

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Scrutiny Committee

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Report of: Strategic Manager – Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour

Report Title

Safer Trafford Partnership Update

Summary

An update on the Safer Trafford Partnership, including:

- Performance
- Resource Challenges
- Future Priorities

Recommendation(s)

Report to be noted

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Appendices:

- Trafford Crime Strategy 2012-15
- Safer Trafford Partnership structure schematic
- Safer Trafford Partnership End of Year Report 2013/14

Background Papers:

None

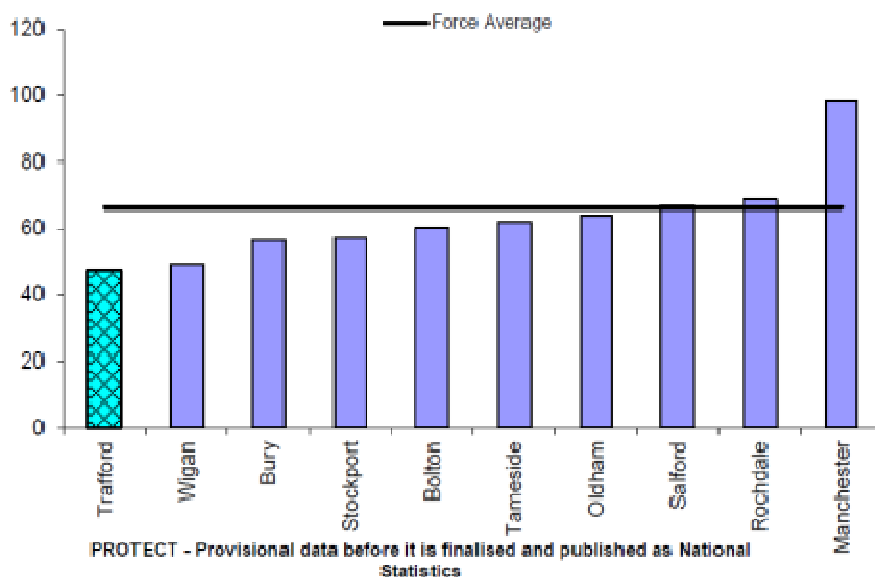
1. Safer Trafford Partnership

- 1.1 The Safer Trafford Partnership is the statutory Community Safety Partnership as defined within the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 1.2 It involves key partners including, but not exclusive to, Trafford Council, Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, Greater Manchester Probation Trust, Trafford Clinical Commissioning Group, Trafford General Hospital and Trafford Housing Trust
- 1.3 The Safer Trafford Partnership Board is underpinned by a thematic structure focussing on specific Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Issues. A visual schematic of this structure is included in the Appendices.

2. Performance Over Time

- 2.1 Trafford remains the **safest place in Greater Manchester** and has the **highest level of Public Confidence and Satisfaction**.
- 2.2 However, this has not always been the case and Trafford has **moved from 4th place to 1st place during the past 5 years**, reinforcing that Trafford does not naturally have the lowest Crime Rate in Greater Manchester, but has achieved it through **innovation, partnership working** and the **effective and efficient use of resources**.
- 2.3 There has been a **53.5% reduction in Crime in Trafford since 2006/7**, with **12,666 fewer crimes in 2012/13 than in 2006/7**.
- 2.4 **Anti-Social Behaviour** in Trafford has **fallen by over 60%** over the past 5 years.
- 2.5 Using Home Office Cost of Crime figures it is possible to estimate that **Crime Reduction in Trafford over the past 6 years has saved almost £100 million**.
- 2.6 More details on performance can be found in the STP End of Year Report which is provided in the appendices.
- 2.7 During Q1 and Q2 of 2013/14 Crime levels have plateaued, but there has been an increase in Anti-Social Behaviour. The increase in Anti-Social Behaviour is mirrored across Greater Manchester and the increase in Trafford is on a par with the GM average, and primarily driven by hoax calls to emergency services rather than conventional Anti-Social Behaviour..
- 2.8 The **Crime Rate in Trafford** is currently **47.532 Crimes per 1000 Residents** which is the **lowest level in Greater Manchester**:

iQuanta Bar Chart Force (12 months) - Crimes per 1000 Residents
Trafford
01 Sep 2012 - 31 Aug 2013



2.9 The **Anti-Social Behaviour Rate** in Trafford is currently **17 Incidents per 1000 residents** which is the **lowest in Greater Manchester**.

2.10 The latest GMP Neighbourhood Surveys (Q2 13/14) show that only **1% of Trafford residents perceived ASB to be a problem**. This is the **lowest figure in Greater Manchester**. **98% had confidence in the Police and 95% felt that the Police were doing a good or excellent job**. Overall, Trafford has the **highest level of Public Confidence and Satisfaction in Greater Manchester**.

3. What Worked?

3.1 Such positive performance has involved a great many people and a wide range of projects and activity that have all contributed to the overall reduction in Crime and ASB.

3.2 It is our assessment that the improvement in Trafford over the past 5 years, is underpinned by some key factors:

- a. Use of **evidence and analysis** to enable the development of a **Problem-Solving** approach, and the **targeting of resources** towards the areas of greatest need, at the times of greatest risk.
- b. Development of an approach which involves 'target-hardening' vulnerable areas, **supporting vulnerable people and victims**, and **pro-actively engaging offenders** within a partnership framework.
- c. Recognition that 'Fighting Crime' is not a homogenous task, but instead requires a multi-faceted approach which:
 - Targets **enforcement** activity against the most high risk or prolific offenders.

- Provides **collaborative partnership support** to those whose lives are complex and problematic, but receptive to change (i.e. Integrated Offender Management).
 - Develops and delivers **specialist interventions** to those involved in high risk behaviours which are likely to cause serious harm to themselves or others.
 - Undertakes **targeted Prevention** to support those who are most at risk of involvement in Crime and ASB.
 - Prevents Crime and ASB by **addressing the issues which underpin involvement in Crime and ASB** such as Drugs and Alcohol, Homelessness, Education / Training / Employment, Mental Health, Family and Relationship difficulties, Lifestyles etc.
 - Ensures the availability of **Preventative services** and high quality **Universal Service** provision to Child, Young People and their Families.
 - Values **community engagement** and local **community capacity building**.
- d. Willingness to tackle the most challenging issues as a partnership and being willing to **take measured risks** to support **innovative ideas** that have the potential to lead to positive change.
- e. Maintenance of a **wide-ranging partnership** with a strong, shared and relevant **strategic vision, good governance** and accountability.
- f. Development of a **collaborative approach** to Crime Prevention and Reduction involving co-location, integration and shared resourcing.

3.3 These principles of success are used as the basis for commissioning decisions and as a means of safeguarding against the unintended consequences of any future single agency or partnership changes.

4. The Resource Challenge

4.1 The Greater Manchester Police reduction in Police Officers has had a disproportionate impact on Trafford, where the % reduction over the past 12 months has been higher than any other area of Greater Manchester.

4.2 The Safer Trafford Partnership has seen a **74.3% reduction in Community Safety funding since peaking in 2008/9**, with £298,000 being allocated by the Office for the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Commissioner in 2013/14. This is likely to further reduce in 2014/15.

4.3 There have also been reductions in staff and funding across all key partners.

4.4 This has posed significant challenges in maintaining the level of Crime Reduction that has been present in Trafford for the past 5 years.

5. Crime Strategy 2013/14

5.1 The Safer Trafford Partnership has responsibility for the development and delivery of an overarching Crime Strategy.

5.2 A copy of the current strategy is including with the appendices papers for this report.

5.3 The current strategy is from 2012 – 2015 and has 3 priorities:

- Reducing Crime and the Fear of Crime
- Protecting Vulnerable People
- Transforming for the Future

6. Conclusion

6.1 The past 12 months have seen unprecedented challenges to the Safer Trafford Partnership.

6.2 However, this has provided the opportunity for the development of increased levels of collaboration and innovation which have enabled Trafford to remain the safest place in Greater Manchester.

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