

**CUMBRIA POLICE AUTHORITY
Audit and Performance Committee**

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Agenda Item No 10

**Local Domain Targets Update Year-to-date
A Report by the Chief Constable**

1. SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the agreed Local Domain Targets for 2006/7. These targets were approved by PPBV on February 21 2006.

In 2006/7, there is a Home Office requirement to set PPAF Local Domain priorities with associated measures and targets*. The Constabulary has followed Home Office guidance, taking into account community consultation, partner consultation, Constabulary Control Strategy and continuous improvement.

Though a consultative process and by following the Local Priorities guidance, the Constabulary identified three areas not effectively covered by the current SPI measures. These are:

- Youth Disorder
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Anti-social use of Motor Vehicles

Appropriate measures and targets were drawn up in order to provide a means to grade Constabulary performance in these areas. Section 3 of this report

* The guidance document 'Setting Local Priorities and Assessing Performance for PPAF's Local Domain' issued by SYMBIA was used as the basis of the target setting process.

provides an updated year-to-date position in relation to performance against these targets.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That members note the updated year-to-date position.

3. DETAIL

3.1 Targets for Youth Disorder

Measure 1

When the annual survey is carried out next year, the opportunity should be taken to establish a baseline level of worry about Youth Disorder.

Comment

The Neighbourhood Policing project has conducted Key Individual Network (KIN) surveys across the county. So far in 2006, 2034 people in the county have been surveyed and 723 responded with Youth Disorder as a priority issue that needed to be tackled (36%). This figure will be refreshed before the end of the current financial year to establish an accurate baseline measure.

Measure 2

To increase by 5% across each BCU the youth offenders brought to justice for offences symptomatic of youth disorder (Section 4/5 offences, Criminal Damage and Shoplifting).

Performance Update

BCU	Performance April-September 2005/2006	Performance April-September 2006/2007	% Change	Target	✓ ✗	Performance August 2006	Performance September 2006	% Change	✓ ✗
North	593	659	11.1%	587	✓	121	98	-19.0%	✗
South	770	603	-21.7%	719	✗	90	114	26.7%	✓
West	543	500	-7.9%	492	✓	72	76	5.6%	✓
Force	1906	1762	-7.6%	1797	✗	283	288	1.8%	✓

Comment

The table above shows numbers of youth offenders that have been brought to justice in each BCU, together with the target. The Constabulary is currently 1.9% (35 offences) just outside the year-to-date target in this category. In June 2006 the street issue of fixed penalty notices was implemented constabulary wide. The table shows that there has been an increase in performance since this occurred.

Applying the grading criteria:

Grade	Current Direction of Travel
Poor	Deteriorating

Note

For 2007/8 the Local Area Agreement will include a government mandatory target to reduce the numbers of youth offenders within the Criminal Justice System (CJS). Therefore this target will be in direct opposition to the desire to reduce the numbers of youth offenders in the CJS.

3.2 Targets for Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Measure 1

Use 2006/7 as a 'baseline year' in order to develop a baseline that is inclusive of the change to the NSIR.

Measure 2

A proxy measure for anti-social behaviour is to look at the level of criminal damage in the county. The total numbers of criminal damage offences in 2005/6 were used to derive a baseline for the target in 2006/7. As a result, a 5% reduction target was agreed for 2006/7.

Performance Update

BCU	Performance April-September 2005/2006	Performance April-September 2006/2007	% Change	Target	✓ ✗	Performance August 2006	Performance September 2006	% Change	✓ ✗	Monthly Average 2005/2006	✓ ✗
North	2106	2230	5.9%	2133	✗	393	384	-2.3%	✓	374.2	✗
South	1925	2199	14.2%	2019	✗	331	378	14.2%	✗	353.6	✗
West	2333	2186	-6.3%	2333	✓	360	309	-14.2%	✓	409.0	✓
Force	6364	6615	3.9%	6486	✗	1084	1071	-1.2%	✓	1136.8	✓

Comment

The Constabulary is continuing to improve performance against the annual target. Since the last exception report in August 2006, criminal damage has continued to reduce month-on-month. The Constabulary is currently 2% (129 offences) over target. This has reduced from July's position of 5.6% (183 offences) over target.

A more detailed account of criminal damage performance is contained within the criminal damage exception report (a separate agenda item).

Applying the grading criteria:

Grade	Current Direction of Travel
Poor	Improving

3.3 Anti-social use of motor vehicles

This target area reflects the need to ensure the necessary education and enforcement measures are effectively captured in policing activity. Therefore targets were approved in relation to both education and enforcement.

Measure 1

Increase the numbers of driver referrals to the Driver Improvement Scheme across the Constabulary by 10%.

Comment

The Driver Improvement Scheme is an initiative in which drivers who are reported for Driving Without Due Care and Attention are offered a two-day training course (as an alternative to prosecution), which they have to pay for. They must pass the course in order to avoid prosecution.

Performance Update

The referral figures per Criminal Justice Unit for Apr – September 06 are as follows:

- Workington - 30
- Carlisle - 33
- Barrow - 54
- Kendal (Kendal) - 50

- Kendal (Penrith) - 28

Applying the grading criteria:

Grade	Current Direction of Travel
Poor	Improving

Measure 2

To increase by 5% (669 offences) brought to justice for driving offences in the below table:

Motoring Offences

RETURN OF WRITTEN WARNINGS AND CAUTIONS GIVEN

Force:	Cumbria					
Year:	2006	April to June 2006				
Offence Group	Offence Type	Carlisle	West	Barrow	Kendal	Total
1	Causing death or bodily harm					
2	Dangerous driving					0
3	Driving etc after consuming alcohol or taking drugs		1			1
4 (pt)	Careless driving (excluding use of hand-held mobile phone while driving)		17	1	1	19
4 (pt)	Use of hand-held mobile phone while driving (as from 1 December 2003)				2	2
5	Accident offences				2	2
6	Unauthorised taking or theft of motor vehicle					
7	Driving licence related offences	12	11	13	8	44
9	Vehicle insurance offences	8	4	17	5	34
10	Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	1			2	3
13	Vehicle test offences	10	12	23	12	57
14	Fraud, forgery etc associated with vehicle or driver records					0
15	Vehicle or part in dangerous or defective condition			1	3	4
16	Speed limit offences (including offences involving any camera devices) (1)				10	10
18	Neglect of traffic directions (including offences involving any camera devices) (1)	2		2		4
19	Neglect of pedestrian rights			1		1
20	Obstruction, waiting and parking offences	5			3	8
22	Noise offences					0
24	Offences peculiar to motor cycles	2	2	1		5
TOTAL OFFENCES		40	47	59	48	194

Comment

In the 2005/6 consultation survey the public cited that vehicles being driven in an anti-social manner caused concerns amongst the survey respondents.

Examples included: speeding, driving dangerously, skidding, sounding of horns and loud music.

The categories above were selected using professional judgment, as being representative of driver behaviour that could amount to being 'anti-social'. The list of offences was proposed by the Head of Strategic Planning and the Police Authority lead on Local Priorities before final approval by the Authority.

Performance Update

Applying the grading criteria:

Grade	Direction of Travel
Excellent	Stable

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