



Foreword

Dear Colleagues,

I am proud, as Chairman of the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership, to introduce our third Community Safety Strategy for West Lancashire.



The last 3 years has seen significant reductions in levels of recorded crime and almost uniquely an improvement public confidence regarding fear of crime. In short, West Lancashire is a safer place to live and people actually feel safer. This is not in any way however neither to become complacent, nor to diminish the significant challenges which face us in the years ahead.

West Lancashire enjoys a diverse range of local communities and the challenge for our Partnership will be continuing to shape itself to meeting those needs. Local communities and the voluntary sector will play an important role in achieving future success.

We have continued to place Anti-Social Behaviour at the forefront of our actions and our multi-agency approach to problem solving has realised even greater successes, supported by additional police resources on the streets and stronger links between agencies and local people.

Community confidence has never been higher and the increasing commitment from partner agencies such as the District Council and Lancashire Constabulary has been significant over the last 3 years.

Reducing Crime and Disorder is the foremost priority for all communities and provides the foundation to success and investment in our society.

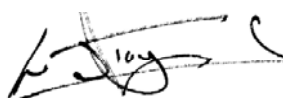
Our Partnership has achieved national recognition for its work on Anti-Social Behaviour and its innovation in rolling out the microwave CCTV system to many parts of the district.

Over the last 3 years we have seen a number of important successes: -

- We have reduced crime across the board
- Reduced the fear of crime (this is against the national trend which is rising)
- Created our state of the art Multi-Agency Problem Solving Team office
- Rolled out microwave CCTV to many parts of the District
- Launched Community Beat managers and Police Community Support Officers on the streets of West Lancashire to engage with local people
- Continued to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour by developing preventative actions and firm enforcement
- Reduced domestic burglary to the lowest in Lancashire
- Increased community confidence in how the District Council and Lancashire Constabulary tackle crime and disorder.
- Delivered a wide range of positive interventions particularly aimed at young people

The challenge from central government will be to deliver even Safer and Stronger Communities over the next 3 years and I can assure you of my personal commitment to making an even greater success of our previous achievements.

May I take this opportunity to thank my colleagues from contributory agencies for their energies and professional commitment to making West Lancashire an even safer place to live, work and visit.



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Background

The West Lancashire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, usually referred to as the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership, is one of 8 Thematic groups within the West Lancashire Local Strategic Partnership.

Members of the Community Safety Partnership have devised, developed and together will deliver this Community Safety Strategy 2005-2008 for West Lancashire.

Within the Community Safety Partnership there are 5 Principal Partners, known as responsible authorities, who have specific duties to deliver community safety.

- West Lancashire District Council
- Lancashire Constabulary
- Lancashire County Council
- Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
- West Lancashire Primary Care Trust.

The current list of Partnership members is included in this document and continues to expand to reflect and respond to the needs of the community they serve.

Above all, the Partnership must seek balanced solutions to our local issues and provide short and long-term action plans to successfully engage our communities in securing sustainable solutions.

This West Lancashire Crime and Disorder Strategy 2005-2008 highlights the strategic priorities for tackling Community Safety, locally, for the next 3 years.

It has been formulated from a combination of approaches:

- Findings from the 2004 Community Safety Audit
- Public Consultation exercises and contributions from Community Organisations.
- Home Office Guidance with national and regional priorities.

In addition to agency-recorded crime data, this approach is intended to present a balanced picture of community based perceptions and expectations for West Lancashire.

Our crime and disorder audit and consultation exercises have identified emerging Strategic Themes upon which we can frame our future response and determine our priorities.

This Strategy highlights those strategic themes, with key actions, targets and named agencies who will take a lead role in developing and delivering solutions.

Contributions from community representatives and the voluntary sector across West Lancashire will be a key factor in making sure our actions are focussed and effective.

Strategic Themes

- **Fire Safety**
- **Abandoned Vehicles**
- **Quality of Life**
- **Community Cohesion**
- **Road Safety**
- **Public Transport**
- **Young People**
- **Drugs**
- **Alcohol**
- **Anti-Social Behaviour**
- **Underpasses**
- **Motor Cycle Nuisance**
- **Reduction of Re-Offending**
- **Domestic Violence**
- **Criminal Damage**
- **Violent Crime**
- **Vehicle Crime**
- **Domestic Burglary**
- **Cross Border Crime**
- **Business Crime**
- **Communication**
- **Consultation and Engagement**
- **Multi-Agency Problem Solving**
- **Strategic Review Group**
- **Partnership Structure**

Framework for Delivery

The West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership is committed to multi-agency problem solving and delivering balanced and comprehensive solutions to tackling crime and disorder.

Over previous years we have invested significantly in providing a sound foundation to enable us to deliver sustainable community safety improvements.

These key operational initiatives are embedded across all our strategic aims and objectives and form the toolkit for our success.

- **Community Beat Managers and Police Community Support Officers**

Community engagement and understanding local issues provides the platform for our partnership working. Providing the community with identifiable police resources providing re-assurance and 'on the street contact,' highlighted in our consultation exercises to be the most valued by the community and the hub of our actions against crime and disorder. West Lancashire District Council has supported the police to put even more community support officers on our streets.

- **CCTV Scheme**

Our extended microwave CCTV scheme has been introduced to a range of environments across the district, not only for evidence gathering but also importantly for enhancing community confidence and reducing the fear of crime in our communities.

There are now 37 additional cameras providing a key tool for tackling localised crime and disorder for issues ranging from crimes against a person to fly tipping and arson.

- **Multi-Agency Problem Solving Team**

The West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership is committed to supporting the multi-agency problem solving team, comprising key officers from partner agencies working together to tackle crime and disorder as a combined resource.

This 'joined-up' team approach is fundamental to the successful delivery of our strategic objectives and forms the key driver in achieving targets and building closer relationships between agencies and the community.

- **Anti-Social Behaviour Team**

Findings from the Community Safety Audit reveal the increasing trend of anti-social disorder and the communities increasing lack of tolerance towards sub-criminal activities.

Tackling anti-social behaviour and its impact on the communities' quality of life is a key priority for the Partnership and our previous success forms the basis for our continued efforts in meeting the communities' aspirations.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Team plays a crucial role within the Multi-Agency Problem Solving Team in raising the quality of life and minimising the fear of crime for many of our residents and visitors.

- **Strategic Review Group**

As a result of the review process the need has been recognised to strengthen links between the Partnership and the activities of the many and diverse community organisations within West Lancashire.

The Strategic Review Group will seek to add value to the work of the Partnership and increase community engagement.

This Group principally comprises of Lead Officers from Partner agencies. Its purpose is to develop, co-ordinate, monitor and evaluate actions in delivering our strategic objectives, and provide advice to the Community Safety Partnership in determining its priorities.



Cross Cutting Themes

There are several cross cutting initiatives which the Partnership must support as a Home Office requirement. These themes are not treated separately but are embraced within our local priorities and service delivery and are reflected in our strategic objectives.

Safer and Stronger Communities Fund

Central Government is committed to 'Local Area Agreements' lasting 3 years between 2005 and 2008, which will require a significant shift in the way central and local government relate to each other and to other local partners. There are proposals to: -

- Develop and deliver a range of locally agreed outcomes
- Bring together and simplify funding streams
- Devolve decision making and reduce bureaucracy
- Join up public services

The Safer and Stronger Communities Fund is a merger of government funding from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Home Office which share closely related objectives aimed at tackling crime, reducing the harm caused by illegal drugs, addressing anti-social behaviour, and improving the poor condition of streets and other public spaces.

In addition the initiative will support an increase in the capacity of local communities and the Voluntary and Community Sector so that they are empowered to participate in local decision making and are able to influence and deliver services and help build more cohesive communities.

The agreements covering the period 2005-2008 set out: -

- The national and local outcomes which are to be achieved for that area
- The performance targets that will be used to track progress
- Performance milestones
- Responsibilities of individual partners for delivery of outcomes
- A statement of how the funding is to be distributed amongst partners

There are 4 national outcomes to be achieved: -

- To reduce crime, to reassure the public by reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour and to reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs.
- To have cleaner, safer and greener public spaces.
- To increase the capacity of local communities so that people are empowered to participate in local decision-making and are able to influence service delivery.
- To improve the quality of life for people in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods and ensure service providers are more responsive to neighbourhood needs and improve their delivery.

Public Service Agreement Targets

Following the publication of the Home Office's 5 year strategic plan, 7 new public service agreement targets have been set of which 5 apply to Crime and Disorder Partnerships.

- **PSA1** – to reduce crime by 15% by 2008 as measured by the British Crime Survey (West Lancashire has offered an uplift on this minimum and projects we will reduce crime by 18.5% by 2008)
- **PSA2** – to reassure the public, reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour and building confidence in the Criminal Justice System without compromising fairness.
- **PSA3** – to bring 25 million offences to justice in 2007/2008
- **PSA4** – to reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs including substantially increasing the number of drug misusing offenders entering treatment through the Criminal Justice System
- **PSA6** – To increase voluntary and community engagement, especially amongst those at risk of social inclusion.

The delivery of these new targets is strongly linked to the Safer and Stronger Communities agenda. Central government will be working with our partnership to determine how they can best support local delivery of PSA2, 3,4 and 6 targets. For PSA 4 the target is built around key performance indicators in the National Drugs Strategy Framework.

Prolific and other Priority Offender Strategy

The Prolific and other Priority Offender Strategy is a single coherent initiative in 3 complimentary strands to reduce crime by targeting those who offend most or otherwise cause most harm to their communities.

The 3 strands are

- **Prevent and Deter** – to stop people (especially young people) entering the pool of prolific offenders, particularly by reducing re-offending and reducing the number of young people who become involved in crime.
- **Catch and Convict** – actively tackling those who are already prolific offenders.
- **Rehabilitate and Resettle** – working to increase the number of such offenders who stop offending by offering a range of supportive interventions.

In West Lancashire, the different strands are managed together to promote the most appropriate course of action for each named prolific and other priority offender.



There are separate multi-agency management groups for young persons and adults, and individual action plans devised for each targeted individual. There are currently 15 individuals on our scheme of which 4 are young people.

Individuals are targeted based on intelligence and evidence and receive priority treatment by individual agencies to fast track actions.

Every Child Matters

The West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership supports the Every Child Matters outcomes framework, which includes: -

- Be Healthy
- Stay Safe
- Enjoy and Achieve
- Make a Positive Contribution
- Achieve economic well-being

There are 26 PSA targets in total and 13 key indicators.

Partnership Members

West Lancashire District Council

Crown Prosecution Service

Skelmersdale Partnership

West Lancashire Women's Refuge

Lancashire Constabulary

South West Lancashire Magistrates

Lancashire County Council

**West Lancashire Neighbourhood
Watch**

Group Intervention Panel

West Lancashire Victim Support

**Chorley and West Lancashire
Youth Justice Team**

**West Lancashire Council for Voluntary
Services**

Crimestoppers

Lancashire Police Authority

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

West Lancashire Economic Forum

Lancashire Youth Offending Team

**West Lancashire Area Committee
of Parish and Town Councils**

National Probation Service

**West Lancashire Member of
Parliament**

Public Transport Service Providers

**West Lancashire Primary Care
Trust**

Remploy Managed Services



Summary of Crime and Disorder Audit 2004

West Lancashire remains one of the safest districts in the country to live, work and visit.

Findings from our 2004 audit have been used by the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership to shape our strategic priorities.

We have seen a growth in recorded incidents of harassment to the police, which may be reflected in our positive actions in encouraging members of the community to report incidents and the work of the extended police family of Community Beat Managers and Community Support officers.

For the period 2003/4 there was a 2% decrease in reported criminality in West Lancashire compared to increases in neighbouring districts of South Ribble and Chorley. A contributory factor relating to harassment, violent and sexual offences have been the introduction of a revised reporting counting procedure, which has reclassified crimes.

The top 13% most prolific offenders in West Lancashire were responsible for about 40% of detected crimes.

Property crime has decreased, particularly domestic burglary which is at its lowest for a number of years in West Lancashire. Acquisitive crime continues to support the drugs market and represents over 50% of recorded crime.

Incidents of harassment are higher than previously recorded linked to our positive actions in tackling anti-social behaviour and decreasing tolerance of domestic violence.

Recorded domestic violence incidents have reduced over the last 3 years and remain below the county average but research indicates only 20% of incidents are reported to the police.

Criminal damage offences continue to increase, particularly in Skelmersdale. Violent offences remain largely committed by known offenders and generally can be associated with excessive alcohol and domestic situations.

Incidents of juvenile nuisance and anti-social behaviour remain the highest category for reporting and we have seen increased reporting of motorcycle nuisance in the Skelmersdale area. Young people are also the largest victim group of crime and are often under represented within the community.

Cross border crime continues to be of concern, especially relating to burglary, targeting vehicles, car crime offences and drug dealing. Detection rates have improved for these offences.



Road safety is emerging as an increasingly important issue within communities. Incidents of anti-social behaviour associated with Underpasses have been recognised as significant in the Skelmersdale area.

Offences, which occur on train lines and at stations, have decreased by 25% over the last 3 years.

Merseyside remains the main source of supply for drugs with commuter style dealers entering the district on a daily basis. The primary drug in Skelmersdale is cocaine with associated use of heroin. Drug users continue to fund their habit via shoplifting both in and out of the district.

Whilst recorded incidents of distraction burglary are low these incidents are estimated to be dramatically under reported for other social reasons.

The work of the Anti-Social Behaviour Team and Multi-Agency Problem Solving Team in West Lancashire continues to produce preventative, diversionary and punitive solutions for offenders and have achieved national recognition for their approach.

Fear of crime remains an issue when measured against community perceptions even though recorded crime levels are low. CCTV, Community Policing and our Multi-Agency Problem Solving approach are key resources in developing sustainable solutions.

The volume of deliberate secondary fires, whilst above the county average, is decreasing year on year.

Malicious false alarms to the Fire and Rescue Service have been decreasing over the last 3 years and are consistently below the county average.

West Lancashire had the third lowest percentage of Lancashire's drug misusing population, but the joint lowest proportion of people in treatment within the district at 0.12%.

In the period April 2003 to March 2004 7% of violent crimes took place in a licensed premises. However, none of the wards are above the Lancashire average for disturbances in a licensed premise.

Community perceptions are very important.

In a Peoples Panel survey undertaken in Autumn 2003 over 66% of the panel agreed that West Lancashire is a safe and secure place to live and work.

Over 76% agreed that by investing in community safety the Council contributes to improving the quality of life of West Lancashire residents. Only 2.5% had the opposite viewpoint.

Nearly 90% of panel members agreed with the statement "I am keen for community groups to work more closely with the Council and its partners to tackle crime and disorder locally"



Strategic Themes and Objectives

Strategic Theme

FIRE SAFETY

Aim

To reduce fire safety crime in West Lancashire and to promote fire safety awareness.

What have we achieved so far?

The appointment of a multi-agency funded Fire Education Officer

The Fire Education Officer has provided educational information for all aspects of fire safety to over 15,000 students (both at Primary & Secondary education levels) over the reporting period April 2001 to March 2005.

Promotion of the personal and social development of students in relation to fire related matters, including Home Fire Safety.

Over the same reporting period Operational Fire Crews completed in excess of 900 school visits to deliver the 'Childsafe' education package, which raises awareness of fire related matters to all Year 2 and Year 6 students on an annual basis.

The completion over 1300 free Home Fire Safety checks in the reporting period April '03 – March '05.

A 'Bonfire Initiative' protocol has been developed, in joint partnership between WLDC & LFRS, to remove fly-tipped bonfire material up to and following Bonfire Night.

The number of deliberate secondary fires (rubbish, grass, bonfires etc) shows a year on year reduction in the period April '01 – March '04, for the West Lancashire District.

The number of deliberate building fires shows a downward trend in the period April '01 – March '05.

Delivery of practical fire extinguisher training to 75 students with known fire setting tendencies.

Implemented reporting protocols for deliberate vehicle fires.

Fitted security and deterrent measures in locations identified as 'hotspots' for the deliberate fire setting of vehicles.

The number of malicious fire calls shows a downward trend for April '01 –

March '05.

What do we know about Fire Safety?

The majority of fire deaths and fire injuries occur within the home.

The numbers of accidental dwelling fires within the District are stable and show a slight downward trend.

The cost of a fire death to society is estimated at over £1,000,000.

The cost of a fire injury to society is estimated at £127,000.

The number of deliberate secondary fires, although decreasing in West Lancashire, is still above the Lancashire average.

Deliberate secondary fires are the most prolific of all fires reported to the Fire Service in the West Lancashire District, accounting for 64% of all fires reported in the period April '01 – March '05.

67% of deliberate secondary fires, identified by LFRS between April '03 – March '04, were set by a youth (aged 10 –17)

Whilst the numbers of this type of incident fell below the Lancashire average in all three reporting periods, April '01 – March '04, the economic cost of this type of incident to the District and society within the District continues to rise.

The poorest performing wards in the West Lancashire District Council Area for this type of incident, in the reporting periods April '01 – March '04, were Birch Green, Digmoor, Skelmersdale North and Tanhouse, all four of which were placed in the category of the top 20% of wards for Lancashire activity for this type of incident.

The average cost of building fires for the reporting period April '01 – March '02 was as follows:

Domestic property £21,500
Commercial property £63,600
Public sector £44,300

The total cost of building fires in the West Lancashire District Council area over the reporting period April '01 – March '02 was £7,070,200.

Deliberate Vehicle Fire incidents in the West Lancashire District Council Area are above the Lancashire average.

The trend for this type of incident is rising

The average cost for vehicle fires in the reporting period April '01 – March '02 was £4,160. A year on year rise of 4% would put the average cost at £4,589 in the reporting period April '04 – March '05.

The total cost of deliberate vehicle fires to society within the District for the period April '01 – March '02 was £619,840.

The subsequent increase to cost results in a total of £738,825 for the period March '04 – April '05.

A large percentage of the vehicles deliberately set on fire in West Lancashire are stolen from neighbouring districts.

The majority of malicious fire calls to LFRS can be ascribed to youths aged 10 – 17

The highest number of malicious calls in the West Lancashire District area for this type of incident, in the reporting period April '01 – March '04 were Digmaor, Tanhouse and Skelmersdale South.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Provide educational support to schools and the wider community.

Provide a free Home Fire Safety check for every home within West Lancashire

Improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the community.

Develop further the joint partner 'Bonfire Initiative' protocol.

Seek to reduce fly tipping in partnership with West Lancashire District Council.

Reduce underage sales of fireworks.

Continue to review the locations of the official bonfire sites to establish viability.

Improve physical security of premises.

Maintain detection activities and encourage prosecution of offenders.

Seek to reduce the numbers of vehicles stolen from neighbouring districts and driven into West Lancashire.

Remove abandoned vehicles as soon as is legally possible.

Continue to monitor locations identified as 'hotspots' for deliberate vehicle fire setting.

Targets - What do we want to achieve?

Reduce the numbers of accidental dwelling fires by 18% from a baseline figure of 103 at March '05 by March '08.

Provide awareness of Home Fire Safety for every citizen living in the West Lancs District Council Area.

Reduce the numbers of deliberate secondary fires by 5%, from a baseline figure of 556 at March '05, by March '08.

Reduce the numbers of bonfire incidents by 5%, from a baseline figure of 97 at November '04 by November '07.

Reduce the number of official bonfire sites by 2 before November 2006

Reduce the numbers of deliberate building fires by 8% from a baseline figure of 41 at March '05 by March '08.

Increase awareness of deliberate fire setting and arson amongst children and the wider community.

Improve our employment environment by reducing fire damage to local businesses.

Reduce the numbers of deliberate vehicle fires by 4% from a baseline figure of 161 at March '05 by March '08.

Increase awareness of deliberate fire setting and arson amongst children and the wider community.

Reduce the numbers of malicious fire calls by 5% from a baseline figure of 59 at March '05 by March '08.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Promote and support 'fire education' as provided by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.

Promote the freephone 0800 1691125-fire safety advice line.

Promote the free Home Fire Safety Check

Provide and fit free smoke detectors in domestic property where appropriate.

Maintain the multi-agency 'Bonfire Initiative Strategy' between West Lancashire District Council, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Lancashire Police.

Review and publish a list of approved Bonfire Sites, together with 'Bonfire Initiative' information.

Support the carrying out of 'Environmental Audits' in problem areas, in partnership with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, the Police and West Lancashire District Council.

Support firework sales and use laws.

Ensure multi-agency commitment to reduce the problem as part of anti-social behaviour strategies.

Engage local Communities in our actions.

Continue to promote the FACE (Fire Awareness Child Education) Programme throughout the West Lancashire District Council area.

Deliver the Arson Programme to all persons referred by the Police and Youth Offending Team.

Continue to deliver interventions such as the practical fire extinguisher training held at the Fire Service Training Centre.

Contribute towards summer recreational activity programmes that aim to promote communication skills and reduce deliberate fire setting tendencies.

Utilise Mobile CCTV surveillance.

Encourage and support security and deterrent measures in locations identified as 'hotspots' for deliberate vehicle fire setting.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agencies:

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
West Lancashire District Council
Lancashire County Council
Lancashire Constabulary
Multi-agency Problem Solving Team
Voluntary Sector and Community Organisations

Strategic Theme : Abandoned Vehicles

Aim

To reduce the number of abandoned vehicles in the community.

What have we achieved so far?

Increased District Council resources for the issuing of abandoned vehicle notices.

Improved communication links with Police for data collection on abandoned vehicles.

Implemented a partnership arrangement with a vehicle recovery company.

Ensured that vehicle disposal contractor is compliant with the end of vehicle life regulations.

What do we know about Abandoned Vehicles?

In West Lancashire, there were 432 reports of abandoned vehicles. (April 2003 - March 2004) 284 notices were served and 149 vehicles scrapped at a cost of £40 per vehicle.

Abandoned vehicles weaken the communities' confidence in their neighbourhood, and have a negative effect on the quality of the local environment.

Abandoned vehicles often contain hazardous waste materials and need to be disposed of correctly.

Abandoning a vehicle is a serious offence and carries a maximum £2,500 fine or three months in prison. Since January 2004, Magistrates have also been able to disqualify from driving for any period people convicted of abandoning a vehicle.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Improve the response time for issuing a notice on a reported abandoned vehicle and accelerate the removal process.

Identify hot spots for abandoning vehicles.

Support Lancashire Fire Authority and their Community Safety project ' Making Moorside Safer' which aims to quickly identify potential fire hazards within Skelmersdale through partnership work with local schools and communities.

Utilise portable CCTV equipment to assist enforcement.

Implement the Department of Transport & Local Region's recommendations on 'abandoned cars'.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Reduce the current vehicle removal time of 48 hours to less than 40.

Establish a direct link to the DVLA database by December 2005.

Purchase a portable CCTV unit by May 2005.

To identify a baseline figure for the speed at which abandoned vehicles are identified within Skelmersdale by March 2006 and increase this figure by 5% year on year until 2008.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Develop closer partnership working with vehicle recovery contractors.

Underpasses and 'hotspot' area to be target-hardened against vehicle dumping.

Utilise portable CCTV in hotspot areas.

Continue to post advisory leaflets on all windscreens within sight of burnt-out vehicles – which include the Arson Hotline number.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

West Lancashire District Council

Lancashire Fire and Rescue

Lancashire Constabulary

MAPS Team

DVLA

Community Groups

Strategic Theme : Quality of Life

Aim

To reduce the incidences of litter, fly tipping and graffiti across the district.

Include “ Safety by Design” element in all environmental improvement schemes & ensure that the design of new development minimizes the risk of crime and the fear of crime.

What have we achieved so far?

Recruited 2 Street Scene Officers to patrol the district and respond to complaints of fly tipping and littering.

Issued over 30 fixed penalty notices in the past 12 month period for fly-tipping and littering

Co-ordinated the initiative scheme with Police Community Support Officers

Established 8 litter free zones.

Publicised the crime of littering and fly tipping extensively.

Implemented the DEFRA fly capture database to enable the number of fly tips and locations to be recorded.

Provided suitably trained and equipped graffiti removal team.

Included environmental considerations in the Draft Replacement Local Plan

Produced a ‘Designing Out Crime’ leaflet

What do we know about Quality of Life?

Litter impacts negatively on the communities’ quality of life.

Speedy removal of rubbish reduces the visual and environmental impact upon the area.

Graffiti has a detrimental impact upon residents with regards to feeling safe within their environment.

Careful design can significantly reduce risk and fear of crime.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Continue to develop Street Scene initiative and pursue enforcement for offenders.

Seek funding for portable CCTV.

Continue to use development control, grant aid and advice to improve the safety of new development in line with planning policies.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Issue fixed penalty notices in all appropriate cases.

Seek 3 prosecutions each year for fly-tipping/litter.

Purchase a portable CCTV unit by June 2005.

Conduct 5 talks per year in schools or community groups and undertake 5 initiatives with schools in relation to litter.

Reduce the number of fly tip occurrences within the Skelmersdale area following a review of the 2004/05 'fly capture' data by 10%

Reduce collection response time to 1.1 days by 2006.

Remove graffiti within a 5-day period from the authorisation of the request.

Ensure liaison with Crime Prevention staff on 100% of new major environmental improvement projects.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Conduct talks to Schools or Community Groups

Maintain Uniformed daily patrol operating across the district.

Seek funding for two additional street scene officers.

Maintain the free bulky household waste service to all residents.

Improve awareness of the graffiti removal service through partner agencies.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

West Lancashire District Council
Lancashire Constabulary

Strategic Theme : Quality of Life

Aim

To improve the quality of life for residents and visitors to West Lancashire

What have we achieved so far?

We have worked to protect the health, safety and welfare of people working in West Lancashire.

We have improved the health of the West Lancashire community by education and promoting & improving their well being.

Responded to around 1,500 complaints concerning Environmental Pollution and Public Health each year and provided responses to around 400 general enquiries per year.

Delivered the Lancashire Healthy Schools Programme.

Young people absent from school means they are potentially vulnerable to becoming involved in crime or anti-social behaviour.

What do we know about Quality of Life?

People's health has a direct impact on community confidence and well-being.

People's health and quality of life is protected and improved by education and promoting & improving their well-being.

Environmental issues significantly affect people's behaviour and quality of life.

Many young people are unaware that they have experienced a crime or that they can make a complaint and be offered support.

Young People are regular victims of crime.

Objectives - What are we going to do?

Carry out an Annual Food Hygiene Inspection Programme.

Continue to respond to complaints and enquiries within 3 days and within 1 day for emergency incidents such as blocked drains.

Raise educational achievement by promoting a positive teaching, learning and listening environment, where pupils feel happy and valued.

Improve health by equipping pupils with the skills, attitudes and the confidence to make an informed decision about their health.

To enable young people, who are victims of crime to identify, acknowledge report it and then receive support to deal with it.

Map the provision that is presently available for young people who are victims and identify any duplication or gaps.

Conduct a publicity campaign aimed at young people about what a victim is and how to report a crime and receive support.

Increase the support services that are available to young people by other young people.

To improve attendance across the district and support young people and their families to take more responsibility for education.

Deliver HOT SPOT weeks – an initiative involving Education Welfare visiting a school and every child who is absent on the chosen day will receive a visit at home from an Education Welfare officer.

Deliver truancy sweeps.

Prosecute for non-school attendance.

Offer parenting sessions.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

An inspection rate of 97% for all food premises in the district which are due for inspection in 2005/2006, with a view to achieving 100% inspection rate by 2006 /2007.

Develop and implement the third year of the Service's "Three Year Theme" relating to "Accident Prevention", by 1 April 2006.

Respond to 100% of environmental related complaints within 3 days and to 90% of urgent complaints within 1 day.

By July 2005 to have completed a mapped exercise for young people who are victims.

By September 2005 produce a strategy appropriate for young people to help them identify crime and report it.

By March 2006 to have increased the number of support services available to young people by young people within the district by 3.

Increase the reporting of crimes against young people by 5% by March 2006 from recording baseline.

Deliver 2 truancy sweeps per year across the district.

Organise and deliver 8 hot spot weeks during the year.

Provide 3 parenting courses during the year.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Develop, implement and monitor an Annual Food Safety Service Plan, in line with Food Standards Agency requirements.

Develop, implement and monitor an Annual Health Promotion Service Work programme.

Work with the community and schools to maximise the involvement of young people in the planning and delivery of services via Lancashire Healthy Schools Programme.

From the mapping activity identify support services that can be expanded or created that will increase the number of services delivered by young people to young people.

Timetable the truancy sweeps and hot spot weeks into work programmes.

Work within the parenting steering group to plan, deliver and evaluate the parenting sessions.

Work within the procedures to prosecute for non-attendance.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

West Lancashire District Council
West Lancashire Primary Care Trust
Schools
Connexions Service
Education Welfare
Lancashire Constabulary
Voluntary sector
Parent groups
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Community Cohesion

Aim

Working in partnership to identify and address issues surrounding the employment of seasonal workers in the rural parishes.

What have we achieved so far?

Production of a Multi-Agency Action Plan and welcome pack for seasonal and migrant workers.

Developed supplementary planning guidance to address accommodation issues.

What do we know about Community Cohesion

There are currently approximately 1000 seasonal workers employed in West Lancashire, of which the majority are migrants.

It is likely numbers of migrant workers will increase in the future.

There are issues around housing needs and health care provision.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Provide a multi-agency support package for migrant workers.

Facilitate enhanced community cohesion in the rural parishes.

Promote the vitality of the rural economy.

Address housing, planning and transport issues

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Provision for enhanced community cohesion and stimulation of local economy.

Timescales have been set for the completion/implementation of the actions described above and are contained within the action plan.

Meet the needs of the local community, seasonal and migrant workers whilst supporting the local economy.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Distribute the Welcome Pack; (March 2005) and provide a translation service for the most widely spoken languages, through the District Council's Contact Centre; (April 05).

Produce a joint policy statement on cohesion in relation to seasonal workers, (May 2005).

Develop a community feedback system through which both seasonal workers and permanent residents may informally report any concerns; (March 05).

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

WLDC
Lancashire County Council
West Lancashire PCT

Strategic Theme : Road Safety

Aim

To improve road safety by working in partnership with the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety.

To reduce the number of road traffic collisions involving death or serious injury.

To reduce the number of road traffic collisions involving death or serious injury to a child.

What have we achieved so far?

The Lancashire Road Safety Partnership's aim of attaining the Government's 2010 casualty reduction targets by 2005 is currently on target.

Provided each district with annual statistics on road safety matters.

Deployed the speed trailer in designated priority areas.

Lancashire Road Safety Partnership has introduced the opportunity for local community groups to apply for grants for local road safety initiatives.

Established a Community Road Watch Scheme at Tarleton and Hesketh.

What do we know about Road Safety?

Consultation exercises have confirmed Road Safety to be a priority issue for communities in West Lancashire.

There is a need to influence driver behaviour to comply with speed limits, reduce drink driving and increase the wearing of seat belts by all vehicle occupants.

Criminal, irresponsible and dangerous behaviour on roads and car parks does affect the quality of people's lives and can, at worse, lead to death or serious injury.

Objectives - What are we going to do?

Support the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership in all initiatives particularly in relation to the three core areas of speeding, drink driving and the wearing of seat belts.

Improve the recording road safety statistics within West Lancashire.

Identify causes of collisions and develop a multi-agency problem solving approach to reducing these incidents.

Promote partnership working between Lancashire Road Safety Partnership and local community groups.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Casualty reduction targets for West Lancashire are: -

40% reduction in people killed and seriously injured on roads from a baseline of 114 to 69

10% reduction in people slightly injured on roads from baseline of 643 to 579

Establish a baseline by March 2006 for the recording casualties at camera sites and the number of prosecutions at camera sites.

Nominate 6 sites of community concern for road safety issues.

Encourage 3 local community groups to engage with the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety by March 2006 and increase this figure to 10 by March 2008.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Proactively engage the assistance of the media to heighten awareness of the issues.

Increase the levels of enforcement on target roads, whilst acknowledging the diverse issues affecting urban and rural locations.

Increase the number of fixed speed enforcement cameras for identified locations.

Utilise mobile speed enforcement cameras at sites of community concern.

Make local community groups aware of the grants accessible to them through the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety, to promote road safety initiatives within local areas.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

Lancashire Constabulary
Lancashire Road Safety Partnership
West Lancashire District Council
Lancashire County Council
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Public Transport

Aim

To reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour relative to public transport.

What have we achieved so far?

The introduction of Personal Health & Safety Education sessions for key stage 3 pupils at targeted schools.

Established a Transport focus group, West Lancashire Community Safety.

Introduced remote CCTV systems for use in high-risk bus shelters.

What do we know about Public Transport?

Fear of crime inhibits the use of public transport, particularly for women at night.

Parental surveys have also highlighted that anti-social behaviour on the home to school journey is a causal factor in the continuing increase in the use of the car for such journeys, leading to congestion at peak times and increased road safety risks.

The implementation of Personal Health & Safety Education sessions and a three strikes policy together with the use of acceptable behaviour contracts has seen a gradual reduction in the number of incidents reported in West Lancashire since 2002.

Providing safer and more secure public transport systems is a key feature of the Government's 10 Year Transport Plan.

In the last year there were over 100 significant incidents involving bus travel in West Lancashire.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Reduce anti-social behaviour on public transport.

Reduce criminal damage to bus shelters by increasing target hardening and CCTV.

Reduce crime and fear of crime associated with travelling by public transport.

Implement environmental improvements for public transport users.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Reduce criminal damage to bus shelters in West Lancashire against baseline figure by 5% by December 2005.

Install 8 remote CCTV cameras into bus stops by June 2005.

Reduce the number of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour on public transport to the Safer Travel Unit by 10% during 2005/2006 against baseline.

Increase the number of educational Personal Health & Safety Education sessions delivered to key stage 3 pupils within West Lancashire by 5% within the next school year.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Utilise remote and portable CCTV facilities in bus stops.

Deploy additional digital CCTV cameras to operators on the local bus network.

Review environmental improvements, including soft landscaping and levels of street lighting, to access routes to bus stops.

Fully engage local Communities in determining priorities.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

Lancashire County Council – Safer Travel Unit
Local Public Service Transport Operators
West Lancashire District Council
Lancashire Constabulary
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Young People

Aim

To provide diversionary activities and support which enable young people to contribute positively to the community

What have we achieved so far?

Developed positive interventions such as the Fair Play Scheme and street crime project which encourages young people to make a positive contribution to their community.

Provided 2 new recreation evenings at Birch Green and Digmoor community centres and 6 new after school clubs in Skelmersdale.

Developed a full year round programme of activity on all kick-a-bout areas in Skelmersdale.

Continued development of programmes for children with disabilities across West Lancashire.

Increased Sports Development and participation throughout the district for young people, which has included enabling 8 clubs to be awarded small lottery awards.

11 Young people have been accepted on to the Group Intervention Panel programme.

Delivery of a range of diversionary activities in school holiday periods for young people aged 10 – 17.

Delivery of activities to young people aged 10-13 in the Skelmersdale area term time and all holiday periods for the last 20 months.

Delivery of targeted sports development projects in Skelmersdale for the last 12 months.

Delivery of PAYP (positive activities for young people) project across the district for 8 – 19 year olds in all the holiday periods for the last 12 months.

Launched a Play Strategy, which promotes the provision of high quality fixed play space aimed at a wide age range including teenagers.

Targeted activities at young offenders or at risk of offending and young people who are victims of crime.

Engaged with local communities to deliver activities.

What do we know about Young People and Diversionary Activities?

Diversionary activities have a positive impact in reducing Anti-Social Behaviour.

All children's fund schemes and sports development initiatives have had a major impact on the community with over 400 children actively taking part in sport on a weekly basis, with community and school based initiatives.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Maintain the reduction in reports of nuisance and anti-social behaviour reports through the delivery of the Fair Play Scheme.

Seek external funding to sustain and expand services.

Develop stronger linkages with the youth of West Lancashire

Develop a diversionary activities and funding strategy for West Lancashire.

Seek to identify sustainable funding to ensure the continuation and development of successful schemes.

Using present resources plan; deliver diversionary activities during Summer 2005.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Increase the range of activities offered through the Fair Play Scheme and increase the number of youngsters taking part in the scheme from a baseline figure of 20 to 35-40 by March 06.

Develop four new sports activity clubs in Skelmersdale – Basketball, Hockey, Tennis and Netball by July 2006.

Develop and implement two new youth clubs by July 2006.

Increase youth volunteers from 30 to 60 year on year by March 2005.

Set up and develop a mentoring scheme for young coaches and volunteers.

Complete mapping and evaluation exercise by May 2005.

By June 2005 complete diversionary activity programme for Summer 2005.

Publish a diversionary activity strategy and establish funding plan by November 2005

To increase participation in events and activities by 5% against 2005 baseline.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Continue to develop broader diversionary activities.

Support the Beyond Sport Scheme

Establish a multi-agency steering group comprising referral agencies and delivery partners, to discuss needs, agree plan deliver activities and review progress.

Deliver activities up to Summer, evaluate findings and incorporate into strategy.

Hold a stakeholder event in September 2005 and launch strategy in October 2005

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

West Lancashire District Council
Lancashire County Council
Local Clubs and Organisations
Community and Voluntary Sector Organisations
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Drugs

Aim

Reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs, including substantially increasing the number of drug misusing offenders entering treatment through the criminal justice system.

What have we achieved so far?

Established a Priority and Prolific Offender Scheme to target adult and young person prolific offenders associated with drug related crime.

Established the Tower Project in West Lancashire and provided an additional Tower aftercare worker funded by the Drug Intervention Programme.

Launched a one-stop-shop in Skelmersdale for information, advice and guidance relating to substance misuse, and as a base for outreach work in the local wards.

Identified and targeted 11 prolific offenders through the Tower Project with drug related needs.

Funded and supported a number of interventions to address drug misuse and enhanced treatment services including Life Education Programme, Facing up to Drugs and the Fixers Programme.

Launched the new Drug Intervention Programme, which will help people in the criminal justice system access specialist support as part of their rehabilitation.

What do we know about Drug Misuse?

The drugs network is intrinsically related to acquisitive crime – a significant proportion of persistent offenders are known drug users.

The introduction of a 'Model of Shared Care' is a national priority.

The Substance Misuse Service received 456 referrals into the service between January 2004 and December 2004 and provided an ongoing service to 220 clients.

Young people most at risk of substance abuse include children in care, pupils excluded from school, young offenders, young homeless and children of drug and alcohol abusers.

Many stabilised drug users can be successfully supported through local Primary Care

services.

Closer collaboration with the criminal justice system will provide better links between existing services such as the Jigsaw, Carat, and Tower projects, courtroom support and drug treatment and testing orders.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Continue to support the Tower Project and target prolific and persistent offenders in West Lancashire who commit crime in order to fund their drug use.

Increase levels of arrest, intelligence and seizure with regard to Class ‘A’ drugs.

Develop ‘Models of Care’ within West Lancashire to identify and implement a co-ordinated programme of drug interventions for use at every point of contact within care and criminal justice pathways.

Strengthen strategic linkages between West Lancashire Drug and Alcohol Action Group, Joint Commissioning Group and Lancashire Drug Action Team.

Develop lower threshold services that are able to respond to substance misusers who may require brief interventions in order to prevent further deterioration of their substance misuse.

Enable substance misusers to access treatment and retain them in services by ensuring that the Arrest Referral scheme has a robust care pathway into services.

Develop a network of General Practitioner led support and prescribing.

Expand linkages with the criminal justice system.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Maintain Priority and other Prolific Offender referrals year on year by March 2008 from a baseline of 15.

Increase levels of arrest in relation to class ‘A’ drugs by 5% year on year by March 2008 from current baseline.

Increase level of intelligence/information on drugs and drug related crime by 5% year on year by March 2008.

Increase seizure levels of Class A drugs by 5% year on year by March 2008

Continue to seek Safer and Stronger Communities funding for tier two services in West Lancashire.

Work with partner agencies in order to fully implement a 'Model of Shared Care', by March 2006.

Increase the number of Tower clients in treatment by 9% year on until March 2008

Increase referrals into drug treatment services by 10% year-on-year until March 2008.

Increase referrals from Arrest Referral Scheme by 10% year-on-year until March 2008.

To sign up 2 GP's per year to community based support programmes.

Review Arrest Referral and Tower schemes in order to ensure that services are able to respond more effectively to need by March 2006.

Reduce waiting times for specialist prescribing into treatment to 3 weeks by March 2006.

Provide overview of drug treatment services in West Lancashire for the four tier levels.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Achieve General Practitioner commitment to shared care objectives.

Continue the Young Persons drug support service through the Primary Care Trust.

Increase utilisation of CCTV facilities and increase high-visibility and targeted policing.

Improve marketing of the One-Stop-Shop to raise awareness and increase take up of services and offer drop in services.

Undertake mapping exercise and gap analysis for current treatment provision.

Commission aftercare for tier 2 services.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

West Lancashire Primary Care Trust
Lancashire Drug Action Team
West Lancashire Drug and Alcohol group
Lancashire Constabulary
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Alcohol

Aim

To reduce alcohol abuse and its effects on the community.

What have we achieved so far?

Rolled out extended CCTV capability within the district.

Funded and supported initiatives to address alcohol misuse including The Life Education Programme, Operation Calibre, Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Campaign, Facing up to Drugs, Fixers Programme, and Operation Night Safe.

Formulated a District Licensing Policy for West Lancashire.

Carried out consultation, development and publication of statement of licensing policy to underpin and guide licensing decisions.

Developed a pub-watch scheme in Ormskirk, Burscough and Upholland and introduced a shop-watch radio scheme in pubs across Ormskirk and Burscough.

Development of a high profile alcohol awareness radio campaign involving partners and young people.

Development and commissioning of alcohol awareness information materials to support young people and parents.

Production of a mapping report outlining alcohol related service provision for young people.

Analysis of gaps in service provision in regard to alcohol and young people and draft recommendations for service improvements.

Consultation with Police/Trading Standards in order to establish protocols for hot spot identification.

Consultation with retailers and the production of an interactive training resource aimed at raising awareness of the consequences of selling alcohol to minors.

Planning and co-ordination of a multi-agency Alcohol – Where's the Harm Conference in Lancaster which resulted in commitment from delegates to form a local 'Alcohol Strategy Group'. When the campaign has gained momentum, the project proposes to repeat this process in other identified priority wards.

What do we know about Alcohol?

Binge drinkers are more likely to commit anti-social behaviour than other young adults.

60% of binge drinkers admitted involvement in criminal and disorderly behaviour.

The link between drinking and offending is particularly strong for violent crimes and especially domestic violence.

Countywide consultation with young people revealed that 63% of children between the ages of 9 -13 drink alcohol.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Increase the number of people who are alcohol dependant into treatment services by 10% annually.

Develop increased partnership activity between local partners and the Primary Care Trust for alcohol issues and develop models of best practice.

Establish a baseline for alcohol related crime and disorder incidents in West Lancashire by March 2006 and reduce by 5% year on year by March 2008.

Continue to support and develop tier 2 services to provide advice and support for people who are alcohol dependant.

Provide support to the campaign by Lancashire County Council, which aims to raise awareness of the impact of alcohol on the life chances of young people and on the impact on communities.

Implement the new Licensing regime, which will take full effect from 07/11/05.

Convert/vary all licence applications during the transitional period, up to and including 06/05/05.

Continue to develop and support shop-watch radio schemes.

Continue to support existing interventions and establish new initiatives through the Safer, Stronger Communities Fund to reduce alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

To establish a baseline by March 2006 for the number of people referred into treatment and increase referrals by 10% by March 2008.

To reduce over three years, alcohol-related assaults by 10% year on year by March 2008.

Create interventions through the Safer Stronger Communities Fund aimed at promoting sensible drinking and reducing the harm caused by alcohol abuse.

Provide support to the campaign by Lancashire County Council, which aims to raise awareness of the impact of alcohol on the life chances of young people and on the impact on communities.

Completed mapping exercise of alcohol services for young people by June 2004.

To process all conversion/variation licensing applications by 07/11/05.

Consolidate and develop linkages between Licensing Officers, Police and the licensed trade.

Complete mapping exercise of alcohol services for young people by June 05.

Completed mapping of information materials used and gaps highlighted across a range of services for children and parents by June 05.

Production of information and training materials to meet gap analysis above by June 05.

Completed web page on the Safer Lancashire Website also facilitating exchange of good practice examples by June 05.

Protocol established for hot spot identification, referral to Police/Trading Standards and response level by December 05.

Provide all local retailers that sell age-restricted products provided with advice, information and support by June 05.

All Lancashire children within targeted age group will receive information via schools by September 05.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Develop linkages between Primary Care Trust, Voluntary Services and Lancashire Drug Action Team.

Conduct a district mapping exercise for alcohol services for young people.

Create a monitoring process to ensure all licence applications are dealt with according to the statute and within the prescribed time limits.

Continue delivery of the Operation Nightsafe and Calibre initiatives and development of complimentary interventions to reduce the harm caused by alcohol misuse.



Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

West Lancashire Primary Care Trust
West Lancashire Drug and Alcohol Group
Lancashire Constabulary
Lancashire County Council
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Anti-Social Behaviour

Aim

To proactively tackle anti-social behaviour in West Lancashire and to improve the quality of life for residents

What have we achieved so far?

Established the Multi-Agency Problem Solving Team in April 2003.

Established Young Persons and Adult issues Groups

Delivered 7 successful Anti-Social Behaviour training packages for key partners.

Developed links with 7 registered social housing providers.

Delivered partner interventions including the Attendance Initiative, joint visits, encounter visits, youth referral scheme, Police and Communities Together meetings, monitoring of Prolific and other Priority Offenders, monitoring of school exclusions and monitoring of vulnerable individuals.

Introduced an award winning diversionary scheme to reduce juvenile nuisance – The Fair Play Scheme.

Delivered a total of 11 ASBO's, 42 ABC's and 76 possession actions for ASB based breaches of tenancy.

Provided an Anti-Social Behaviour Service Guide for residents.

Provided an Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedure Guide.

Successfully integrated the P.P.O strategy into core service provision.

In the year 2003/4 West Lancashire District Council responded to over 700 noise complaints and took legal action in 14 cases.

Developed media partnerships to highlight the impact noise can have on people's lives.

Established an incident recording system for countryside sites.

What do we know about Anti-Social Behaviour?

Anti-Social Behaviour continues to be the principal area of public concern in West Lancashire and the largest category for recorded incidents to Police and District Council.

Juvenile nuisance, sub-criminal behaviour, noise, neighbourhood disputes, environmental issues, vandalism and public transport disturbance are typical categories. There is often a link between anti-social behaviour and poor housing, school truancy and lack of youth facilities.

Anti-Social Behaviour is linked to social deprivation.

The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health's Annual Survey shows there is a 9.7% rise in neighbour noise complaints nationally.

Noise is increasingly being reported as Anti-Social Behaviour.

On – site presence prevents and deals with maintenance and anti- social behaviour, vandalism, arson, anti-social behaviour and increases confidence in the public to use parks and open spaces.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Utilise the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 to formulate robust solutions.

Continue to challenge anti-social behaviour throughout West Lancashire.

Reduce the fear of crime in the community and develop community engagement.

Develop broad diversionary activities as part of the prevent and deter strategy in partnership with partner agencies.

Maximise the use of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Anti-Social Behaviour Orders appropriately to tackle crime and disorder.

Maintain and develop multi agency partnership working practices.

Increase and develop the use of informal agreements and compacts to tackle issues of anti-social behaviour.

Continue to develop partnerships with registered social housing providers.

Continue to develop cross border relationships with neighbouring authorities and police forces.

Respond to noise complaints within 3 working days.

Seek enhanced monitoring equipment to improve evidence gathering.

Continue to work in a multi-agency partnership to eliminate or reduce noise problems.

Provide follow up monitoring for 25% of people who complain about noise.

Achieve regular recognisable site presence in parks and open spaces to continue and improve the above.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Increase the number of ASBO's by 20% year on year from existing baselines.

Increase the number of ABC's by 20% year on year from existing baselines.

Provide a programmed recreational diversionary activity programme for 2005.

Establish regular meetings between environmental monitoring officers and M.A.P.S team by June 2005.

Purchase two new digital noise annoyance recorders by April 2005.

Carry out monthly reviews of customer satisfaction.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Continue to identify and target priority and other prolific offenders and those at risk of becoming prolific offenders.

Extend the current residential Multi-Agency Problem Solving Team by 2 new partners by December 2006.

Continue to develop and improve partnerships with social housing providers in West Lancashire.

Utilise Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 framework to integrate noise nuisance in wider action planning.

Seek additional funding to extend service hours.

Assessment and implementation of coordinated patrol regime at Council's countryside sites.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

West Lancashire District Council
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Underpasses

Aim

To reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour in and around underpasses.

What have we achieved so far?

A multi-agency working group has been established to develop a strategic approach to the co-ordinated management of underpasses.

Provision of a scheduled mechanical sweep and manual litter picking service.

Response team for the emergency removal of waste including sharps from the underpasses and associated areas.

What do we know about the Underpasses?

Although the number of reported incidents in underpasses is declining, they have been identified as being an area of particular concern with regard to fear of crime, motorcycle nuisance, anti-social behaviour and quality of life.

Environmental factors including maintenance, street lighting, cleansing, abandoned vehicles and arson have been identified as contributory factors.

The principle problematic underpasses have been identified as Thornbury, Glenburn, Tintagel, Ledburn, Birch Green Road, Northway, Beechtrees, Whitestock, Waldron, Fairhaven, Whitburn, Elmstead, Alderley, Acregate and Heversham.

Neglected underpasses have a detrimental impact upon the communities' quality of life and fear of crime.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Continue to develop a multi-agency partnership approach in reducing the problems in underpasses.

Reduce anti-social behaviour, juvenile nuisance and motorcycle nuisance in and around underpasses.

Increase public confidence so that the community feel safe when using the underpasses.

Establish a database to identify 'hot spot' areas that may require additional resources.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Develop baseline information by December 2005.

Reduce the number of incidents in underpasses by 10% year on year for the next three years.

Implement three targeted interventions per year for the next three years.

Maintain the current schedule of each underpass being mechanically swept on a minimum frequency of 6 weeks and litter picked weekly.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Continue and develop multi-agency working group so that funding streams can be identified and interventions implemented.

Identify the most problematic underpasses and implement strategic solutions.

Introduce target hardening at appropriate underpasses to reduce incidents of motorcycle nuisance and abandoned/burnt out vehicles.

Use intelligence-led targeted police patrolling to identify offenders and reassure the community.

Develop community engagement with resident groups.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

Lancashire County Council.
Lancashire Constabulary.
West Lancashire District Council.
MAPS Team.

Strategic Theme : Motor Cycle Nuisance

Aim

Reduce incidents of motorcycle nuisance and its effects on the community

What have we achieved so far?

Identified specific locations where motorcycle nuisance is problematic.

Established a multi-agency working group to access suitable funding streams and develop joint solutions

What do we know about Motor Cycle Nuisance?

In 2003-2004 there were 690 incidents of motorcycle reported to the police.

Motorcycle nuisance is difficult to target owing to the numerous underpasses and pathways available to riders in Skelmersdale.

Motorcycle nuisance impacts greatly on the communities' quality of life.

In addition to the "Quality of Life" issues there are serious concerns that riders and pedestrians are at risk of serious injury.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Develop diversionary activities to reduce frequency of motorcycle nuisance.

Reduce the opportunities for motorcycle riders to cause a nuisance or present a danger to themselves or other road users.

Increase awareness for young people and adults, and usage of powers to seize vehicles being used in an anti-social manner.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Develop a baseline for motorcycle nuisance incidents by December 2005.

Reduce incidents of motorcycle by 3% year on year for the next three years.

Increase usage of powers under Police Reform Act 2002 by 5% in the next year.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Identify specific sites where motorcycle nuisance is of serious concern.

Continue the multi-agency working group to access suitable funding streams and develop joint solutions at identified sites.

Increase the use of powers given to police by Police Reform Act 2002 to seize vehicles being used in an anti-social manner.

Utilise the MAPS Team approach to problem solving.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

Lancashire County Council.
Lancashire Constabulary
West Lancashire District Council.
MAPS Team.

Strategic Theme : Reduction of Re-Offending

Aim

To prevent and reduce re-offending for young persons and adults.

What have we achieved so far?

Multi agency working & targeting through Youth Issues Group, Adult Issues Group and Prolific and other Priority Offender Scheme.

Joint commitment towards Local Public Service Agreements 4 and 8 by West Lancashire District Council and Lancashire Youth Offending Team leading to evidential reduction in re-offending for young people

Identification and management through Multi Agency Public Protection Assessment process (MAPPA)

For young persons, exceeded target for Reprimands, Final Warnings and Referral orders as from December 2004 baseline, 395 with a target number of 410.

What do we know about Reduction of Re-Offending?

Reduction of re-offending impacts positively on reducing crime and disorder in the community.

Effective management of re-offending targets the high-risk offender groups.

The prevention and reduction of offending by young people have been set as Public Sector Agreements to help reduce crime and the fear of crime and increase public confidence.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Continue to develop the Prolific and other Priority Offender scheme to identify, target and develop action plans for offenders.

Maintain our multi-agency problem solving approach and enhanced partnership co-operation between agencies through Young Persons and Adult Groups.

Maintain effective supervision of adult offenders with 90% Enforcement and 85% Compliance.

Utilise M.A.P.S/P.P.O and M.A.P.P.A processes to identify offenders and determine management actions.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Probation Service Targets for 2005/06

Provision of 16 Drug Rehabilitation Requirement commencements for the period 2005-2008.

4 Drug Rehabilitation Requirement Completions

Complete Basic Skills Start Programme for 40 offenders

Deliver 15 Offenders into Employment market

Achieve 90% completion of initial assessment, Risk of Harm and supervision plans for P.P.O targets within 5 working days.

Lancashire Youth Offending Team Targets

Achieve LPSA Target 8; a stretched target of 3% (234 young people) from coming to the attention of the YOT over the three years of the Public Sector Agreement (PSA) April 2003-March 2006.

Achieve LPSA Target 4: A reduction in the rate of re-offending by young offenders. LYOT has a stretched target to reduce re-offending from a baseline figure of 35.1% to 28.1% by 2006.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Implementation and development of Prolific and other Priority Offender scheme through Adult and Young Person groups.

Continue programmed approach for all young people who complete their final warnings or Court Orders to undertake appropriate interventions – including reparation and offence-focussed work.

Consult with victims of young people in relation to the impact of the offence and reparation of offenders.

Youth Offending Team to refer young people to Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP).



Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

National Probation Service Lancashire
Lancashire Youth Offending Team
West Lancashire Multi-Agency Problem Solving Team
Connexions Service

Strategic Theme : Domestic Violence

Aims

To increase awareness and develop a strategic approach to Domestic Violence in West Lancashire

What have we achieved so far?

Established a Domestic Violence Forum.

Held a Domestic Violence Consultation Day in Autumn 2003 as a mapping exercise and to feed into the national government action plan. Over 100 people attended

Facilitated a Domestic Violence Conference (Enough is Enough) in January 2005 At Edge Hill College, 80 - 90 people attended.

Created and distributed domestic violence publicity material to agencies in West Lancashire

What do we know about Domestic Violence?

1 in 4 women experience domestic violence over their lifetimes.

The British Crime Survey recently found that there were an estimated 635,000 incidents of domestic violence in England and Wales in 2003, 81% of the victims were women and 19% were men.

Domestic violence incidents made up nearly 22% of all violent incidents reported by participants in the British Crime Survey (Home Office, July 2002).

Repeat victimisation is common. 57% of victims of domestic violence are involved in more than one incident. No other type of crime has a rate of repeat victimisation as high.

Less than 35% of actual domestic violence crime is reported to the Police (Home Office, July 2002).

Objectives - What are we going to do?

Encourage the reporting of domestic violence incidents by partner agencies

Seek matched funding to recruit a Domestic Violence Co-ordinator.

Provide cross-agency Domestic Violence awareness training

Encourage agencies to adopt a Domestic Violence Policy

Aim to have domestic violence awareness included within the school curriculum.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Increase the reporting of domestic violence incidents by 10% against police baseline 2004

Develop a Domestic Violence Strategy for West Lancashire by October 2005

Recruit a Domestic Violence Co-ordinator by April 2006

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Publish a West Lancashire Domestic Violence Strategy

Provide a range of Domestic Violence awareness materials for training and development.

Incorporate Domestic Violence incidents on Lancashire Multi-Agency Data Exchange

Seek matched funding to employ a domestic violence co-ordinator.

Offer a training programme for domestic violence to agencies/employers in West Lancashire

Offer personal safety training to all victims of domestic violence.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

West Lancashire Domestic Violence Forum
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Criminal Damage

Aim

To significantly reduce levels of criminal damage in West Lancashire.

What have we achieved so far?

A reduction in Criminal Damage in West Lancashire due to specific interventions for Council owned properties in hot spot areas.

Operation Carp in Skelmersdale delivered a 9% reduction in criminal damage to dwellings in the last year.

What do we know about Criminal Damage and Anti-Social Behaviour

Criminal Damage is a tangible result of anti-social behaviour.

The National Reassurance pilot and Police and Communities Together initiatives has shown anti-social behaviour to have a critical impact on peoples quality of life.

Damage to dwellings has decreased due to a multi-agency solution in Skelmersdale, but criminal damage to vehicles has increased slightly.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Classify Criminal Damage as a Partnership priority.

Reduce the opportunities for offenders to commit criminal damage and anti social behaviour.

Target resources in problem areas and develop sustainable interventions.

Identify hot spot areas and address the causes of criminal damage and anti social behaviour in those areas.

Implement environmental improvements to assist in prevention and detection.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Reduction in criminal damage by 40% for the period 2005-2008 from a baseline figure for 2003/04 of 2057

A reduction in common assaults by 10% over the next 3 year period from a baseline figure for 2003/04 of 318

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Develop intelligence driven policing operations with partner contributions.

Develop diversionary tactics for potential offenders.

Continue community reassurance with high visibility Police Community Support Officers.

Utilise Priority and other Prolific Offender Scheme to target prolific offenders.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

Lancashire Constabulary
West Lancashire District Council
Lancashire County Council
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Violent Crime

Aim

To reduce the incidence of violent crime offences that cause concern within the community.

What have we achieved so far?

Sustained manageable levels for violent crime.

Operation Nightsafe operates to combat drink related violent crime.

What do we know about Violent Crime?

Incidents of violent crime have risen although changes in recording practices over the last year mean that harassment involving no actual physical attack have masked the level of increase in actual assaults.

Violent crime is often alcohol related.

Most violent crimes are committed by people known to the victim. Attacks by complete strangers are uncommon.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Reduce the opportunities for offenders to commit violent crime.

Develop a targeted approach in hotspot areas.

Continue to prioritise domestic violence.

Implement environmental improvements to assist in prevention and detection.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

A reduction in woundings by 10% over the next 3 year period from a baseline figure for 2003/04 which stands at 712

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Deliver positive interventions such as Operation Nightsafe.

Utilise the Prolific & Priority Offender Scheme to target offenders.

Develop the role of the Public Protection Unit.

Advocate zero tolerance of Domestic Violence and increase awareness.

Continue to utilise Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Anti-Social Behaviour Orders.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

Lancashire Constabulary

Anti-Social Behaviour Team

MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Vehicle Crime

Aim

To reduce the incidence of vehicle crime in the community.

What have we achieved so far?

Delivered Operation Chinook

Vehicle crime has fallen significantly in West Lancashire.

What do we know about Vehicle Crime?

Car parks and other specific locations are known problem areas.

Arterial roads through West Lancashire provide opportunities for criminals to commit vehicle crime.

Vehicle crime is associated with cross border activities.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Reduce the opportunities for offenders to commit vehicle crime.

Focus resources in known problem areas.

Use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition System to prevent and detect vehicle criminals.

Identify hot spot areas and address the causes of vehicle crime in those areas.

Implement environmental improvements to assist in prevention and detection.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Reduction in theft of vehicle by 5% over the next 3 year period from a baseline figure for 2003/04 of 514

Reduction in theft from a vehicle by 5% over the next 3 year period from a baseline figure for 2003/04 of 787

Reduction in vehicle interference by 5% over the next 3 year period from a baseline figure for 2003/04 of 345

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Continue intelligence driven policing operations.

Develop cross border working with Merseyside Police and other authorities.

Utilise Prolific and other Priority Offender Scheme.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

Lancashire Constabulary
West Lancashire District Council
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Domestic Burglary

Aim

To maintain the current reduction in domestic burglary.

What have we achieved so far?

30% reduction in domestic burglaries for the period 2002-2005.

In 2003-04 a total of 39 homesafe schemes were completed in private dwellings

Between 1 April 2004 and 1 February 2005 we completed 55 schemes to provide security measures in private dwellings at a value of £20,730 by way of grant assistance to older homeowners, under the Council's Homesafe scheme.

What do we know about Domestic Burglary?

Burglary increases during the summer months and school holiday periods.

Offenders are most likely to reside in the locality, but there are linkages to cross border crime.

There is a link between domestic burglary and users of Class A drugs.

Households most at risk of domestic burglary include single parents living with their children and households on low income.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Develop distraction burglary interventions for vulnerable groups such as aged persons.

Target known offenders through Prolific and Priority Offenders Scheme.

Develop and sustain target-hardening tactics for home security.

Implement environmental improvements and target hardening to assist in crime prevention and detection.

Tackle distraction burglary by target hardening private properties.

To provide a package of safety and security measures through the Council's Homesafe scheme, designed to meet the needs of the older house owner.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Domestic burglaries have been driven down to very low levels. The target is to achieve no increase in domestic burglary from a baseline figure for 2003/04 of 469 for the period 2005-2008.

The completion of all referred Homesafe schemes within an identified budget without the build up of a waiting list.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Use best practice and intelligence driven policing operations such as Operation Cyclone & Operation Coalition.

Target known offenders through Prolific and Priority Offenders Scheme.

Develop cross border meetings and co-operation.

Develop Operation Convertor – using forensic identification to secure prosecutions.

Promotion schemes targeted at vulnerable older persons and their representatives e.g. Age Concern.

Securing finance provision for the Homesafe scheme

Monitoring performance on delivery including waiting times and customer satisfaction surveys for the Homesafe scheme.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

Lancashire Constabulary
West Lancashire District Council
Lancashire County Council
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Cross Border Crime

Aim

Reduce the number of criminal offences committed by offenders travelling into West Lancashire and their impact on the community.

What have we achieved so far?

Lancashire Constabulary runs regular crime operations in conjunction with its neighbouring police forces to target cross border criminality.

Established Information sharing agreements in respect of cross-border criminals with its neighbouring police forces.

Targeting of cross-border criminals through the Prolific and other Priority Offender Scheme.

Operation Chinook has provided four extra Shopwatch radios for town centre crime operations and raised public awareness of the offences of theft from motor vehicles at high-risk locations such as car parks.

Conducted media campaigns to raise public awareness of 'hook and cane' type offences.

What do we know about Cross Boarder Crime?

26% of offenders travel into West Lancashire to commit crime.

Prolific Merseyside offenders commit offences such as burglary, theft of motor vehicles (particularly high value vehicles), theft from motor vehicles (particularly on public house and golf club car parks) and drug dealing.

Cross-border criminals involved in burglary and vehicle crime usually travel into West Lancashire by car using main arterial routes.

Cross-border criminals committing shoplifting offences usually travel into West Lancashire using the rail network.

Objectives - What are we going to do?

Reduce the opportunities for cross-border offenders to commit offences.

Improve dialogue with the private/commercial sector.

Use intelligence-led policing initiatives to identify and target cross-border offenders.

Actively target cross-border prolific offenders.

Identify hotspot areas and address the causes of crime in those areas.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Establish a cross-border crime baseline by December 2005.

Deliver a 3% reduction in cross border crime by March 2008

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Use of best practice and intelligence-led policing operations.

Promote target-hardening measures to deter cross-border criminals.

Promote Shop Watch, Factory Watch, Business Watch and Pub Watch radio schemes.

Identify cross-border criminals and include them on P.P.O Scheme.

Use media coverage to promote security at key times.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

Lancashire Constabulary.

West Lancashire District Council.

Lancashire County Council.

MAPS Team.

Strategic Theme : Business Crime

Aim

Provide businesses with security advice and financial incentives towards physical security and develop partnership working with the private sector.

What have we achieved so far?

Rolled out extended CCTV coverage to wider number of district locations.

Implemented a pilot project - the Land and Property Enhancement Scheme, including the Secure Business Initiative.

Visited 93 companies in the District and produced 91 security audits offering security advice to businesses into how their security could be improved.

15 applications made for Secure Business Initiative (SBI) Grant. The average award made under the SBI Grant has been £2,770.23.

Achieved 'Secure Car Park Awards' status for Town Centre Car Parks.

What do we know about Business Crime?

Commercial crime is often underreported by local businesses.

Businesses will often report the first few incidents of theft/vandalism to the Police, but will be less likely to report any future incidents to the Police.

By offering the possibility of financial assistance towards security improvements for business premises it is hoped businesses will think more about improving their own security arrangements.

Perceptions of crime rates in Skelmersdale are above actual levels of recorded crime.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Deliver through West Lancashire's Inspire Programme continued funding to businesses for security improvements to their premises.

Seek to expand CCTV coverage.

Encourage participation from businesses in achieving additionalities for security and grant enhancement.

Develop crime prevention interventions and increased networking amongst the local business community such as participation in 'Business Watch' Schemes.

Long-term outcomes anticipated from West Lancashire's Inspire Project.

Increase business retention and number of new inward investors.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Ensure the number of businesses receiving specialist advice” (including crime prevention advice), reaches its target of 122 over the lifetime of the project (to 2008).

Achieve the set target of 41 “buildings with security improved” over the lifetime of the project (to 2008).

Actions – How are we going to do it?

By the provision of guidance to applicants through pre-application meetings, multi agency working and continued crime prevention support.

Develop private sector engagement for community safety.

Increase number of Business Watch Schemes and number of 'Secured Car Parks' and 'Secured by Design awards.

Reduce the number of illegal encampments.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

WLDC
Lancashire Constabulary
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Communication

Aim

To effectively communicate with partner agencies and the community through media based information sharing.

To have in place a structure that enables young people to be consulted on a range of issues that affect their quality of life.

Promote a positive image of young people in West Lancashire.

What have we achieved so far?

Developed linkages with local newspapers and radio stations.

Established a range of young persons forums including school councils, district youth council and youth groups.

Involved young people in planning new recreation facilities and setting action targets.

Carried out an evaluation exercise for young persons services.

Held annual celebration events for schools, district council leisure and cultural services and the youth service.

What do we know about Communication?

Positive media coverage is a key element in the success of our strategic approach.

Interventions are more likely to succeed if there is full and appropriate consultation and engagement with young people.

There is no co-ordinated approach to the promotion of young people in the district.

Often the local and national media promote a negative image of young people.

Only a small minority of young people in the district carries out Anti-Social Behaviour and the majority are good citizens.

There are perceptions in the community that young people are responsible for higher than reality levels of crime.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Communicate effectively with partner agencies and the community.

Provide the mechanism for focus groups and community organisations to feed into the Partnership.

Promote the role of the Community Safety Partnership to the wider community.

Conduct a consultation exercise asking young people aged 11- 19 in the district what their views, experiences and hopes for the future are within the community.

Hold a conference to present the young people's views and agree an action plan for future developments.

Undertake a mapping exercise of what structures are in place to consult young people.

Produce a guide to enable effective consultation with young people to take place.

Conduct a media campaign projecting positive images of young people.

Support young people to undertake and complete voluntary work in the district.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Provide monthly community safety updates or launch initiatives.

Produce a Community Safety Audit and Strategic Review annually.

By the end of June 2005, all young people in secondary school to have had the opportunity to complete a survey questionnaire about their quality of life.

By the end of September 2005, up to 8 focus groups to have been held about identified issues linked to the results of the questionnaire.

By the end of November 2005, to organise a conference to deliver the results of the above survey and to adopt an action plan to address issues raised.

By December 2005, the mapping exercise to have taken place and a report produced with its results.

By March 2006, to produce a guide identifying methods available for use by organisations that wishes to consult with young people.

Identify and support up to 20 young people aged 10 – 17 from across the district who wish to complete the 100 hours volunteer scheme by the end of March 2006.

By March 2006 to have identified and promoted up to 8 opportunities / events within the district that promote a positive image of young people.

By December 2005 to have written an action plan promoting the positive contributions young people make to their community.

By December 2005 to have worked with up to 40 young people aged 11-16 from across the district to produce a media campaign to tackle perceptions about young people's involvement in crime.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

By contributing positively to the Community Strategy as a Thematic Group within the Local Strategic Partnership.

Establish a steering group of young people, and multi-agency representatives to agree strategic plan.

Recruit young people who would like to become involved with voluntary work and register with the West Lancashire Voluntary Bureau to undertake the 100 hours scheme.

Utilise the Youth Issues Group to develop and promote multi-agency opportunities to develop contributions young people can make in their communities.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

Lancashire County Council
West Lancashire District Council
Lancashire Police
West Lancashire Primary Care Trust
Community and Voluntary Sector organisations
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Consultation and Engagement

Aim

To consult with and engage the community in achieving crime and disorder objectives.

What have we achieved so far?

Monthly consultation throughout the district through the Police and Communities Together (PACT) Meetings.

Developed an Anti-Social Behaviour Service Guide for residents.

Established an annual community safety questionnaire.

Provided Web site email contact for the community

Public hold Police and Communities meetings.

What do we know about Consultation?

Consultation is a key process in determining the community's quality of life and understanding of the fear of crime.

Community and Voluntary Sector engagement is an essential process in developing improvements to community safety.

The community welcomes consultation and has responded positively in contributing towards developing effective solutions to community safety issues.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Develop a sustainable approach to engaging, consulting and empowering the community in all aspects of crime and disorder.

Support the Vital Villages and Parish Planning process.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Continue the annual community safety questionnaire using the Citizens' Panel.

Continue the Police and Communities Together (PACT) Meetings and encourage attendance and participation.

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Provide opportunities to fully engage community organisations in our strategic objectives.

Utilise the West Lancashire District Council Citizen's Panel in consulting with the community.

Promotion of the West Lancashire District Council Community Safety Website for information exchange.

Develop the multi-agency problem solving approach towards wider public consultation.

Develop robust partnership links with voluntary sector agencies

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agency:

West Lancashire District Council
Lancashire Constabulary
Lancashire County Council
West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Services
Parish Councils and Community Groups
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Multi-Agency
Problem Solving

Aim

To continue to provide and develop the multi-agency agency problem solving approach to community safety.

What have we achieved so far?

Established a state of the art Multi-Agency Problem Solving Team environment for West Lancashire.

Provided a structured framework for strategic delivery of Priority and other Prolific Offending Scheme and Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003.

Secured sustainable financial support from partner agencies including West Lancashire District Council, Lancashire Constabulary, Lancashire Fire & Rescue and Lancashire County Council.

What do we know about Multi-Agency Problem Solving?

It represents the strategic hub for service delivery of community safety and linkages with operational actions.

Partnership working is delivering more effective and sustainable solutions.

It has elevated community confidence in service agencies and contributed to a reduction in the fear of crime.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Continue to support and develop the multi-agency problem solving team in West Lancashire.

Provide a co-ordinated approach to effective community safety solutions.

Encourage additional agencies to engage with the core team.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

To continue to support and increase partner participation within the MAPS Team in

West Lancashire in 2005/06 by 10%

Increase financial support from partner agencies to the MAPS Team by 10% by 2006

Actions – How are we going to do it?

Secure financial support from partner agencies.

Promote engagement from local agencies to participate within the MAPS Teams.

Continue to support agencies that engage within the MAPS Team.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Agencies:

West Lancashire District Council
Lancashire Constabulary
Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
Lancashire County Council
Primary Care Trust
MAPS Team

Strategic Theme : Strategic Review Group and Partnership Structure

Aim

Develop, monitor and evaluate community safety partnership strategic objectives.

What have we achieved so far?

Coordination of Safer Communities Initiative Funding.

Determination of strategic priorities and monitoring overview of delivered interventions.

Completion of partnership self-assessment.

On-going delivery of best value review action plan.

What do we know about the Strategic Review Group?

Regular meetings are held quarterly with additional meetings as appropriate.

The group has expanded with a number of additional agencies participating.

The group provides a focus for future action planning and provides professional advice to the Community Safety Partnership.

Objectives – What are we going to do?

Provide a strategic link between the Community Safety Partnership and focus groups.

Co-ordinate strategic objectives, action planning and provide support to the Partnership.

Targets – What do we want to achieve?

Provide quarterly performance reporting to the Partnership.

Develop annual crime and disorder interventions through Home Office and matched funding opportunities.

Actions – How are we going to deliver the Strategy?

Co-ordinate strategic activity on behalf of the Partnership.

Provide a strategic link between the Partnership and focus groups.

Monitor progress against strategic objectives.

Undertake an annual Audit and Strategic Review.

Make recommendations to the Partnership enabling timely responses to community safety initiatives.

Accountability – Who will make it happen?

Lead Officers from partner agencies:

Community Safety Officer - West Lancashire District Council

Lead Officers – Partner Agencies

MAPS Team





Consultation

This strategy document is intended to be shared, and consulted upon widely across our community to further shape our actions and reflect local needs.

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