



AGENDA ITEM: 12

SUMMARY

Report for:	Housing and Community Overview & Scrutiny
Date of meeting:	23rd November 2016
PART:	1
If Part II, reason:	

Title of report:	Community Safety Partnership report
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Purpose of report:	Monitoring and information
Recommendations	
Corporate objectives:	A clean, safe and enjoyable environment Building strong and vibrant communities Ensuring economic growth and prosperity Delivering an efficient and modern council
Implications:	<u>Financial</u> Within existing budgets
'Value For Money Implications'	<u>Value for Money</u>
Risk Implications	Within existing risk register
Equalities Implications	
Health And Safety Implications	
Consultees:	Hertfordshire Police
Background papers:	

Dacorum Community Safety Partnership

1. Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour Data

- 1.1 Under legislation (Crime & Disorder Act 1998), the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has a responsibility to bring relevant agencies and bodies

together with the aim of reducing Crime, Disorder, Anti-Social Behaviour and the impact of the misuse of drugs and alcohol upon our communities.

- 1.2 In order to facilitate this, each year, a Strategic Assessment of Crime and Disorder is produced for the Borough and from this strategic priorities are agreed.
- 1.3 Data is provided on a monthly basis which informs the monitoring of the below categories.

All Crime
Residential Burglary
Vehicle Crime
Violent Crime
Criminal Damage
Anti-Social Behaviour
Domestic Abuse

- 1.4 Analysis of this enables comparison to be made with the same time period in the previous year so in the table below the period Quarters 1 & 2 of 2016-2017 is compared with the same period in 2015/16.

Table 1

All Crime	Up	14%
Residential Burglary	Up	22%
Vehicle Crime	Up	12%
Violent Crime	Up	18%
Criminal Damage	Up	10%
Anti-Social Behaviour	Up	26%
Domestic Abuse	Up	26%

- 1.5 This is useful to have but on its own does not give a full context of what is happening. So further analysis which breaks the crimes and incidents down to per 1000 of population enables comparison to be made with the other 9 districts/boroughs in Hertfordshire, so that relative performance can be assessed. This is shown below. Position 1 is best in the county with 10 being the poorest performer.

1.6 Table 2

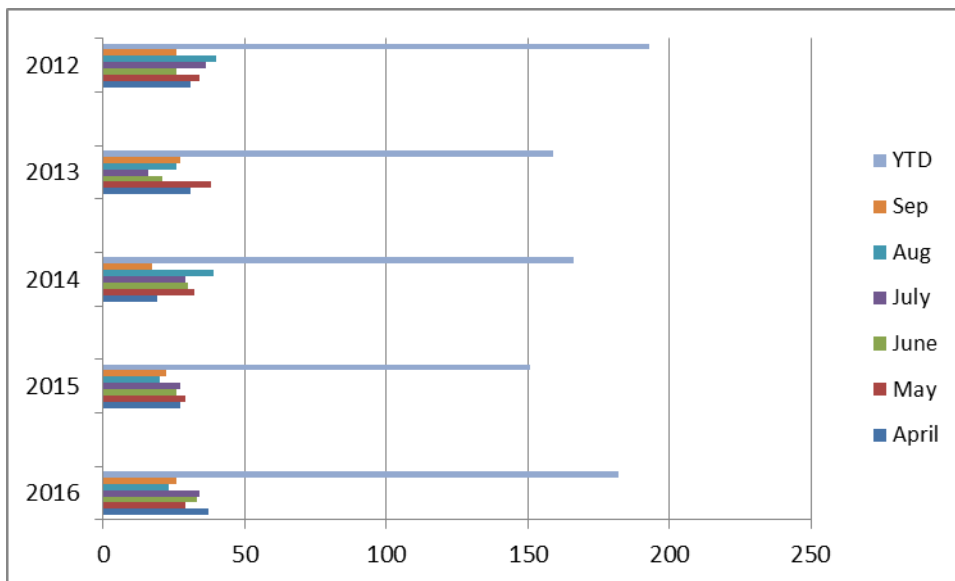
All Crime	5th
Residential Burglary	8th
Vehicle Crime	7th
Violent Crime	5th
Criminal Damage	8th
Anti-Social Behaviour	5th
Domestic Abuse	5th

- 1.7 Where this leads in terms of performance management is to prioritise into which categories targeted activity needs to be directed.
- 1.8 On a basic level then, residential burglary, vehicle crime and criminal damage would appear to be the categories which merit attention as they fall below the 5th position in the county.

- 1.9 However this is based on a dataset of six months comparing one year against the previous year, which in statistical terms is not rigorous.
- 1.10 I have therefore carried out further analysis over the same 6 month period (Qs 1& 2), but now covering the 5 year period 2012-2016.
- 1.11 In statistical analysis if a range of data is + or – 10% outside of the mean (average), then this is considered *statistically significant**. If the data is within that 10% range, then this is considered to be “*expected variation*”
- 1.12 This is illustrated below in a series of charts for residential burglary, vehicle crime and criminal damage.

***Statistically significant** – this means that something external is probably impacting on the figures rather than small changes due to normal expected variation. E.g. the result of an area being targeted by a team of criminals will be likely to push the variation above 10%. Similarly a successful enforcement operation will be likely to reduce the variation to below 10%.

1.13 Chart 1 – Residential Burglary Q1& Q2 2012-2016



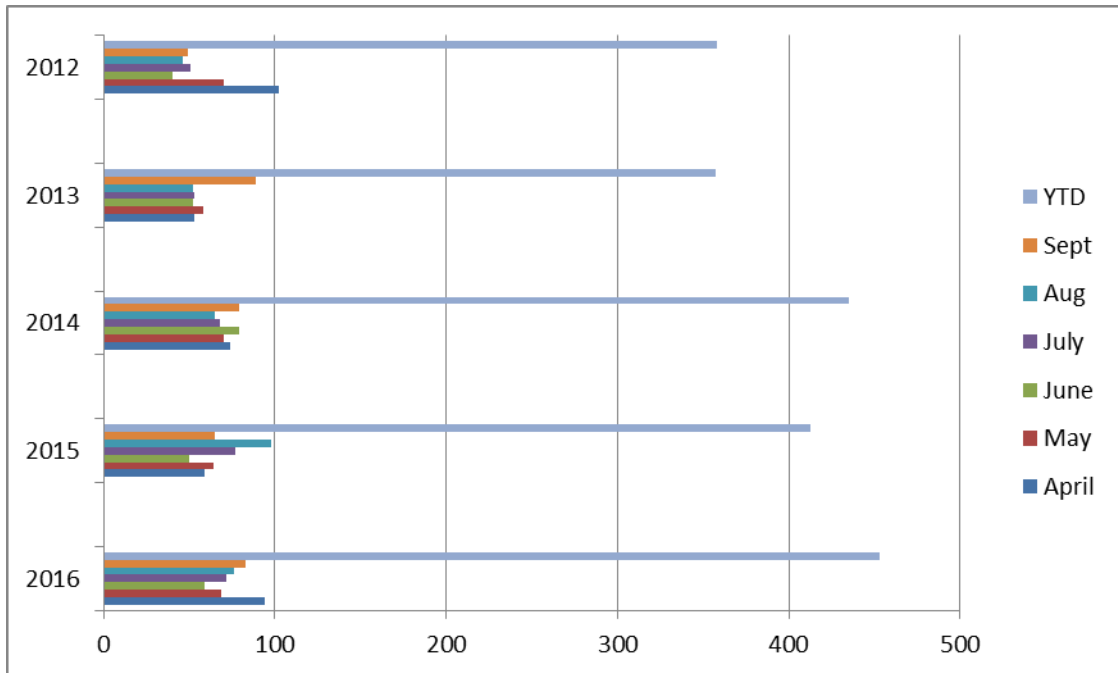
1.14 What does data over a 5 year period tell us?

(YTD = year to date total = Light blue line)

- The average figure (*mean*) for a six month period over the past 5 years is **170 Burglaries** (*an expectation of just under 1 burglary per day*)
- In the current year there have been 182 Burglaries – this is 7% above average
- Whilst concerning that this is a rise above the expected level it is within the 10% deviation that we would expect to see.
- The data is monitored monthly at the Joint Agency Group (JAG) meeting and following analysis of the data appropriate actions are taken by relevant agencies.

1.15 Conclusion – whilst the figure for current Qs 1 & 2 is showing an increase on 2015, it is within expected variation and as such is subject to normal monitoring procedures within the CSP.

1.16 Chart 2 – Vehicle Crime Qs 1 & 2 - 2012-2016



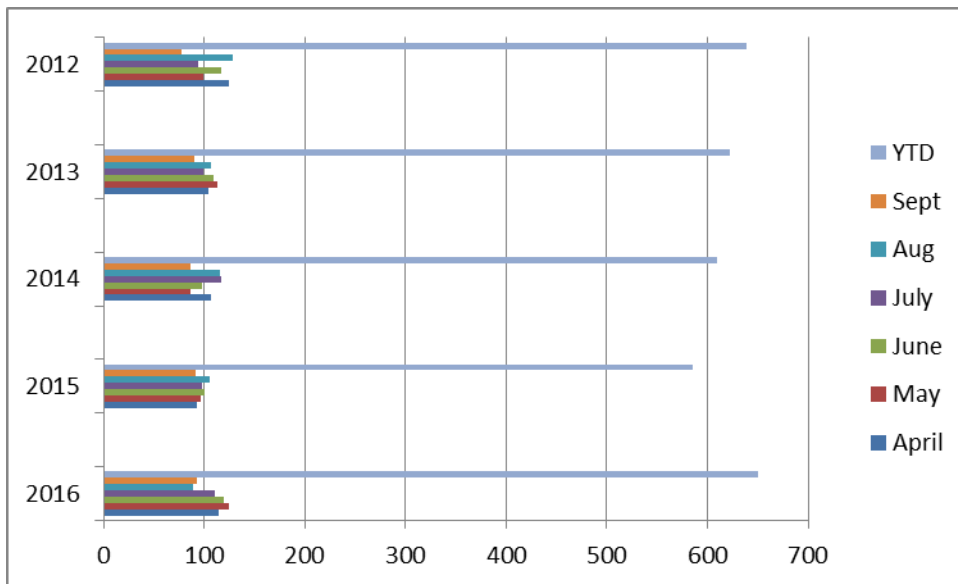
1.17 What does data over a 5 year period tell us?

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- The average figure (*mean*) for a six month period over the past 5 years is **402** vehicle crimes (*an expectation of just over 2 vehicle crime offences per day*)
- In the current year there have been 453 vehicle crimes – this is 12.7% above average
- This is above the expected 10% variation range so indicates that an external influence is impacting upon our vehicle crime rate. As a result of this, focused discussion on this crime type has taken place within the partnership which has established that parts of the Borough (Berkhamsted, Northchurch and Adeyfield) have been targeted by criminals resulting in this rise. Activity across the partnership ranging from use of deployable CCTV cameras, to altered patrol plans for police resources has taken place and the impact of these interventions will be monitored on a monthly basis.

1.18 Conclusion – Analysis indicates that a significant rise has taken place in this crime type which merits targeted activity by the partnership. Data to be monitored and reported upon at each JAG meeting.

1.19 Chart 3 - Criminal Damage – Qs 1 & 2 – 2012 -2016



1.20 What does data over a 5 year period tell us?

(YTD = year to date total = Light blue line)

- The average figure (*mean*) for a six month period over the past 5 years is **621** vehicle crimes (*an expectation of just over 3 criminal damage offences per day*)
- In the current year there have been 650 vehicle crimes – this is 4.6% above average
- This small rise above the mean is within expected levels of deviation of + or –10% however the placing of Dacorum within the county context indicates that our actual levels of this crime type are currently greater than the majority of the other districts in the county.

1.21 Conclusion – This crime type to continue to be monitored at JAG and appropriate partnership activity and responses to be considered in an effort to reduce the rate and improve the County position of Dacorum.