



## **Cabinet Member Report for Community Safety**

**Northampton Borough Council**

**Monday 8 June 2015**

2014/15 has seen a varied performance between crime types. There has been a notable reduction in Serious Acquisitive Crime of 13.1% (-387 crimes). This saw good reductions in all four crime types within this area, and particularly domestic burglary, which saw a reduction of 16.9% (-197 crimes). Overall violence has been a performance issue during the year, seeing a significant increase of 59.7%. However, changes in recording practices nationally have impacted upon this, and in turn on figures for all crime. Perception of Anti-Social Behaviour has improved during the year, with 3 out of 5 targets being exceeded. There have been reductions in reports of anti-social behaviour from all sectors within Northampton, with an overall reduction of 2.8% (-429 incidents)

The 5 planned Partnership Weeks of Action for 2015 were completed in March at Spring Boroughs. The Weeks of Action provided excellent community engagement opportunities for all partners and resulted in key face to face communication with over 1,400 residents. This approach will continue into 2015, with 4 areas identified.

New Anti-Social Behaviour legislation came into force in October 2014 providing new/additional powers. Officers are working closely with partners to ensure the best use of the powers, and ASB meetings have been reviewed and updated to ensure a positive response to this new legislation.

### **Forums**

Youth – have successfully completed a workshop on Illegal Money Lending with Trading Standards and will feedback the information to the schools they attend.

LGBTQ – Recently were involved the IDAHOT 1 minutes Noise to stand up against homophobia, transphobia and biphobia at The Guildhall supported by Stonewall and the Fire Service.

Other forums are still to meet and I will report back next time.

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