcohol misuse b) Continue role of SOS Bus in night time economy and combating harm caused by alcohol

To analyse and assess all crime data in Colchester would take a minimum of 35 – 40 pages of complex data and stats therefore, to keep discussions manageable the following may be of interest to the Scrutiny & Overview Panel.

AGENCY	Priorities	Data Supplied
Colchester Borough Council.	Reduce the incidents of anti-social behaviour across all wards	<p>Current indications are a fall in ASB of 8.9% across the borough.</p> <p>The CBC/SCP ASB Team dealt with the following level of reported incidents:</p> <p>Berechurch 37 Castle 35 Harbour 23 Lexden 6 Mile End 13 New Town 38 Prettygate 7 Shrub End 18 St Andrews 17 St Annes 19 St Johns 3 East Doneyland 5 Great Tey 3 Marks Tey 1 Stanway 6 Tiptree 5 W Mersea 5 Pyefleet 2 West Bergholt & Eight Ash Green 1 Birch & Winstree 1 Christ Church 14 Copford & W Stanway 1 Dedham & Langham 3 Fordham & Stour 3 Highwoods 13 Wivenhoe Cross 3 Wivenhoe Quay 6 Outside District 1 Unspecified 20</p> <p>Acceptable Behaviour Contracts issued</p> <p>Night time Economy 42</p> <p>Noisy Neighbours 38</p> <p>Operation Circuit 34</p>

		<p>Pestering Residents 27</p> <p>The CBC ASB Team has developed excellent working relationships with the police and information sharing on ASB offenders.</p>
<p>Colchester Borough Homes.</p>	<p>Reducing anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime</p>	<p>Cumulative data for April to Dec 2009</p> <p>309 new reports 334 visits to perpetrators 414 visits to witnesses 143 referrals for support to Open Road and Swan 18 referrals to SEAMs 26 Notice of Seeking Possession (NSP) & Notice of Possession Proceedings (NPP) served 29 multi agency/ case conferences attended 23 court hearings which have resulted in 1 ASBI and 6 evictions.</p> <p>In addition CBH staff worked with Police partners on the Safer Colchester projects around the town; supported multi agency events to build community confidence in specific areas; carried out joint training with Mental Health team to make joint working more effective in preventing asb.</p> <p>CBH included a question in their recent STATUS survey to reflect the National Crime survey. The survey was carried out by Feedback services - National Housing Federation who surveyed 2,261 tenants and leaseholders with 1,020 responding 43%. The following questions and responses were provided:</p> <p>When asked "How satisfied or dissatisfied do you feel about safety in your local neighbourhood during the day and at night?" CBH received the following response:</p> <p>Sheltered tenants are the most satisfied with safety in their neighbourhood during the day (95% feel safe) and at night (89% feel safe) compared with general needs tenants (87% feel safe during the day and 71% feel safe at night) - 80% of Homeowners felt safe during the day</p>

		<p>with 57% feeling safe at night.</p> <p>Have you reported an incident of Anti social behaviour in the past 12 months?</p> <p>Only 63 general needs tenants had reported an incident in the past 12 months - 35% to Colchester Borough Homes and 65% to Colchester Borough Council. Of those that had reported a problem 47% found it easy to contact the right person, with 35 % finding it difficult. 67% of those reporting a problem found staff helpful with 62% satisfied with advice provided. A third of all tenants were dissatisfied with the way in which the report was dealt with and the outcome (35% to both questions)</p>																
Essex County Council.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reducing Re-offending 2. Reducing Crime 3. Supporting Young and Vulnerable People 4. Reducing Substance Misuse 5. Reducing ASB 6. Reducing Fear of Crime 	<p>In terms of data, the overall performance measure is the ECC national ranking based on the all crimes per 1,000 population (which for 2008/09 was 67 crimes per 1,000). For the individual priorities some have more specific data and targets than others, but generally the ECC baselines/indicators are those in the LAA2, so for ASB it is to reduce perceptions from 21.5% to 19.4%, and for fear of crime to increase the % of people feeling safe after dark from 44.9 to 50.8. Priorities such as domestic violence are also covered under the 'reducing crime' objective</p>																
Essex County Council Highways.	<p>Reducing road casualties particularly amongst motorbike riders, reducing drink driving & reducing speeding 1st April 09 to 31st Dec 09</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Children 0-15 All Adults</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">All KSI casualties</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">All motorcycle user casualties</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">All motorcycle user KSI casualties</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">All drink-driver related KSI casualties</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">All drink-driver related casualties</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">All speed related casualties</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">All speed related KSI casualties</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Children 0-15 All Adults		All KSI casualties	7	All motorcycle user casualties	2	All motorcycle user KSI casualties	0	All drink-driver related KSI casualties	1	All drink-driver related casualties	0	All speed related casualties	3	All speed related KSI casualties	1
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Essex Drug and Alcohol Partnership.	<p>Reducing/tackling substance misuse, maintaining offenders in treatment</p>	<p>Maintaining offenders in treatment – not currently available as this is a policy directive and not a N.I. therefore not currently collated</p> <p>a) Numbers recorded as being in effective treatment (in latest 12 month period that can be fully reported) - 01/07/08 to 30/06/09 Percent retained for 12 weeks or</p>																

		<p>more 76%</p> <p>b) Adult new treatment journeys engaged in effective treatment (in latest 12 month period that can be fully reported) - 01/07/08 to 30/06/09 Percent retained for 12 weeks or more 73%</p>
Essex Fire and Rescue Service Colchester District.	Reducing deliberate fires to property, reducing deliberate fires to vehicles & reducing malicious or false alarms	<p>For the period 01/04/2009 to 31/10/2009</p> <p>a) Incidents of violence against employees 3</p> <p>b) Property Fire 36 <u>down 6</u> on previous year</p> <p>c) Vehicle Fire (assume deliberate) 25 <u>down 8</u> on previous year</p> <p>d) Deliberate Small Fires - 91 <u>down 26</u> on previous year</p> <p>e) Hoax calls 41 <u>down 28</u> on previous year</p>
Essex Probation Service.	Resettlement of offenders & reducing the number of re-offenders NI18	<p>For NI 18 the Essex baseline target is 7.4% with current average performance at approximately 8.07% which is down on 8.19% for the previous year. This is against an approximate target of 10% for Colchester. (The figure produced for Colchester from the raw data given by the Ministry of Justice is unofficial as they only provide a rate for Essex. When the next set of data comes through the rate for Colchester may change. It certainly shouldn't be assumed that Colchester is significantly worse than any other comparable areas).</p>
Essex Trading Standards	Underage sales of Alcohol, tobacco and knives	<p>Current data would suggest that of test purchases undertaken in Colchester over one year show the following outcomes:</p> <p>a) An average of 8.7% of retailers tested (23) sold alcohol to an underage person down from 10% last year</p> <p>b) An average of 7.4% of retailers tested (27) sold tobacco to an underage person down from 8.6% last year</p> <p>c) An average of 55.6% of retailers tested (9) sold knives to an underage person.</p>
Essex Youth Offending	Reduce First Time Entrants (FTE) to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17. NI 111.	There are an estimated 16,287 young people aged 10-17 in Colchester of which 122 are First Time Entrants

Service		(FTE) to the Youth Justice System for the first three quarters of 09-10. This would equate at approximately 162 for the year. No Targets for 2009, 2010 and 2011 as per LAA2 Refresh document April 2009. However, the baseline for 07-08 was 239 of first time entrants.
North East Essex Primary Care Trust.	Reducing hospital admissions for alcohol related harm NI39	In 2006-07 Colchester had a rate of 939 admissions per 100,000 for alcohol, which decreased to 890 per 100,000 in 2007-08. However there has since been a rise in the admission rates and in 2008-09 the rate were 912 per 100,000. <u>It is worth noting that 21 out of 23 measures for alcohol harm in Colchester were in the top percentile.</u>

Crimes per 1,000 against Most Similar Group

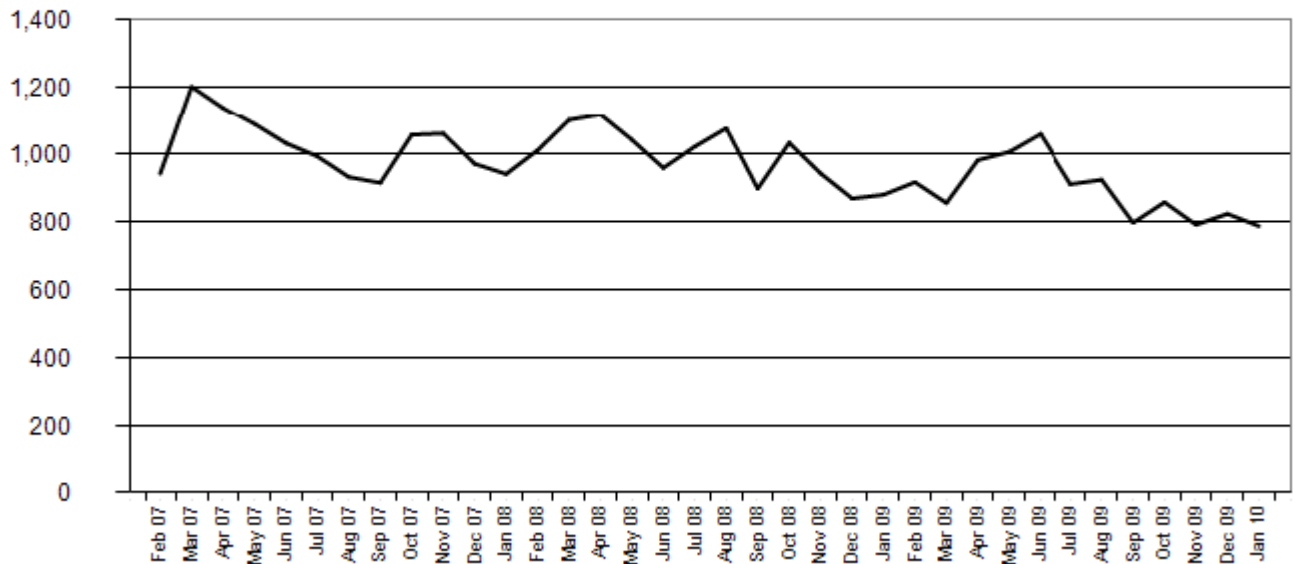
CDRP	Crimes per 1000 Residents
Lancashire - Fylde	9.439
North Yorkshire - Harrogate	10.131
Warwickshire - South Warwickshire	12.225
Cheshire - Cheshire East	12.970
West Mercia - South Worcestershire	13.197
Essex - Colchester	13.297
Kent - Tunbridge Wells	13.627
Kent - Canterbury	14.731
Essex - Brentwood	15.026
Kent - Maidstone	15.354
Cheshire - Cheshire West	15.785
Lancashire - Lancaster	16.042
North Yorkshire - York	17.669
Bedfordshire - Bedford	18.280
Wiltshire - Swindon	18.843

Detections per Crime Most Similar Group average 28.62%	
West Mercia - South Worcestershire	28.62%
Devon & Cornwall - Devon	29.26%
Leicestershire - Leicestershire North	19.34%
Cheshire - Cheshire Western	26.59%
Staffordshire - Chase	20.23%
West Midlands - L1 West Midlands	23.61%
Warwickshire - Warwickshire County	23.82%
North Yorkshire - North York's Central	30.61%
Hampshire - Isle of Wight	33.72%
Lancashire - Lancashire Northern	35.44%
Kent - East Kent	30.53%
Essex - Essex Eastern	33.30%

Gloucestershire - Forest & Gloucester	31.06%
Devon & Cornwall - Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly	31.15%
Suffolk - Suffolk Eastern	32.02%

As can be seen from the table below Colchester has consistently achieved a downward reduction in 'all crime'. For the period up to Feb' 2010 'all crime' is showing a further 9.7% reduction.

**iQuanta Volume Chart - Crimes
Essex - Colchester CDRP
All Crime
01 Feb 2007 - 31 Jan 2010**



Projections indicate that the District will record 3% less offences for the year 2009 - 2010 than were recorded for the previous financial year. By March 2010 offence levels are projected to be between 873 and 915 per month with total recorded offence levels for 2009 – 2010 between 11,071 and 11,234.

