

# CREATING SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES

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Middlesbrough's Crime, Disorder Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2005 – 2008 outlines what the 'Safer Middlesbrough Partnership' intend to do to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and reduce the harm caused by the misuse of drugs and alcohol.

The Partnership's vision is "to harness the energy and expertise of local agencies, from the public, private and voluntary sectors, to develop a safer and stronger community in which residents, families and business can thrive."

Over recent years the Safer Middlesbrough Partnership has made some excellent progress in tackling crime and disorder. During the year 2005/06 significant crime reductions have been achieved when compared to 2001/02. These include: -

- Theft of motor vehicles down by 47% (-1,030),
- Theft from motor vehicles down by 37% (-1,745),
- Burglary dwellings down by 47% (-1,619),
- Personal robbery down by 47% (-319)

Despite these crime reductions, crime increases have been experienced in the number of criminal damage offences, which have risen by 12% (+591) and assaults, which have risen by 192% (+2,125). It is believed that the increase in the number of assaults is largely as a result of a change in the police crime recording standards rather than a significant increase in the levels of violence. This is supported by the fact that during the Middlesbrough town wide survey, which was carried in 2005, 93% of the 6,178 respondents felt that their neighbourhood was safe. During the same survey anti-social behaviour was highlighted as a big problem by 27% of respondents. The primary anti-social behaviour concerns related to young people hanging around on the streets, vandalism, graffiti, other deliberate damage and drug dealing / misuse.

The Middlesbrough town wide survey also highlighted that 17% of respondents felt that drug dealing and drug using was a big problem in the area where they live. The Safer Middlesbrough Partnership aim to continue the work with the Police and Local Authority to disrupt those who

deal in drugs through enforcement operations but in addition to this they will require all agencies to promote treatment services with users and carers with the intention of reducing the number of problematic drug misusers which is a key factor in reducing the levels of illegal drug supply.

Taking these factors into account the current aim of the Safer Middlesbrough Partnership is to maintain the momentum in respect of reducing crime in the categories where we have been successful. In addition we will focus on coordinating all partners who can contribute to achieving a reduction in criminal damage, assault, which includes domestic violence, and anti-social behaviour. Partner agencies will be required to support the Safer Middlesbrough Partnership Action Plans, which are designed to tackle these issues.

To assist in this the Safer Middlesbrough Partnership has identified the following four strategic priorities: -

1. To reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, including domestic violence, domestic burglary, vehicle crime, robbery, and hate crime
2. To reassure the public by reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour
3. To reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs and alcohol, including substantially increasing the number of drug misusing offenders entering into treatment through the criminal justice system
4. To promote community Cohesion and increase voluntary and community engagement, especially amongst those at risk of social exclusion as a means of promoting community safety.

The LAA will enable the Safer Middlesbrough Partnership to achieve these strategic priorities. The outcomes and priorities that have been identified in the LAA reflect a balance between national priorities, LPSA's and the local priorities identified through the Crime and Drugs Audit and through consultation with communities of interest, identity and geography.

To assist in the planning and delivery of the Safer Middlesbrough Partnership priorities the partnership has restructured. The structure is based on three distinct approaches: -

1. Active Intelligence Mapping (AIM), which is a weekly meeting responsible for the deployment of partnership resources to tackle priority problems promptly.
2. Four geographically based Problem Solving Groups meet on a monthly basis and enable partners to provide a joined up approach to tackle priority repeat problems.
3. Strategic theme groups have been formed to tackle town wide approach to specialist themes such as domestic violence, prostitution, race crime and harassment, alcohol, reducing the supply of illegal drugs, reducing crime and reducing anti-social behaviour.

The structure enables the partnership to be more responsive to problems in the short, medium and long term.

## RESPECT AGENDA

Middlesbrough adopts a holistic, problem solving interventionist approach to anti-social behaviour, creatively using the full range of education, prevention, enforcement and rehabilitation tools to bring about community respite and cohesion. Middlesbrough wasted no time in recognising the value of the Respect Agenda in this context. Middlesbrough is committed to delivering on the whole of the Government's Respect Action Plan as we believe it will raise the profile and add cohesion to a variety of activities that are already in place and included in our Local Area Agreement. We have integrated the Respect agenda and Action Plan within the priorities and indicators identified in the Local Area Agreement. For example, for young people, key priorities reflect: improving attendance in schools and reducing bullying and discrimination are key priorities for Supporting Children and Learning as well as a key feature in the Respect Action Plan.

Whilst Middlesbrough intends to deliver the whole of the Respect Agenda we have applied to become a Respect Action Area and have prioritised five areas:

1. Establishing a Family Intervention Project that challenges and changes the behaviour of the most problematic households perpetrating anti-social behaviour
2. Establishing parenting programmes for families at risk of/or behaving anti-socially
3. Increasing the quality and quantity of communication with local people through Face the People sessions
4. Using the full range of available tools and powers to tackling both the causes and symptoms of antisocial behaviour
5. Adopting a Respect Housing Standard by key landlords in the area

## PRIORITIES OUTCOMES

The Mayor's Vision for Middlesbrough the Raising Hope Agenda is built on four pillars - one these pillars is a clean safe environment in which people can go about their business without fear of crime and anti social behaviour. In order to make real progress in making Middlesbrough a safer town the Safer Middlesbrough Partnership has identified the following priority outcomes that it wishes to deliver through the local area agreement.

Ref	Strategic Priority	Priority Outcomes
1	To reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, including domestic violence, domestic burglary, vehicle crime, robbery, and hate crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reduce crime</li> <li>▪ Narrow the gap between the worst performing wards/ neighbourhoods and other areas across the district in terms of over all crime</li> </ul>

Ref	Strategic Priority	Priority Outcomes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reduce incidents of assault</li> <li>▪ Reduce incidents of criminal damage</li> </ul>
2	To reassure the public by reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reassure the public, reducing the fear of crime</li> <li>▪ Build Respect in communities and reduce anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>▪ Reduce arson</li> </ul>
3	To reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs and alcohol, including substantially increasing the number of drug misusing offenders entering into treatment through the criminal justice system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs</li> </ul>
4	To promote community Cohesion and increase voluntary and community engagement, especially amongst those at risk of social exclusion as a means of promoting community safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Crossing cutting theme - being led by VCS</li> </ul>

## **STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

Crossing cutting theme - being led by VCS

To reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, including domestic burglary, vehicle crime, robbery, assault, domestic violence and hate crime									
Outcome	Indicator	Baseline 2005/06	Targets 2006/07	Targets 2007/08	Targets 2008/09	Lead partner	Target Source	Data source	Comments
Reduce Crime	Reduction in overall British Crime Survey recorded crime. Targets must be those as agreed between crime and drugs partnerships and GOs to support delivery of Home Office PSA1.	16,710		13,225		SMP	SMP / PSA	CP	Targets 08/09 onwards are still to be negotiated (PSA 1 target to reduce overall crime by 15% nationally by 2008)
	1. Theft of vehicle	<u>2005/06</u> 1154		1495					
	2. Theft from vehicle	2960		2406					
	3. Vehicle Interference	676		658					
	4. Domestic burglary	1802		1853					
	5. Theft/ unauthorised taking of a cycle	403		317					

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Outcome	Indicator	Baseline 2005/06	Targets 2006/07	Targets 2007/08	Targets 2008/09	Lead partner	Target Source	Data source	Comments
	6. Theft from person	537		494					
	7. Criminal Damage	5588		3726					
	8. Common Assault	976		591					
	9. Wounding	2256		1059					
	10. Personal Robbery	337							
	Robbery (LPSA 2)	779		Without LPSA 605 With LPSA 453					The definition of robberies -states as recorded by Cleveland Police.
	Reduce the proportion of:- a) Adult and young offenders who re-offend. b) Prolific and other priority offenders who re-offend.	To be established  To be established	To be set against baseline To be set against baseline	To be set against baseline To be set against baseline	To be set against baseline To be set against baseline	NOMS  NOMS			Baseline for (a) to be provided by NOMS for Adult & YOS for YP. Data unavailable until 07/08

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	<i>Increase the proportion of PPOs judged as having sustainable and settled accommodation at the end of their contract with probation</i>	<u>Oct 2005 – March 2006</u> 95%	90%	90%	90%	PPO Manager			National baseline is 75%
	<i>Reduce recorded convictions of identified PPOs by a minimum of 15% per annum</i>	Presently being established	Target Crime 20% All Crime 10%	Target Crime 20% All Crime 10%	Target Crime 20% All Crime 10%	PPO Manager			Measured by the length of time on the scheme in comparison to the length of time prior to the scheme
	<i>Reduce the number of first time entrants to the youth justice system</i>	<u>2005/06</u> 375	Reduce by 5% Target - 356	Reduce by 2% Target - 349	Reduce by 2% Target - 342	YOS Manager			

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	<i>Reduce re-offending rates by 5% annually for precourt disposals, first tier penalties, community penalties and custodial sentences</i>	2004 <u>Cohort % Re-offending after 12 months</u> <u>Pre court 27.22%</u> <u>First Tier Penalties 57.89%</u> <u>Community Penalties 70%</u> <u>Custody 72%</u>							
	<i>Reduce the number of young people under the age of 18 years from becoming a Prolific and Priority Offenders.</i>	<u>2004/05</u> 8	4	2	0	YOS Manager			
Reduce overall crime in line with local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership targets and	Reduce the gap between the total PSA crime rate per 1000 population between the NRF areas and all of Middlesbrough						SMP / PSA	SMP	JSU to provide figure - SMP to set targets



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narrow the gap between the worst performing wards/neighbourhoods and other areas across the district	Reduce the gap between the burglary rate per 1000 households between the NRF areas and all of Middlesbrough	<b>2004/05</b> NRF - 56 Mbro - 38 Gap - 18	2005/06 17						JSU to provide figure - SMP to set targets
	Reduce the gap in theft from vehicles per 1000 population between the NRF areas and all of Middlesbrough								JSU to provide figure - SMP to set targets
	Reduce the gap in criminal damage per 1000 population between the NRF areas and all of Middlesbrough								JSU to provide figure - SMP to set targets
Reduce incidents of assault	Reduction in the number of repeat domestic violence incidents								

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	The number of homelessness acceptances resulting from domestic abuse (LPSA 2)	2004/05 114		Without LPSA 141  With LPSA 75					
	Reduce the number of assaults on young people								
	Reduce the number of assaults the town center at night								
Reduce incidents of criminal damage	Reduce the number of deliberate property fires	<u>2003/04</u> 243						Fire brigade data	
	Reduce the number of deliberate vehicle fires (LPSA 2)	<u>2004/05</u> <u>471</u>		<u>Without LPSA</u> <u>403</u> <u>With LPSA</u> <u>289</u>				Fire brigade data	
	Reduce the number of incidents of criminal damage to dwellings								

**To reassure the public by reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour**

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline 2005/06	Targets 2006/07	Targets 2007/08	Targets 2008/10	Lead partner	Target Source	Data source	Comments
Reassure the public, reducing the fear of crime	1. To reduce the number of people who are fairly or very worried of having their home broken into	43%		52%		MBC		MTWS	Targets for 2008/9 onwards are still to be negotiated
	2. To reduce the number of people who are fairly or very worried of having their car stolen	38%		39%					
	3. To reduce the number of people who are fairly or very worried of having things stolen from their car	36%		38%					
	4. To reduce the number of people who are fairly or very worried of being mugged or robbed	39%		37%					
	5. To reduce the fear of females	45%		32%					

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Outcome	Indicator	Baseline 2005/06	Targets 2006/07	Targets 2007/08	Targets 2008/10	Lead partner	Target Source	Data source	Comments
	walking alone at night								
	6. To reduce the fear of males walking alone at night	28%		18%					
	7. To reduce the fear of residents who feel their neighbourhood is unsafe	7%		25%					
	8. To reduce the fear of respondents of an ethnic minority who feel their neighbourhood is unsafe	10%		31%					
	9. To reduce the publics perception that anti-social behaviour is a fairly big or very big problem	27%		23%					

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Outcome	Indicator	Baseline 2005/06	Targets 2006/07	Targets 2007/08	Targets 2008/10	Lead partner	Target Source	Data source	Comments
Build Respect in communities and reduce anti-social behaviour.	Increase in percentage of people who feel informed about what is being done to tackle anti-social behaviour in their local area	Not yet available						BVPI Survey	
	Increased percentage of people who feel that parents in their local area are made to take responsibility for the behaviour of their children	Not yet available						BVPI Survey	Note: Survey only measures whether this is a problem or not
	Increased percentage of people who feel that people in their area treat them with respect and consideration	Not yet available						BVPI Survey	Survey only measures whether this is a problem or not
	Reduce resident's perception of ASB, using the 7 issues stated in the Local Government User satisfaction survey (% who think that							BVPI Survey	

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	issues are a very or fairly big problem)								
	▪ Noisy neighbours or loud parties	26%				SMP	SMP		
	▪ Teenagers hanging around on streets	72%				SMP	SMP		
	▪ Vandalism, graffiti, and other deliberate damage to property	75%				SMP	SMP		
	▪ People using or dealing drugs	70%							
	▪ People being drunk or rowdy in public spaces	59%				SMP	SMP		
	▪ Rubbish or litter lying around	62%				SMP	SMP		
	▪ Abandoned or burnt out cars	32%				SMP	SMP		

To reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs and alcohol, including substantially increasing the number of drug misusing offenders entering into treatment through the criminal justice system									
Outcome	Indicator	Baseline 2005/06	Targets 2006/07	Targets 2007/08	Targets 2008/09	Lead partner	Target Source	Data source	Comments
Reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs	1. Reduce public perception of local residents who feel drug dealing is a fairly or very big problem	17%		15%		SMP	SMP	MTWS	
	2. Reduce public perception of local residents who feel people taking drugs is a fairly or very big problem	17%		15%					
	3. Increase the number of drug users in treatment	<u>2004/05</u> 1109		1248					
	4. Increase the number of clients in drug treatment who come via the criminal justice system	<u>2004/05</u> XXX		355					
	5. Increase in the proportion of illegal drug users remaining in treatment for 12 weeks or more	<u>2004/05</u> 27%		63%					

**Abbreviations**

- SMP Safer Middlesbrough Partnership
- PSA Public Service Agreement Target
- CP Cleveland Police
- NOMS National Offender Management Service
- PPO Prolific and Other Priority Scheme
- MTWS Middlesbrough Town Wide Survey
- MBC Middlesbrough Borough Council
- BVPI Best Value Performance Indicator
- CFB Cleveland Fire Brigade

**PERFORMANCE REWARD ELEMENT (STRETCHED PERFORMANCE)**

The following indicators are being proposed for stretched performance. Targets to be negotiated

Indicator	Reason/justification for stretch	Lead partner	Comments
Criminal Damage			
Theft From motor vehicles			
Assaults			

**FUNDING STREAM INFORMATION**

Automatically Pooled Funding			
Funding stream	07/08	08/09	09/10
Neighbourhood Renewal Fund			
Safer and Stronger Communities Grant –			



<b>Automatically Pooled Funding</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Safer Communities which includes the Anti-Social Behaviour Grant</li> <li>• Drugs Strategy Partnership Support Grant</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Element</li> <li>• Community Empowerment</li> </ul>	Yet to be allocated	Yet to be allocated	Yet to be allocated
	Yet to be allocated £1,032,000	Yet to be allocated £825,600	Yet to be allocated £516,000
Cleaner, Safer, Greener Element (Liveability Funding)			
Home Fire Risk Check Initiative ( <i>note: Cleveland Fire &amp; Rescue not aware that this fund will be pooled</i> )			

<b>Additional Pooled Funding</b>			
<b>Funding stream</b>	<b>07/08</b>	<b>08/09</b>	<b>09/10</b>
None to be pooled			

<b>Aligned Funding</b>			
<b>Funding stream</b>	<b>07/08</b>	<b>08/09</b>	<b>09/10</b>
BCU	Yet to be allocated	Yet to be allocated	Yet to be allocated
Domestic Violence Fund	Yet to be allocated	Yet to be allocated	Yet to be allocated
Neighbourhood Policing			
Community Safety			
Pooled Treatment Budget			
YPSMG			
DIP			

## **ENABLING MEASURES**

- Ability to remove the capital requirement of the Building Safer Communities Fund