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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE **ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE **ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE **CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN**, AT **11:00AM** (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION AND EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEES, WHICHEVER IS THE LATER) ON **FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2015** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

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| 2. | Councillor | W.J. Lemon |
| 3. | Councillor | A.D.T. Speake |
| 4. | Councillor | S.E. Thomas |
| 5. | Councillor | D.E. Williams |

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| 1. | Councillor | D.B. Davies |
| 2. | Councillor | J.A. Davies |
| 3. | Councillor | I.J. Jackson (Vice-Chair) |
| 4. | Councillor | A. James |

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| 2. | Councillor | D.C. Evans |
| 3. | Councillor | K.P. Thomas |
| 4. | Councillor | W.G. Thomas |

UNAFFILIATED – 1 MEMBER

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| 1. | Councillor | J.P. Jenkins |
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**ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
18th SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Forthcoming items for next meeting –
Thursday 12th November 2015**

Discussion Topic	Background
Review of Licensing Policy	The Local Authority is required to review its Licensing Policy in 2015. The review will require the Authority to undertake statutory consultation exercises as part of the process. This item will provide members with an opportunity to contribute to and comment on this review.
Review of Gambling Policy	The Local Authority is required to review its Gambling Policy in 2015. The review will require the Authority to undertake statutory consultation exercises as part of the process. This item will provide members with an opportunity to contribute to and comment on this review.
Half-Yearly Performance Monitoring Report 2015/16	This is a standard 6-monthly report which allows members to undertake their monitoring role in relation to the relevant services within the Committee's remit. The report will also include details of the compliments and complaints received by the relevant services.
Budget Monitoring 2015/16	This standard quarterly item enables members to undertake their monitoring role of the Environment Department, Public Protection Services and Community Safety Team's revenue and capital budgets.
Actions & Referrals Update	This quarterly report provides an update on progress made in relation to actions and requests from previous meetings.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
18th SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Community Safety Partnership Annual Report
2014/15**

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- That the Committee notes progress made in 2014/15 by the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in the delivery of priorities identified in the Integrated Community Strategy.
- That the Committee notes progress made with partnership agencies in addressing local crime and disorder problems and priorities for the coming year.

Reasons:

- To ensure that the Committee is aware of the work undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership over the last year.
- Raise awareness of current priorities and partnership working.
- To enable members to exercise their scrutiny role.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder:

Cllr. Pam Palmer (Community Safety, Social Justice / Crime & Disorder)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 18th SEPTEMBER 2015

Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2014/15

This report considers the progress made by the Community Safety Partnership in tackling crime and disorder in 2014/15 and reviews progress made against the Integrated Community Strategy.

It informs Members of the reductions in crime reported to the Police in the last year and the positive outcomes of the partnership approach taken to tackle local issues.

It also highlights key areas of partnership working and current priorities for the CSP and its multi-agency action groups driving forward the community safety agenda.

In addition, contributions are included from two of the CSP Responsible Authorities - the Fire and Rescue Service and Probation organisations– relating to an overview of partnership working during the year and priority areas for working in conjunction with partner agencies in 2015/16.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Wendy Walters Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration & Policy)

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE

1. Policy and Crime & Disorder – Failure to tackle crime and disorder effectively will compromise the level of safety and security in Carmarthenshire and be detrimental to quality of life.

5. Risk Management – The Community Safety elements of the Integrated Community Strategy build on partnership working to tackle and prevent crime and disorder within Carmarthenshire.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signe d: Wendy Walters Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration & Policy)

- 1. Local Member(s) – N/A
- 2. Community / Town Council – N/A
- 3. Relevant Partners – N/A
- 4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Carmarthenshire's Integrated Community Strategy 2011-2016	<p>Cymraeg http://www.thecarmarthenshirepartnership.org.uk/Cymraeg/StrategaethGymunedolIntegredig/Pages/strategaethgymunedolintegredig.aspx</p> <p>English http://www.thecarmarthenshirepartnership.org.uk/English/ICS/Pages/integratedcommunitystrategy.aspx</p>

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Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2014/15

1. Introduction

This report provides Members with an update on the work and progress made by the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) for the period April 2014-March 2015.

The CSP was established in 1998, following the Crime and Disorder Act, who gave certain partners a statutory duty to reduce crime and disorder locally. These 'Responsible Authorities' are the Council, Police, Probation, University Health Board and Fire and Rescue Service. Following changes to the Probation Service, both the National Probation Service and the Community Rehabilitation Company are now 'Responsible Authorities'. Additional members of the CSP are the Youth Offending and Probation Service Manager and the Police and Crime Commissioner – represented by the Director of Commissioning.

The Council's community safety team supports the work of the CSP and, during 2014/15, comprised of a Manager, Assistant and CCTV staff. An ASB Co-ordinator formed part of the team until October 2014.

Partnership actions are agreed each year and progress is continuously monitored by the multi-agency action groups which address acquisitive crime, anti-social behaviour (ASB) and criminal damage, road safety and violent and alcohol related crime. The CSP's action groups have continued to tackle crime and disorder in line with intelligence, current trends, hotspots and community concerns. Numerous community safety projects and initiatives were rolled out in 2014/15, some of which are outlined throughout the report.

The work of the CSP has again contributed to the success seen in tackling crime and disorder across Carmarthenshire in 2014/15. The county remains one of the safest areas in the UK and Dyfed-Powys the safest Police Force area in England and Wales with the lowest crime rates and highest detection rates.

Targeting the county's most prolific offenders, numerous multi-agency initiatives and improved partnership working also contributes to this success. Crime levels in Carmarthenshire continue to be low. Out of the 22 local authorities in Wales, Carmarthenshire had a rate of less than 41 crimes per 1,000 population, a similar level to last year. This compares to approximately 56 per 1,000 residents in the other local authority areas in Wales. Crime rates, therefore, are significantly lower in Carmarthenshire compared to the national average.

In comparative terms, Carmarthenshire remains one of the safest areas in the UK and during 2014/15 levels of recorded crime fell slightly by 1.4% amounting to a reduction of 105 crimes. There were 7,381 compared to 7,486 the previous year.

Reported anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents continued to fall during the year, from 8,360 to 7,624 which is positive. This 8.8% reduction with 736 fewer reported incidents matches the level of reductions seen last year and potentially points to significantly lower numbers of victims of ASB. Targeted multi-agency work on addressing such

problems has continued and innovative projects have been developed to further partnership working to reduce anti-social behaviour.

Reoffending statistics continue to be closely monitored and much proactive work undertaken. Proactive, targeted policing undertaken locally has a significant impact on re-offending rates locally as a high number of offenders (and re-offenders) are being caught and convicted. It remains a clear priority for the CSP to tackle this area and to reduce reoffending.

2. Crime Statistics

As stated, there was a reduction of 105 crimes last year – a 1.4% fall. Reductions have been seen in drug offences (down 23.42% and 334, to 1,092) and vehicle crime (down 15.2% with 67 fewer crimes to 373). A slight increase was seen in domestic burglary levels (up 8.6% to 227, an increase of 18), and other increases noted were in arson and criminal damage (up 69 crimes and 5.5% to 1,316), sexual offences (up 74.7%, 118 crimes to 276) and violence against the person (up 223 crimes and 15.2% to 1,686.)

The increases seen in certain reported crimes are in line with national trends and, it is believed, are as a result, of the introduction of a new way of recording crime more accurately called 'ethical recording' from January 2015. For example the rise in violent crime generally relates to recording of counter allegations between victims and offenders, and the rise in sexual offences is a mixture of historic offences being recorded together with increased confidence leading to a rise in current reporting levels.

Crimes are now recorded as a crime by police officers within 24 hours instead of the previous 72 hours. This results in more allegations being recorded before officers have had time to prove they did not occur. Forces are no longer measured against detection rates and a new wider range of outcomes for dealing with a crime has been introduced nationally to ensure more accurate recording.

However, recorded crime levels have increased compared to the same period last year. A rise of 4.8%, amounting to 92 more crimes, was seen in the April 2015–June 2015 period, giving a total of 1,990 reported incidents. Reductions have been seen in burglary non dwelling (down 21.1% and 16, to 60 incidents), public order offences (down 40% and 42 to 63) and vehicle offences (down 5.2% with 5 fewer crimes to 92). Increases have been seen in burglary dwellings (up 25 crimes and 59.5% to 67 offences), sexual offences (up 13 to 73, an increase of 21.7%), violence against the person (up 37 to 477 crimes, an increase of 8.4%) and theft (up 59 crimes and 15.8% to 433 offences.)

Increases seen in some types of offences, such as burglary dwelling and theft, have been considered but no ongoing patterns have been identified at present.

ASB incidents have continued to fall with 565 reported during the period, a reduction of 29.9% and 241 incidents compared to the same period last year.

It is also worth noting that Carmarthenshire performed much better than most of the other Community Safety Partnerships in Wales in 2014/15 (see Appendix). Of the 22 partnerships in Wales, Carmarthenshire, once again, had one of the lowest number of crimes per 1,000 population, ranking 5th again with a rate of 40.58 crimes per 1,000 population. This is a similar level to last year's figure, whereas recorded crime levels across Wales increased from an average of 53.395 crimes per 1,000 residents in local

authority areas in Wales to 55.8. Therefore, Carmarthenshire remains one of the safest areas in the UK.

The Appendix also gives figures for British Crime Comparator Crime which include certain offences as listed. Carmarthenshire continued to have the 3rd lowest figure for Wales with 19.31 crimes per 1,000 population. The average figure for Welsh local authorities was 29.02.

3. Progress against Goals and Actions in the Local Service Board's Integrated Community Strategy 2011/16

The Local Service Board's Integrated Community Strategy for 2011-16 incorporates a number of strategic partnership documents, including the Community Safety Plan. Two of the five strategic outcomes are linked to the work of the CSP. The 'People in Carmarthenshire are healthier' outcome has, as one of its goals, to reduce drug and alcohol misuse. Another outcome, "People who live, work and visit Carmarthenshire are safe and feel safer" lists its goals as being:

- Maintaining and striving to reduce further low levels of crime that are amongst the lowest in England and Wales
- Improving the confidence of local communities that we are tackling the issues that matter most to them and impacting on crime levels
- Reducing ASB by working in partnership to tackle local problems
- Reducing the incidence of alcohol-related violence
- Safeguarding all people from abuse, victimisation, neglect and exploitation
- Reducing speeding and the number of road traffic accidents.

The CSP is responsible for delivering most of these goals and reports progress to the LSB on a regular basis. This report provides an update on progress made against the above goals, with the exception of the safeguarding one as this is not the responsibility of the Partnership.

The outcome relating to substance misuse is reported on separately to Members on an annual basis, covering all developments in service commissioning and progress against key local and national priorities.

Maintaining and striving to reduce further low levels of crime that are amongst the lowest in England and Wales

As previously stated, crime figures remained low and fell slightly during the year. Successes were seen in 2014/15 as a result of the targeting of resources and partnership working.

Key achievements included:

- Reducing reoffending has continued to be a priority for the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) with partner agencies working together to tackle our top repeat offenders to try and break the cycle and reduce crime committed locally. Our Integrated Offender Management (IOM) scheme, Trawsnewid/Transform, began on 1st November 2013 and includes a co-located base and team of dedicated resources from Police and Probation focusing on our key offenders.

IOM delivery arrangements continued to mature and the latest cohort performance report for the 12 month period ending December 2014 demonstrated continued excellent performance by local IOM teams across Dyfed Powys with significant reductions in both crimes and arrests. This regional picture is reflected within TRANSFORM locally with the 130 offenders on the Carmarthenshire cohort. For this cohort, consolidated crime analyses show a reduction of 298 crimes, from 810 crimes in the 12 months prior to joining the IOM scheme to 512, meaning 298 fewer victims. The total predicated cost saving is £575,160 (Home Office cost of crime figures). Similarly consolidated arrest analyses show 286 fewer instances of arrests in the county, down from 767 to 481, which impacts directly upon demand for service on front line teams.

- CCTV cameras in Carmarthenshire continued to be actively used during the year to help make Carmarthenshire a safer place, helping to deter crime and proactively providing evidence of crimes being committed. However, live monitoring of the cameras ceased in August 2015 after the Council decided to not continue to fund the ongoing live monitoring of its public space CCTV systems. This decision was taken following the publication of an independent report for the Police and Crime Commissioner which came to the conclusion that there is no case to support active monitoring of public CCTV and that there is little evidence that the cameras deter violent or alcohol related crime. The Council decision followed the Police and Crime Commissioner's decision during the year to withdraw a contribution to the scheme. Training has been provided to police personnel to review recorded footage and arrangements are being made with regards the future operation and management of CCTV.
- Further opportunities for integrated partnership working which helps to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour have been identified over the year. The Vulnerable Property Scheme was introduced in Carmarthenshire. Where police officers are made aware of any insecure properties or valuable property left in full view, they place a leaflet through the letter box to make the residents aware and to encourage them to be more cautious. A neighbourhood policing team engaged with local residents in a ward in Llanelli following police concerns regarding the level of burglaries. Almost 50 alarms were distributed in the ward. In the following eight month period, only one of the over 50 burglaries in Llanelli Town took place in that ward.
- Officers from Carmarthenshire County Council's Trading Standards team and Dyfed Powys Police undertook joint campaigns during the year to protect local residents against being scammed by rogue traders and being conned out of their money. The Council and Police launched an innovative anti- scams scheme - the first in Wales- to team up with some national banks to launch an official safeguarding scheme to protect vulnerable people from scams. A local partnership was formed, initially with Barclays bank in Ammanford, to identify potential scams before people part with their cash. Trading Standards services offered Bank staff training, a regular presence at local branches, a rapid response referral system, dedicated advice and referrals to adult protection and housing support teams if ongoing professional support is required. Early successes have already been seen with the identification of several victims of scams, preventing some of our most vulnerable and elderly people from sending

tens of thousands of pounds away to bogus lotteries, prize draws and investment scams.

- Residents have been encouraged to think twice before agreeing to any schemes promoted to them over the phone and never to give bank details out. The 'One Step Ahead' Campaign aimed to raise awareness in local communities about people who cold call on households trying to sell goods or services that are not needed or who offer to lend money to residents. By working together, Trading Standards and the Police were able to share knowledge and intelligence on this campaign and promotional items were produced to help remind vulnerable people about cold callers.
- Close links with the police continue to impact on the design of new buildings and renovations in partnership work to reduce opportunities for crime and ASB. This architectural liaison work between a police officer and Council departments provides valuable advice to ensure that, at the design and pre planning stage, the Council is able to do all it can to minimise future problems with crime and disorder. The number of 'Secured by Design' projects in the county that the police officer is involved in continues to grow each year. 19 projects were completed in 2014 with a further 39 live projects ongoing. In addition to this, there are a further 31 projects in the pipeline where meetings have taken place and are awaiting start dates.
- A Police Rural Policing Strategy and Action Plan is being developed and is due to be shared with key stakeholders in March. Partner agencies will then work together to deliver actions to assist policing in rural communities.

Priorities for 2015/16

- We will continue to ensure effective partnership working in relation to the 'Transform' IOM scheme to reduce reoffending
- We will promote crime prevention projects and in particular those relating to vulnerable people
- We will develop an action plan for the county to achieve the 'White Ribbon' campaign Town Award, which will demonstrate the commitment of the Council and its partner organizations to tackle domestic abuse against women and girls, particularly by engaging with men and boys.

Improving the confidence of local communities that we are tackling the issues that matter most to them and impacting on crime levels

Tackling crime and the fear of crime is key to making people feel safe in their communities. Local Authorities are working with the police and other key partners such as Health Boards to reduce crime and the fear of crime. Local Partners use their understanding of local priorities to reduce crime and substance misuse, and improve community safety. This local approach allows local partners to address the issues that are important to their community, collaborating and working together to address common priorities and needs.

Public confidence/perception across a range of issues remains extremely positive, in the Dyfed-Powys Police area. According to the results of the Crime Survey for England

and Wales, Dyfed-Powys ranked fifth across Police forces in England and Wales for dealing with issues that matter to local people, with a score of 68.8%.

Key achievements included:

- An 'Equality Carmarthenshire' Parch/Respect poster campaign was run during the year. 'Equality Carmarthenshire' is a group of organisations who represent the protected characteristics of the Equality Act and local service providers. The group launched a Parch / Respect Poster Campaign on the 1st December 2014. The launch event was co-run with Communities First and involved a number of school councils from the Llanelli area. The aim of the poster campaign is to promote respect and equality and is based on a similar project originally designed by young people at Coleg Sir Gar. Each poster has an individual, or a group of people, representative of an equality strand, with a quote 'Parch yw' or 'Respect is.' The posters are displayed in prominent key locations in communities to promote a positive message of respect.
- Community engagement increased with a focus on social media and the Internet being more utilised. The Police now have a number of their local neighbourhood policing teams on Twitter and by the end of 2015, most teams will have such an account and be using online community newsletters. A new Police website was launched in November and all neighbourhood policing teams have been trained to update their pages. A range of toolkits for publicity and marketing campaigns were provided to neighbourhood policing teams to ensure local awareness of topical issues and general crime prevention advice.
- The CSP page in the 'Carmarthenshire News' helped to raise awareness on a range of partnership working, including the success of the Designated Public Place Order and Online Watch Link (OWL) community engagement mechanism, tackling hate Crime, night time economy licensing issues and our most prolific offenders, celebrating exam success safely, shed security and securing your home while on holiday.
- Press articles continued to receive good local coverage in the press and on local websites. Articles included the above topic areas and also the launch of the 50th 'No Cold Calling Zone' in the county, partnership working between the police and Health Board to help safeguard vulnerable people from falling victim to rogue traders, action by agencies to tackle metal theft, crime prevention advice for the Christmas period with safety days with neighbourhood policing officers and promotion of the Immobilise scheme to protect new purchases, the street pastors scheme in Carmarthen - Nightlight - offering support and assistance to people on a night out in the town, the campaign to prevent alcohol related violent crime #PaulsPledge which had a good response on Twitter and in the national and local press and also coverage of safety messages during Halloween/Bonfire Night which also attracted national publicity.
- Progress was not able to be made on improving and launching the Community Safety Partnership's website to enhance engagement with local residents and to help prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. This has been delayed due to a review being undertaken by the Local Service Board on strategic partnership working. Content of the existing CSP website has, however, been updated.

- We have worked in partnership with other agencies to deal with litter and environmental offences. When combining the powers of all the agencies, we are able to target the issues and take preventative measures or use detection and prosecution. New Anti Social Behaviour legislation has enabled the officers to deal with more offences whereby previously they were restricted. New waste powers have been introduced to tackle waste carriers as their vehicles can be seized if they don't have the necessary paperwork. Together with Dyfed Powys Police we are conducting joint operations.

Priorities for 2015/16

- We will work to increase reporting of crime and disorder and promote engagement mechanisms with local communities
- We will continue to raise awareness of the work undertaken in partnership to tackle local priorities for local communities

Reducing ASB by working in partnership to tackle local problems

Anti-social behaviour continues to be a high priority for the CSP and a significant concern for local communities. Reported ASB incidents have fallen by 8.8% a reduction of 736 incidents to 7,624. Targeted multi-agency work on addressing such problems has continued and innovative projects have been developed to further partnership working to reduce ASB.

Key achievements included:

- A new ASB referral and management service (Gwalia) was commissioned during the year by the Police and Crime Commissioner. Gwalia has provided this service across the Force area since October 2014, rather than the CSP taking a lead in the process with a dedicated local authority employed ASB Co-ordinator. The new Dyfed Powys ASB service provides a focus on the victim, while still continuing to look at both the perpetrator and victims at regular locality problem solving group meetings which are led by Gwalia. The new service has been fully available from 1st April 2015 and so some of the performance information only date from that time.

As part of the service's victim centred approach, a Victim Impact Assessment has been introduced which will be used to evaluate the impact of ASB on the victim. The assessment will be undertaken with the victim at different stages throughout a case and will provide a measure of how successful any measures Dyfed Powys ASB Service or partner agencies take in reducing the impact of ASB for the victim. There were 19 cases with support requested for the victim since 2014 with 2 of these being between April and June.

During January to March 2015, there were 35 referrals made across the Carmarthenshire area: 34 of these were from the police and 1 was made by a housing association.

Police Referrals by NPT area (34 referrals in total)

Neighbourhood Policing Team Area	Number of ASB Referrals
Carmarthen	8
Llanelli Rural	2
Llanelli Town	12
Amman/Towy	12

Perpetrators by Age & Gender (35 referrals in total)

Age (Years)	Total Number of Referrals	Number of Male Perpetrators	Number of Female Perpetrators
Under 16	22	16	6
16-21	6	4	2
22-30	3	2	1
31-40	4	3	1

Type of ASB reported in Carmarthenshire (35 referrals)

Type of ASB	Number of Referrals
Noise	4
Games	6
Throwing Objects	9
Verbal Abuse	7
Alcohol	2
Behaviour	1
Trespass	2
Assault	1
Vehicle	1
Other	2

ASB Type within NPT Area – (34 Police referrals)

Carmarthen NPT

Type of ASB	Number of Referrals
Noise	2
Games	3
Behaviour	1
Assault	1
Verbal Abuse	1

Llanelli Rural

Type of ASB	Number of referrals
Verbal Abuse	1
Noise	1

Llanelli Town

Type of ASB	Number of Referrals
Throwing Objects	9
Trespass	2
Other	1

Amman/Towy

Type of ASB	Number of Referrals
Noise	1
Vehicle	1
Alcohol	2
Verbal Abuse	5
Games	3

From 1st April and the official launch of the full service, a range of information will be provided to the CSP on a regular basis relating to the service. During April – June 2015, there have been 14 ASB referrals received from partners across Carmarthenshire. The chart below shows the breakdown of the type of ASB that has been reported to the service. There are a variety of ASB case types being reported with Vandalism and damage to property being the highest.



Of the 14 cases that have been referred to the service, 4 cases have been closed following the use of advisory letters and monitoring. Problem solving groups are being held regularly in Carmarthen, Llanelli Town, Llanelli Rural and Ammanford areas. These meetings have been well attended by all partners and a total of 44 cases are currently being discussed at these meetings.

The cases have involved 18 perpetrators and 4 victims were identified, with 2 being referred for support. This figure is low, compared to the number of referrals and this is attributed to many of the incidents affecting the community rather than having a direct victim. Currently 10 victims are receiving support from the service.

Case conferences have been arranged when necessary in the Ammanford, Llanelli and Burry Port areas for cases which needed an immediate response. The willingness to work collaboratively amongst partners has been positive.

- In Carmarthenshire, partnership work between the police and Health Board has been continuing, in relation to reducing the time that mental health detainees spend in police custody and reducing the demand on front line policing. This work also aims to ensure that persons suffering mental health are given the best treatment and are dealt with as speedily as possible by both agencies. A reduction has been seen in the number of persons detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983.

- Following the Council's decision to implement a Selective Licensing Scheme for all private rented dwellings in the Tyisha Ward of Llanelli last year, officers are now active in the ward and working with key partners and local Councillors to deal with any anti social behaviour problems associated with private rented dwellings. A large proportion of landlords have already applied for licences and officers are continually assessing these application to ensure that the landlords and/ or agents are 'fit and proper' to manage the property and that properties are suitable for letting. Where we consider landlords to be not fit and proper, licenses have been or will be refused. Landlords that fail to license their properties and continue to let them will be prosecuted.
- Training has been provided to Police Community Support Officers to enable them to support the Local Authority's enforcement activities through the issuing of fixed penalty notices in relation to litter. Dog control orders are being introduced and it is hoped that this will enable PCSO's to issue fixed penalty tickets on behalf of the local authority.
- The Youth Offending and Prevention Service (YOPS) operates as a local partner to other criminal justice agencies that all contribute to the administration of justice. Equally the YOPS is an important member of a network of other agencies, some universal and some targeted, that deliver services to children and young people to prevent offending and ASB. Currently the YOPS is working with 90 young people from prevention work through to out of court disposals and statutory orders made at court.
- The effectiveness of activity the area of prevention work is measured by the number of children and young people entering the Youth Justice System for the first time. This is commonly referred to as the number of First Time Entrants (FTEs). During 2014/15 the number of FTEs dropped to 49 children and young people compared to 110 in the previous year (55% reduction).
- The YOPS Prevention Strategy has 2 distinct elements:
 - targeted work to prevent children and young people becoming involved in offending and anti-social behavior
 - working with partners and stakeholders to identify and target children and young people with unmet need.
- The YOPS receives referrals from a variety of sources in respect of children and young people (from 8-17 years) who are deemed to present a risk of offending or anti-social behaviour. Since 2013, the YOPS has provided briefings to a number of local Neighbourhood Policing Teams in relation to prevention work. This has supported a continued close working relationship with police colleagues who are able to discuss and refer children and young people who are of concern.
- From April 2014 the YOPS and the Youth Service for Carmarthenshire have been brought together under one single management structure and this will enhance the co-ordination and delivery of prevention services across Carmarthenshire and support work to reduce the amount of young people who are not in education employment or training (NEET) under the Youth Engagement and Progression Framework.

- The Motivating Our Youth Project, which took place in Carmarthenshire in July 2015, is an example of co-ordinated prevention activity involving Dyfed-Powys Police; the Mid and West Wales Fire Service; the YOPS and Youth Services in engaging 23 Year 8 secondary school pupils in a week long programme of activities during the school holidays. Opportunities to further engage the participants and other children and young people throughout the summer period and onwards are being offered by the YOPS and Youth Service.
- From June 2014, all children and young people who are eligible for a Youth Caution are referred to the YOPS for an assessment. This allows for the YOPS to target those young people who are likely to go on to re-offend following a caution. The process allows for the views of victims to be taken into account when the decision making panel (made up of the YOPS, Police and community representative) agree interventions with the young person and their parent/carer.
- The YOPS recognizes that restorative approaches offer a powerful means of promoting harmonious relationships in families, schools and communities. They seek to promote the voice of those harmed to be able to describe their experience, and encourage those causing harm to acknowledge the impact of what they have done and give an opportunity to make amends. In the next year the YOPS is seeking to up-skill staff to use restorative approaches to promote protective factors and reduce risk.

Priorities for 2014/15

- We will aim to ensure continued effective integration between all partner agencies in the delivery of the new service to tackle ASB
- We will work with partners to implement the new ASB legislation

Reducing the incidence of alcohol-related violence

There has been good progress this year on tackling alcohol-related violence in the night-time economy, with the focus being on working with our partners, the voluntary sector and licensees to make our County safer. There has been a reduction in alcohol-related crime with figures for 2014/15 showing the lowest levels seen in the last 4 years. The number of offences decreased during the year to 601; a reduction of 104 offences and 14.5%. Domestic abuse continues to be a key concern for partners and there have been developments locally in service provision.

Key achievements included:

- The CSP worked with Dyfed Powys Police to deliver the Police's strategy to reduce violent and alcohol related violent crime throughout the county, create a safer community and provide the public with a first class quality of service. Targeted police action took place for a month long period over Christmas and the New Year. This included working in partnership with licensees to tackle alcohol related crime in and around licensed premises, a campaign to tackle domestic violence, supported by the Scarlets and the issuing of Section 35 notices as an early intervention, to tackle potential crime and anti social behaviour and to prevent violence escalating. The police were being pleased with the results as the Christmas period passed with no major concerns or issues and was the

quietest in many years. A similar approach was also taken during the Six Nations.

- The CSP supported the Police-led campaign to call time on alcohol-fuelled violent crime. 'Paul's Pledge' was launched in December in Ammanford when a local man, Paul Pugh, returned to the exact spot where he was viciously attacked on a night out almost eight years ago. Paul was left in a coma for two months following an unprovoked assault in January, 2007, for which four men were jailed. Despite the fact that he will never fully recover from injuries that left him having to learn how to walk and talk again, Paul has bravely used his experience to campaign against alcohol fuelled violence. His campaign calls on people to make a pledge that they will never condone violence: *"I pledge never to condone violent behaviour, to walk away from aggression and violence and will encourage my friends and family to do the same."*
- The Campaign encourages people to make the online pledge at www.causes.com/paulspledge and then announce it on social media using #PaulsPledge to help spread the message. Over 1,300 tweets were sent at the time of the launch with a social reach to over a million people. As part of the campaign, Paul filmed a 15-minute documentary, which starts with the 999 call made to emergency services after the attack <http://youtu.be/FVPGtmk8g>. The footage has been released by the CSP and Police at Paul's wish, and is being shown in schools, colleges and youth clubs across Carmarthenshire as part of his campaign. The film has been viewed over 8,000 times in the last year. The campaign is being promoted throughout Dyfed Powys and is to be launched in South Wales.
- An e-learning module was developed to raise awareness among staff of the Council's new workplace policy on Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence. The Council recognises that its staff may be affected either as a victim/survivor, may know someone who is a victim/survivor or be an offender. The policy aims to increase awareness about the crime, which is under-reported, gives information about support available locally and offers guidance to managers and staff in how to deal with the issue if they become aware of it.
- We have continued to work with the Domestic Abuse Forum to ensure that good support services are provided locally to victims of domestic abuse, in particular by helping with funding for monitoring alarms which are made available by the Domestic Abuse Forum, which is a key way of making victims feel safe. Figures for the first quarter of use – October to December – showed that over 80% of the recipients of the alarms have said that they have felt safer by having an alarm.
- Over 140 people have been trained by the Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator during the year. The range of training received has included basic Domestic Abuse awareness, adult safeguarding and Domestic Abuse and children and Young people affected by Domestic Abuse. Staff from a variety of organisations and sectors have attended including Flying Start mentors, social workers, housing staff, local Health Board, third sector staff, mental health & substance Misuse and the Department of Work and Pensions.
- Significant work completed by CSP partners on developing workplace policy for domestic abuse and sexual violence. This includes the University Health Board's Domestic Abuse Forum which continues to meet regularly and drive forward the agenda around domestic abuse. The Health Board also participated in the work

prioritised by the Older Person's Commissioner in Wales to raise the awareness of older people who are victims of domestic abuse and ensure they have access to justice and domestic abuse support services. A plan is being developed to raise awareness in the Health Board.

- Close working continues with the Women's Aid organisations and Domestic Abuse Forum to provide and improve the services available to local victims of domestic abuse. Ongoing funding was received by the CSP from the Welsh Government to add to the Home Office money for the continuation of the dedicated 2 part-time Independent Domestic Violence Advisors posts. These staff give support and safety advice to all high risk victims who are discussed at the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC), where partner agencies consider these high risk cases and also support through the court process and at trial. The service also liaises with other agencies to ensure that on-going appropriate support is available to the victims of domestic abuse they have engaged with.

There has been a significant increase in the number of victims discussed at the MARAC meetings which are then supported by the IDVA. This figure was 396 referrals compared to 257 the previous year. Between April and December, the Specialist Domestic Violence Court IDVA service supported 105 victims, liaising with the magistrates and the prosecutors with 27 cases going to trial. The role of the IDVA service in providing support to victims in court is essential and, without it, there would be a reduction in the number of cases being brought to court.

Regular surveys with victims are undertaken by the IDVA service to obtain valuable feedback about the service. During 2014/15, 59 people were surveyed and 86% of them felt safer as a result of the support provided by the IDVAs.

Priorities for 2014/15

- We will promote further the #PaulsPledge alcohol-related violence campaign which calls on people to make a pledge that they will never condone or commit violence
- We will conduct an evaluation of the Designated Public Place Order in Llanelli and consider and implement any resulting recommendations.
- We will continue to work with licensed premises and other partners to tackle problems in town centres at night relating to alcohol and drug related crime and ASB

Reducing Speed and the Number of Road Traffic Accidents

The Road Safety Action Group (RSAG) within the Community Safety Partnership continues to build on the previous success achieved in reducing the number of road casualties against the former 2010 national target. The Wales Government has during the course of the year published the Road Safety Framework for Wales which includes the revised casualty reduction targets through to 2020 and this strategy now provides the direction and focus for the work of the Road Safety Action Group.

The ambitious targets set in the Framework are set out below:

The targets, compared to the average figures for Wales for the period 2004-08, are: -

- i. A 40% reduction in the total number of people killed and seriously injured.
- ii. A 25% reduction in the number of motorcyclists killed and seriously.*
- iii. A 40% reduction in the number of young people (aged 16-24) killed and seriously injured.

The targets use a baseline set by the average figures for each category for the period from 2004-2008.

The total number of Killed and seriously injured in Carmarthenshire in 2014 has reduced compared to the same figure for 2013.

The total number of number of young people killed and seriously injured has reduced from 32 persons in 2013 to 21 persons in 2014.

The number of motorcyclist killed and seriously injured in 2014 has reduced has compared to the same figure for 2013, but remains significantly above the 2004 to 2008 baseline period.

The figures for 2014 are set out in table 1 below:

Table 1

Target	Target - baseline 2004/2008 Average	2013	2014	2014 - reduction against baseline
Total number of people killed and seriously injured	115	100	94	18%
Number of motorcyclists killed and seriously injured	18	28	24	-33%
Number of young people (aged 16-24) killed and seriously injured	33	32	21	36%

The Road Safety Action Group priorities and achievements against the priorities for 2014 are set out in the table 2:

Table 2

Priorities	Action Taken	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Setting lower speed limits on rural roads ○ Setting safer speed 	Review of A and B Class Road Speed limits has been completed.	The work is undertaken in partnership with the Police via the speed limit working

Priorities	Action Taken	Comments
limits in urban areas.	10 new speed limits introduced in 2014.	group.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construct local improvements at accident cluster sites and along the lengths of rural roads 	<p>In 2014-15 the County Council delivered the following rural route treatment projects: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + A4069 Brynaman – Llangadog + A482 Llanwrda – Cwmann + A476 Swiss Valley – Gelli Onn, Llanelli 	Our strategic approach to route treatments is now recognised nationally.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speed enforcement 	Speed enforcement via Go safe, the Police has continued throughout 2014.	Speed enforcement and speed management is reviewed by the multi agency Speed Management Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coordinate road safety education campaigns delivered by RSAG partner agencies 	The agencies run joint programmes e.g. The Young Driver programme. The schools and motorcyclists programmes is delivered in close partnership with the Mid and west Wales Fire Service.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Young Drivers Programme 	Over 1,000 drivers have been trained during 2014/15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Standards Cycle Training 	Primary school pupils continue to receive the cycle training.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enforcement of parking outside schools 	Regular joint parking enforcement between Council Civil Enforcement Officers and Police Community Support Officers has been undertaken at priority school sites throughout the year.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop cycle routes that are segregated from the highway 	Cycle Routes have been developed and implemented in key town centres of Ammanford, Llanelli / Burry Port and Carmarthen	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Road safety 	The schools programme is	

Priorities	Action Taken	Comments
education programmes in secondary schools	delivered in close partnership with the Mid and west Wales Fire Service.	

In order to continue making progress towards the 2020 casualty reduction targets casualty the Road Safety Action Group (RSAG) will coordinate the following activities: -

Initiatives for high risk and vulnerable groups: *Motorcyclists* - the vulnerability of motorcyclists means that they are far more likely to be seriously injured in a road traffic collision.

In 2015-16 the County Council's Road Safety Unit will continue to engage with 'hard to reach' motorcyclists, who are potentially more at risk.

The Council's Road Safety Group will work in partnership with the Police, the Fire and Rescue Service and the Institute of Advanced Motorists to communicate with representatives of motorcycling groups and understand what actions / interventions will be most effective.

The Council will work in partnership with the Fire and Rescue Service to deliver motor cycling training courses for young and experienced riders.

Initiatives for Young Drivers and Passengers (16-24 years old): Young drivers are disproportionately at risk of being killed or seriously injured on the roads and are the most at-risk age group.

In 2015-16 the County Council will train young people in terms of school and college education and evaluate the effectiveness of their young driver interventions.

Initiatives for Older Drivers (60+ years old):

In 2015-16 the County Council's Road Safety Unit will specifically train older drivers through education (Older drivers refresher training programme). The delivery of this training will be evaluated to establish whether it is fit for purpose.

Initiatives for Children (Primary Schools): Children are potentially amongst the most vulnerable road users because of their age and lack of experience in certain situations. In 2014-15 the following children's road safety initiatives will be delivered in Carmarthenshire: -

- National Standards Cycling Training
- Kerbcraft
- Engagement with Nursery school children
- Introduce 20mph speed limit schemes outside schools

Equestrian road users: Horses and their riders (as well as carriage drivers) are vulnerable on the road network.

In 2015-16 the Council's Road Safety Unit will actively engage with the Equestrian Road User Working group and consider whether any road safety interventions should be introduced, where there are significant numbers of horse riders and/or road traffic collision involving horses. An emergency services training event will be organised to train first responders at the scene of a road traffic incident involving equines.

Collision causation – Speed: There is clear evidence that the frequency and severity of collisions rises with speed.

The partners will continue to work to jointly manage community concerns about speeding, in accordance with the Carmarthenshire Speed Management Strategy.

The County Council will continue to work in partnership with Dyfed Powys Police to set new speed limits, in accordance with the Carmarthenshire Speed Management Strategy.

Safer Roads: Safer roads – Rural Route Treatment

In 2015-16 the County Council intends to deliver the following rural route treatment projects:

- + B 4306 Hendy to Cwmffrwd
- + A 484 Kidwelly to Cwmffrwd
- + A 485 Alltwalis to Llanybydder

Monitoring and evaluation: In 2015-16 the Road Safety Action Group will focus on road safety analysis and on the results from the various planned interventions explained above and consider the impact and effectiveness of the training and engagement actions and the road safety engineering projects.

4. Work of the CSP

There were a number of key developments in integrated partnership working during the year arising from CSP discussions, many of which related to the progress outlined above. These included:

- Strong background in partnership working further enhanced integrated and co-located team tackling offenders at highest risk of reoffending.
- Agreement that a contribution be made to the regional post of Integrated Offender Management Co-ordinator, with the police and Probation Services funding the majority of the post. This will ensure effective ongoing tackling of our priority offenders.
- Continued commitment to closer working between Council enforcement officers and Police Community Safety Officers to more effectively tackle dog fouling. This work is ongoing.
- Ongoing regional working across Dyfed Powys between CSPs and Youth Offending Teams on a regional business plan for our allocation of the 'Youth Crime Prevention Fund' from Welsh Government. A regional steering group co-ordinates prevention strategies and activities across Dyfed Powys.
- Commitment from the CSP's Board to address counter-terrorism to include Serious Organised Crime in its remit from 2015/16. This will result in wider ranging discussions and increased opportunities for staff training, awareness raising and information sharing.

- Work continued with departmental and police colleagues to ensure monitoring of CCTV systems and local protocol is compliant with new Home Office guidance.

While the statutory responsibilities of the CSP have not changed, with clear duties in terms of reducing crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour, re-offending and substance misuse, the amount of funding the CSP has, and is accountable for, has fallen.

The CSP was previously responsible for allocating the £1.3 million Welsh Government funding to tackle substance misuse in the county. However, from April 2014, this has been managed regionally across the Hywel Dda area by the Area Planning Board (APB) and administered by Pembrokeshire County Council. The Council continues to be represented on the APB and contributes to strategic decision making at that level. The CSP, represented by the Community Safety Manager, is involved in strategic discussions relating to the funding, commissioning of services, performance management and local and national issues. However, the CSP does not directly receive or manage the funding.

Members are aware of further reductions seen in the area of anti-social behaviour, with the loss of the Co-ordinator post during the year and also ceasing of live monitoring of the CCTV service.

The Council's budget for community safety initiatives has been reduced in 2015/16 from 61k to 28k, with a further reduction of 15k planned for 2016/17.

Such reductions will continue to impact on the work of the CSP.

5. Annual progress updates from Partners

Below are contributions from two key partners on the CSP - the Fire and Rescue Service and Probation- to assist members in understanding and scrutinising the work of the Partnership. The reports relate to an overview of partnership working during 2014 and 2015 and priority areas for working in conjunction with partner agencies in 2015/16.

Fire and Rescue Service

Carmarthenshire Command covers an area of 239,800 hectares and has a population of 179,500. It is the second largest unitary authority within the Mid & West Wales Fire Service Area and is divided into the industrial regions of Llanelli and Ammanford, the more rural Carmarthen which is the administrative centre and numerous small towns and villages. The region presents a wide range of risks including inland waterways, industry, agricultural risks, extensive road networks and concentrated areas of domestic and commercial premises.

Community Safety

Home fire safety continues to be the cornerstone of the FRS' preventative activity. During 2014/15, the Service has looked to identify vulnerable groups within local communities to provide them with Home Fire Safety advice and fit smoke detectors and other specialist equipment in their homes.

We have worked hard with our third Sector Partners who have access to large number of vulnerable groups that are at increased risk of fire, households that the FRS have traditionally found difficult to identify and access. Successful Partnerships have been established with a wide number of these organisations who are paid to undertake audits on our behalf.

The local authority and private domiciliary care teams have provided over 2400 quality high risk referrals from elderly and vulnerable residents within Carmarthenshire which has assisted us in completing over 4600 home fire safety checks.

The Service has had considerable success in engaging with child poverty groups with assistance from Sure Start, Flying Start and Plant Dewi. A total of 16 talks have been provided to over 450 members of these groups.

The Schools Education Programme has been standardised across Wales and FRS Schools Education Officers deliver an annual programme for pupils at Key Stage 1 to 4. The Service's School Education Programme is designed to Increase the fire safety awareness of school children and during 2014/15 168 presentations were delivered to over 8,500 children within Carmarthenshire.

The Service has delivered their Road safety message and demonstrations to 6th form schools and colleges in Carmarthenshire as well as demonstrations at a range of public events during the year. The schools and colleges programme has been delivered to over 600 16 to 24 yr old students in 28 sessions.

The Carmarthenshire Command and Service Youth Team work with Youth Offending Teams and other partners to deliver Phoenix Youth Intervention Courses to children and young people who have offended or at risk of offending (Tier 1 and 2). The Phoenix Courses continue to receive very favourable feedback in terms of changing the behaviour of the young people who attend the course.

Our youth Engagement activities last year included 7 Phoenix courses; these courses build self-confidence and self-esteem and provide life skills and group activities which reduce the levels of offending and bad behaviour. 44 disengaged young people attended and were trained for a week as a fire-fighter which assists in developing personal and team skills. The Service also ran 5 'fire-fighter for a day' courses, providing the opportunity for 55 young people unable to attend the week long Phoenix course to develop their team working skills.

Our arson reduction team continues to work with partners across the region to reduce arson risk including wildfire, business arson risk, hate crime, environmental hazards etc. Deliberate fires have reduced by 61% since 2006/07.

Priorities for 2015/16

- The Fire and Rescue Service will continue to focus on the areas highlighted above but will focus particularly on working with existing partners to identify vulnerable people.
- The Service will monitor the effectiveness and refresh existing partnerships and also seek to develop new ones to better help access hard to reach communities and people.

- The Service will explore alternative ways of delivering Home Fire Safety Checks and seek to develop agreements with other agencies and third sector organisations for volunteers to deliver checks in partnership with the Service.
- We will look to further develop our HFSC program to cover more areas of risk and signpost to our partners if required.
- Our educational programme will continue through visiting all Primary and Secondary schools within the County delivering home safety messages and seasonal messages.
- Youth engagement activities will continue to be delivered and 7 Phoenix courses are planned for the current year. 'Fire-fighter for a day' courses will also continue to be run for those unable to access the Phoenix courses.
- In addition to the intervention for Tier 1 and 2 offenders the Service is developing a project that will also target children and young people with behavioural problems.
- We will actively look to develop our volunteer program.

Probation Services

Review of Dyfed Powys Local Delivery Unit 2014/15

The 'Transforming Rehabilitation' agenda has seen significant changes for Probation in Wales. Wales Probation ceased to exist on 1st June 2014. In its place two new organisations are now responsible for the delivery of probation services - the National Probation Service (NPS) and Wales Community Rehabilitation Company (Wales CRC).

The **NPS** manages offenders who pose the highest risk of harm and plays a key role in advising the courts to enable the effective sentencing of all offenders. The NPS also has responsibility for victim liaison work and ensuring that the voice of the victim is heard at key points of an offender's sentence. **Wales CRC** manages low and medium risk of harm offenders and delivers effective programmes and interventions in partnership with a range of specialist providers.

The Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014 came into force on 1st February 2015. The Act's provisions include the introduction of statutory supervision to service users who are released from short prison sentences of less than 12 months; changes to the sentencing and release framework, including expanded drug testing powers for service users released from custody; and the creation of a new Rehabilitation Activity Requirement that can be imposed on service users serving sentences in the community.

Wales Community Rehabilitation Company

Despite the significant programme of change, Wales CRC had a strong performance year during 2014/15. On 1st February 2015, Wales CRC transferred ownership to Working Links, a private, public and voluntary backed organisation, with over fifteen years experience in the employability sector.

Reducing reoffending and safeguarding victims remains core to Wales CRC and we recognise that positive and effective relationships are key to our direct work with offenders and our work with stakeholders and partners. The Local Delivery Unit continues to have a key role with the NPS and Dyfed Powys Police in respect of Domestic Abuse, via the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference meetings, as well as the Integrated Offender Management scheme. Further developments, such as the new daily Domestic Abuse Conference Call and Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, present opportunities for greater information sharing to protect the public.

The management of prolific and persistent offending and those offenders on licence continue to be a focus in order to reduce reoffending rates across Carmarthenshire. The 'Transform /Trawsnewydd' Carmarthenshire IOM scheme continues to benefit from a co-located team within the Probation Llanelli office, where improved communication, such as daily tasking meetings, is successfully targeting offenders to reduce their reoffending. In 2014/15, the scheme has encouraged the development of diversion activities to move offenders into constructive activities and improve their education, skills and well-being. Of note, the Community Safety Partnership has supported a furniture recycling project, named Ail Gyfle, which has begun to engage with IOM offenders within a pilot social enterprise.

Wales CRC has continued responsibility delivery of Community Payback, also known as an Unpaid Work Requirement, where communities in Carmarthenshire benefit as offenders complete their hours of punishment for a wide range of beneficiaries and projects. Some may be hardly visible to the public; for instance back room work in charity shops and cleaning in community centres, whereas others are suitable for offenders to wear high visibility jackets and the work achieved is also much more visible, such as maintaining gardens or painting structures. Beneficiaries continue to express a high level of satisfaction. It is clear from the testimonials and feedback received that community payback is improving local communities and providing visible reparation.

Future focus

Wales CRC are focussing on the following objectives to fulfil their Annual Service Plan during 2015/6:

- Delivery of a resettlement service for all prison leavers, engaging with people in custody and supporting them through the prison gate into the community.
- Designing and delivering innovative new services including Rehabilitation Activity Requirements to reduce reoffending, rehabilitate service users and help them turn their lives around.
- Protecting the public while managing service users in the community, including identifying any changes in risk and referring high risk cases to the NPS.
- Delivering a range of specific interventions and services available for service users managed by either Wales CRC or the NPS, including community payback and accredited programmes

In addition, Wales CRC are commissioned by the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner to deliver a Restorative Justice service across the region. Restorative

Justice holds offenders directly accountable to their victims and may bring them together in a controlled environment. This intervention can give the victim opportunity to challenge and understand the crime and ensuring the offender learns about the impact of this behaviour.

National Probation Service

The NPS directly manages offenders - both in the community and before their release from custody - who pose the highest risk of harm and who have committed the most serious crimes. The NPS is responsible for the management of those offenders requiring management under Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA). The Service plays a key role by assessing risk and advising the courts to enable the effective sentencing and rehabilitation of all offenders. The NPS also has responsibility for victim liaison work and ensuring that the voice of the victim is heard at key points of an offender's sentence.

The NPS is committed to developments in public protection and safeguarding. Through effective partnership with CRCs and others, NPS changes the lives of those we supervise through reform, rehabilitation and reparation. We are committed to initiatives such as Integrated Offender Management and to continue to strengthen our relationships with our partners across Wales. Through what we do, we help build safer communities.

6. Conclusion

Working together to make Carmarthenshire Safe and protecting local communities is key to the work of the CSP. It is pleasing to note that there continued to be low rates of crime and falls in both crime and ASB seen last year and it is felt that significant progress has continued to be made in all areas of the Integrated Community Strategy relating to the Partnership's work. Improvements continue to be made in closer working with partner agencies, particularly in the area of IOM which has been further enhanced.

It is believed that the continued success in reducing comparatively low levels of crime can be attributed in part to ongoing partnership working. The police continue to work proactively in local communities, our most prolific offenders are targeted effectively in partnership and key agencies continue to tackle priority crime and disorder issues together to provide added value and resources.

While some increases in certain types of crimes have been seen, there continues to be impressive reductions in a range of key crimes that impact heavily on our communities, such as drug offences and vehicle crime.

With the focus on intelligence-led partnership working and improved information provided to the CSP's action groups, the CSP will strive to maintain and, where possible, reduce crime levels. This will help to reduce the number of local residents becoming victims of crime and also increase public confidence that local partner agencies are working together to address the crime and disorder issues that matter most to them.

We will continue to work with our partners, with the reduced resources available, building on the strong links we have developed between organisations, to ensure our communities get the best possible services to make them feel safe.

Appendix

Crimes per 1,000 Residents (April 2014 – March 2015): A comparison of the 22 Community Safety Partnerships in Wales

1: All crime

2: CSEW Comparator Crime

Crimes per 1,000 Residents (April 2014 - March 2015)

A comparison of the 22 Community Safety Partnerships in Wales

1. All Crime

Community Safety Partnership	Crimes per 1,000 of the population
Blaenau Gwent	74.98
Bridgend	59.71
Caerphilly	55.94
Cardiff	90.61
Carmarthenshire	40.58
Ceredigion	34.86
Conwy	49.72
Denbighshire	56.84
Flintshire	46.55
Gwynedd	47.54
Isle of Anglesey	37.87
Merthyr Tydfil	72.41
Monmouthshire	43.31
Neath & Port Talbot	55.25
Newport	80.51
Pembrokeshire	38.06
Powys	34.48
Rhondda Cynon Taff	60.42
Swansea	68.07
Torfaen	59.52
Vale of Glamorgan	51.16
Wrexham	71.21

2. CSEW Comparator Crime (Crime Survey for England and Wales)

Community Safety Partnership	Crimes per 1,000 of the population
Blaenau Gwent	43.75
Bridgend	29.35
Caerphilly	31.72
Cardiff	47.11
Carmarthenshire	19.31
Ceredigion	16.56
Conwy	25.11
Denbighshire	31.23
Flintshire	25.57
Gwynedd	23.88
Isle of Anglesey	19.77
Merthyr Tydfil	38.68
Monmouthshire	21.18
Neath & Port Talbot	27.61
Newport	40.58
Pembrokeshire	19.89
Powys	16.36
Rhondda Cynon Taff	30.82
Swansea	34.60
Torfaen	31.17
Vale of Glamorgan	25.12
Wrexham	39.55

**Crime Survey for England and Wales (previously known as the British Crime Survey) Comparator Crime include the following offences: burglary dwelling, vehicle crime (including vehicle interference), personal robbery, theft from person offences, common assault (including that on a PC), all wounding offences, theft of a pedal cycle and the unauthorised taking of a pedal cycle.*

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 18th SEPTEMBER 2015

Substance Misuse Services Visits Update

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- The report provided by the Executive Board Members, with responsibility for substance misuse and health and social care, regarding visits undertaken to substance misuse service providers.

Reasons:

- To ensure the Committee is updated on the outcome of the requested visits as recommended by the Committee's Task & Finish Group.
- To enable members to exercise their scrutiny role.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. Pam Palmer (Community Safety, Social Justice / Crime & Disorder)
- Cllr. Jane Tremlett (Social Care & Health)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 18th SEPTEMBER 2015

Substance Misuse Services Visits Update

The Scrutiny Committee undertook a task and finish review of Substance Misuse Treatment Services in 2013/14.

The recommendations arising from the review included that the County Council's Executive Board Members, with responsibility for substance misuse and health and social care, visit treatment service providers and report back to this Scrutiny Committee on a regular basis.

This report provides an update on the visits undertaken in 2014/15.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Wendy Walters Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration & Policy)

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE

1. Policy and Crime & Disorder

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is required to take the lead in addressing substance misuse locally and it works closely with partner agencies in the commissioning of services and ensuring work is undertaken in the areas of prevention, education, treatment and enforcement. The CSP is required to have a Commissioning Strategy to address drug and alcohol misuse.

5. Risk Management

Failure to effectively tackle substance misuse problems locally could result in an increase in the effect that such problems have on our residents and their quality of life.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signe d: Wendy Walters Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration & Policy)

- 1. Local Member(s) – N/A**
- 2. Community / Town Council – N/A**
- 3. Relevant Partners – N/A**
- 4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A**

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List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group Action Plan Monitoring – Review of Substance Misuse Treatment Services (E&PP Scrutiny Committee – 26th June 2015)	<p>Report: http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/ENMT20150626/index.asp</p> <p>Minutes: http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/ENMT20150626/MINUTES.HTM</p>
Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group Final Report 2013/14: Substance Misuse Treatment Services (Executive Board, 31st March 2014)	<p>Report http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/EXEB20140331/index.asp</p> <p>Minutes http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/EXEB20140331/MINUTES.HTM</p>
Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group Final Report 2013/14: Substance Misuse Treatment Services – E&PP Scrutiny Committee (24th February 2014)	<p>Report http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/ENMT20140224/REP04.HTM</p> <p>Minutes http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/ENMT20140224/MINUTES.HTM</p>
Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group Planning and Scoping Document – E&PP Scrutiny Committee (13th September 2013)	<p>Report http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/ENMT20130913/REP09.HTM</p> <p>Minutes http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/ENMT20130913/MINUTES.HTM</p>
Commissioning of Substance Misuse Services in Carmarthenshire – E&PP Scrutiny Committee (27th February 2013)	<p>Report http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/ENMT20130227/index.asp</p> <p>Minutes http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/ENMT20130227/index.asp</p>

Substance Misuse Services Visit Update

Visits undertaken

A number of visits to treatment service providers have taken place during 2014/15, with tours of the premises followed by discussion on the services provided including consideration of performance information.

Councillors Pam Palmer and Jane Tremlett attended a meeting, at Chooselife's premises in Llanelli, to monitor the service level agreement with them in February 2014. The Chief Executive Officer of the service was present. The discussion included performance management and detailed consideration of the regular comprehensive reports provided on service activity. Cllr Palmer also attended a subsequent monitoring meeting in October with the service's Chief Executive Officer, when again, performance monitoring was a key element of the discussion.

In July 2014, a site visit took place to two service providers who work throughout the county. The visits took place at their Llanelli premises and the members were joined by Councillor David Jenkins. The Parish Hall site was visited initially where Prism, the single point of contact service for alcohol services, is based with other services it provides specifically for offenders which are not funded by the Welsh Government Substance Misuse Action Plan Fund. The Director of Prism, Criminal Justice service team leader and the alcohol service team leader responded to questions on the service. These included engaging effectively with offenders, the treatment provided, close working with police colleagues, work in schools, referrals from different sources including GPs and how it is positive that some clients access the service again in the future when they are ready to seek treatment. The Vaughan Street location was then visited, where Turning Point, the single point of contact tier 2 service is based (with colleagues from the Council's Social Care Team and the University Health Board's Community Drug and Alcohol Team.) The team leader assisted with questions on the service which included the needle exchange service, usage statistics, service user consultation and group work undertaken. A particularly valuable part of the visit was felt to be a discussion with two service users. The councillors heard first from a client, supported by a worker, about the service she receives from Turning Point and then from a member of the family of another service user, again supported by a worker, about the service they have received from the staff there. The members felt that this helped to bring the service to life and it also evidenced how much the staff are valued by the clients.

Further site visits took place in May 2015 with the Tier 3 University Health Board Community Drug and Alcohol Team (CDAT) and Drugaid Choices Service for young people.

At the meeting with CDAT, the two councillors met the team leader and the alcohol and BBV lead nurse and questions included the psychosocial interventions group (recovery) 12 week programme – relapse prevention, motivational interviewing, support provided to Polish clients in Llanelli, opiate substitute prescribing, frequency of appointments, helping alcohol clients to detox safely and the support which will be provided in future for family members. The good signposting to housing services and support provided by the Council department was noted and also joint working with the Council's Social Care team relating to residential rehabilitation.

At Unit 3 in Llanelli – the young person’s service base – the Executive Board Members met a representative from Choices (service provided by Drugaid), a Council Social Worker (adults) and a representative from a children and young people’s advocacy service (Trysgynnor). Key points discussed included drug of choice for young people, the weekly allocation meetings attended also by YOPS and CAMHS to deal with dual diagnosis issues (substance misuse and mental health), age of referrals, generic work in schools and also specific work to target issues, outreach work, training for professionals, work with concerned others – affected by parent’s use or parents worried about their children, planned group work for the summer. Positive collaborative work was noted with foster carers’ training being provided jointly by Social Care and Choices and good communication between substance misuse children and adult services with joint allocation meetings and transition arrangements in place. The view was also expressed by the workers that the partnership working locally was considered to be better than in other local areas as staff had experience of working in other counties.

Performance Information

The Councillors considered a range of performance management information provided by the services. Appendix A provides a summary of activity for the services visited for the period 2014/15.

Future visits

There has been a change in the services now commissioned by the Area Planning Board and Drugaid started providing the tier 2 adult drug and alcohol service across the Hywel Dda area in April 2015. This service replaced the ones provided previously by Turning Point and Prism in Carmarthenshire. A visit to the Drugaid service will be arranged shortly and a report provided to a future meeting.

Appendix A

Total activity

Reporting Period: 01-Apr-2014 to 31-Mar-2015

Total Activity	Prism	Drugaid Choices	CDAT	Turning Point
Number of referrals	559	72	212	251
Number of assessments	344	68	193	141
Number of treatment start dates	337	65	176	125
Number of cases closed	501	86	167	286
Number of open cases	162	10	108	5
Number of clients waiting assessment	77	1	6	3
Number of clients waiting treatment	3	1	0	0

Chooselife Day Centre Access

Quarterly comparison

Quarter	Number of visits	Individuals	1st Visit
April – June 2014	1263	115	15
July – Sep 2014	1086	100	6
Oct – Dec 2014	1159	111	15
Jan - 6th Mar 2015	890	104	9

Breakdown of Service User Type in the Day Centre

Support Type	Apr – June 14	July – Sep 14	Oct – Dec 14
Drugs	64	59	56
Drugs & Alcohol	14	11	13
Alcohol	16	11	17
Family support	5	4	6
Unknown	3	2	8
Recovery Champions	13	13	11

(This information does not include activities and training undertaken, the volunteer programme or participation in social enterprises, as these are not funded by the Area Planning Board. Family Centre Usage is mainly activity based.)

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**ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
18th SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Revenue & Capital Budget
Monitoring Report 2015/16**

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- That the scrutiny committee receives the budget monitoring reports for the Environment Department, Public Protection Services and the Community Safety Service (within the Chief Executive's Department) and considers the budgetary position.

Reasons:

- To provide the Committee with an update on the latest budgetary position, as at 30th June 2015, in respect of the 2015/16 financial year.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. Hazel Evans (Technical Services)
- Cllr. David Jenkins (Resources)
- Cllr. Jim Jones (Environmental & Public Protection)
- Cllr. Pam Palmer (Community Safety, Social Justice / Crime & Disorder)

<p>Directorate: Resources</p> <p>Name of Head of Service: Chris Moore</p> <p>Report Author: Owen Bowen</p>	<p>Designations:</p> <p>Head of Financial Services</p> <p>Chief Accountant</p>	<p>Tel Nos. / E-Mail Addresses:</p> <p>01267 224160 cmoore@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p> <p>01267 224886 obowen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 18th SEPTEMBER 2015

Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2015/16

The monitoring exercise for the period to the 30th June 2015 is attached and indicates that:

Revenue Budgets

Environment Service (Appendix A) – The Environment Department is showing an anticipated overspend of £379k at year end.

The Transport & Engineering Division is showing a net overspend of £105k for the year. Civil design is showing an overspend of £50k due to under recovery of income as a result of a vacant post, Car Parks an overspend of £117k due to a delay in implementing the increased charges that were included in the efficiency proposals and Park and Ride is overspent by £42k. These are partly offset by a £70k underspend in School Crossing Patrols as a result of a number of vacant posts and various sections are showing smaller underspends due to service efficiencies.

The Property Services Division has an overall anticipated overspend of £222k. Building Maintenance is expecting to be £393k overspent due to not achieving their income target due to a reduction in the Carmarthenshire Housing Standard related work. This is offset by a £187k underspend in the Grounds Maintenance section due to ongoing efficiency savings.

The Street-Scene Division is expecting to break even at year end.

The Policy & Development Division is anticipating a £52k overspend mainly due a £36k severance efficiency not being delivered as well as a £9k overspend on out of hours allowances.

Public Protection (Appendix B) – The Public Protection Service is projecting that it will be over its approved budget by £1k.

Community Safety (Appendix C) – The Community Safety Service within the Chief Executive’s Department projecting that it will be within the approved budget at year end.

Capital Budgets

Environment (Appendix D) – No variances

A list of the main variances is attached to this report.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Chris Moore Head of Financial Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

3. Finance

Revenue – The Environment Department are reporting a projected net overspend at year end of £379k. The Public Protection Service is projecting that it will be over its approved budget by £1k at year end. The Community Safety Service is projecting that it will be within the approved budget at year end.

Capital – The capital programme is on target against the 2015-16 approved budget.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Chris Moore Head of Financial Services

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
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2015/16 Budget	Resources Department, County Hall, Carmarthen

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Revenue Budget Monitoring 2015-16 as at 30th June 2015

Forecasted for year to 31st March 2016

Service	Working Budget				Forecasted				Variance For Year £'000	Note
	Controllable Expenditure £'000	Controllable Income £'000	Net Non Controllable £'000	Total Net £'000	Controllable Expenditure £'000	Controllable Income £'000	Net Non Controllable £'000	Total Net £'000		
<u>Policy & Development</u>										
Emergency Planning	70	0	39	110	118	0	39	157	47	1
Departmental - Core	179	0	-179	0	175	0	-179	-3	-3	
Departmental - Policy	669	0	-669	0	715	-37	-669	8	8	
Rechargable Works	0	0	0	0	9	-9	0	0	0	
Policy & Development Total	919	0	-809	110	1,017	-46	-809	162	52	
<u>Street Scene</u>										
Streetscene Core	982	-38	-943	0	983	-40	-943	0	0	
Capital Charges	0	0	4,686	4,686	0	0	4,686	4,686	0	
Highway Lighting	2,934	-1,513	171	1,593	2,830	-1,408	171	1,593	0	
Flood Defence & Land Drainage	325	0	249	574	325	-0	249	574	-0	
Flood Risk Regulations grant	0	0	0	0	101	-101	0	0	0	
Bridge Maintenance	700	0	72	772	700	0	72	772	0	
Remedial Earthworks	290	0	5	295	295	-5	5	295	-0	
Street Works and Road Adoptions	396	-334	123	185	395	-334	123	184	-1	
Technical Surveys	302	0	81	383	302	0	81	383	0	
Highway Maintenance	8,102	0	417	8,519	8,102	0	417	8,519	0	
Western Area Works Partnership	4,218	-4,218	11	11	4,218	-4,230	11	-1	-12	
Environmental Enforcement	552	-24	105	633	552	-23	105	633	0	
Ammanford Cemetery	29	-7	28	49	32	-10	28	50	0	
Public Conveniences	492	-13	136	614	546	-24	136	658	44	2
Bus Shelters	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	
Cleansing Service	1,875	-56	229	2,049	1,881	-60	229	2,050	1	
Waste Services	13,990	-4,584	1,102	10,508	14,195	-4,824	1,102	10,473	-35	3
Tidy Towns Projects	35	-35	0	0	30	-30	0	0	0	
Public Rights of Way	228	-11	15	233	228	-11	15	232	-0	
Closed Landfill Sites Nantycaws	138	0	1	138	138	0	1	139	0	
Closed Landfill Sites Wernddu	84	0	0	84	84	0	0	84	-0	
Coastal Protection	68	0	32	99	68	0	32	100	0	
Street Scene Total	35,740	-10,833	6,519	31,425	36,006	-11,100	6,519	31,425	-0	

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Transport										
Departmental - Transport	230	0	-230	-0	227	0	-230	-3	-3	
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	0	0	5	-5	0	-0	-0	
Engineering Sub-Contractors	0	0	0	0	-0	0	0	-0	-0	
Sec 278 HT Agreements	0	0	0	0	-0	0	0	-0	-0	
Civil Design	858	-1,286	170	-259	852	-1,231	170	-209	50	4
Transport Strategic Planning	308	-88	345	566	305	-85	345	566	0	
RTP - Start of Works	20	-20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fleet Management	6,459	-7,725	756	-510	5,604	-6,870	756	-510	0	
Bus Stations	47	0	6	53	71	0	5	75	23	5
Passenger Transport Unit Deptamental Account	384	-44	-340	0	298	-40	-258	-0	-0	
Public Transport Support	901	-179	119	841	1,094	-350	104	848	7	5
Community Transport	199	-85	61	174	211	-116	50	145	-29	5
Concessionary Fares Grant	2,133	-1,603	45	574	2,306	-1,806	40	541	-33	5
Local Transport Services Grant	601	-601	28	28	601	-601	28	28	-0	
Transport to Primary Schools	570	0	22	592	606	0	18	624	32	
Transport to Colleges	1,329	-708	56	676	1,331	-711	51	672	-4	
Transport to Community Schools	125	0	4	129	139	0	3	142	13	
Transport to Secondary Schools	4,500	-105	219	4,614	4,564	-179	190	4,576	-38	
Transport to Special Schools	2,211	-226	72	2,056	2,257	-271	60	2,047	-10	
Passenger Assistants	948	-51	69	966	1,020	-113	68	975	10	
Traffic Management	433	-50	89	472	420	-38	89	472	-0	
Car Parks	1,632	-3,137	307	-1,199	1,380	-2,768	307	-1,082	117	6
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	1	0	0	1	45	-2	0	43	42	7
Regional Transport Consortia Grant	22	-21	9	10	139	-138	9	10	0	
Road Safety	131	0	65	196	131	0	65	196	0	
School Crossing Patrols	222	0	37	259	151	0	37	189	-70	8
Health Transport Project	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bwcabus	1,286	-1,284	0	2	83	-81	0	2	0	
Transport Total	25,550	-17,215	1,908	10,243	23,844	-15,404	1,908	10,348	105	

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Property Services										
Renewable Energy Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Building Mtce	29,526	-33,161	1,828	-1,807	15,417	-18,659	1,828	-1,414	393	9
Home Exchange	306	-306	0	0	304	-304	0	-0	-0	
Operational	2,272	-1,244	-1,170	-142	2,106	-1,078	-1,170	-142	-0	
Parks & PC Landlord	63	0	0	63	63	0	0	63	0	
Corporate Property	2,271	0	-1,304	966	2,271	0	-1,304	966	-0	
BSS Works	0	0	0	0	0	-0	0	-0	-0	
Trostre Depot a/c	95	-62	3	37	82	-49	3	37	0	
Pumping Stations	34	0	0	34	46	0	0	46	12	
Design	1,751	-1,272	-115	364	6,780	-6,301	-115	364	-0	
Salix	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Grounds Maintenance Service	4,775	-3,410	188	1,553	3,706	-2,529	188	1,366	-187	10
Parks Service	255	-197	424	481	133	-75	424	481	1	
Building Cleaning	3,183	-3,343	329	168	3,187	-3,343	329	172	4	
Property Services Total	44,529	-42,995	181	1,716	34,094	-32,338	181	1,938	222	
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	106,737	-71,043	7,800	43,494	94,961	-58,887	7,800	43,875	379	
Transfer to/from Earmarked Reserves									-379	
Forecasted End of Year Variance									0	

Main Variance Summary	£'000
1 Policy & Development - Emergency Planning - Severance efficiency savings not delivered £36k and overspend on out of hours service £11k	47
2 Street Scene - Public Conveniences - PC's - Full savings will not be realised until after phased 3 year programme	44
3 Street Scene - Waste Services - On going review of waste strategy has produced savings	-35
4 Transport - Civil Design - Under recovery of income due to vacant Technician post, a review of income is underway	50
5 Bus Stations/Community Transport/Concessionary Fares Grant - Service adjustments undertaken to manage budget pressures	-32

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6	Car Parks - No commitment for efficiency target of £109k in respect of a 20p increase in parking charges and the introduction of evening parking charges which is yet to be implemented pending political endorsement.	117
7	Nant y Ci Park & Ride - Major development funding ceased in 12/13 - the modified service is currently being trialled with the LHB to generate additional revenue to cover the shortfall	42
8	School Crossing Patrols - posts are being advertised but unable to fill the vacancies	-70
9	Property Services - Building Maintenance - Unachievable income target not met due to reduction in Carmarthenshire Homes Standard works	393
10	Property Services - Grounds Maintenance Service - Effect of ongoing efficiency savings within the grounds maintenance service	-187
	Other	10
Forecasted end of year variance:		379
Contribution to/from Earmarked Reserves		-379
Environment Services - Net Variance		0

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Service	Working Budget				Forecasted				Variance For Year	Note
	Controllable Expenditure	Controllable Income	Net Non Controllable Controllable	Total Net	Controllable Expenditure	Controllable Income	Net Non Controllable Controllable	Total Net		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Public Protection										
PP Management support	68	0	120	188	137	-69	120	188	0	
PP Business Support unit	201	-7	49	243	194	0	49	243	-0	
Public Health	224	-11	43	256	228	-11	43	260	3	
Noise Control	149	0	12	161	149	0	12	161	0	
Air Pollution	96	-42	14	68	96	-42	14	68	0	
Other Pollution	39	0	16	55	39	0	16	55	0	
Water - Drinking Quality	40	-4	4	40	40	-3	4	41	1	
Dog Wardens	91	-11	21	101	91	-11	21	101	-0	
Public Health Services Management	100	-45	93	148	97	-45	93	146	-3	
Licensing	374	-341	72	105	357	-325	72	104	-1	
Food Safety & Communicable Diseases	335	0	27	362	335	-1	27	362	-1	
Occupational Health	124	0	14	138	124	0	14	138	0	
Stray Horses	6	0	0	6	6	-0	0	6	0	
Animal Welfare	69	-23	5	50	69	-23	5	50	-0	
Diseases Of Animals	78	-2	8	83	78	-2	8	83	0	
Animal Licence Movement Scheme	153	-67	27	113	153	-67	27	113	-0	
Welfare Rights & Citizen'S Advice	148	0	1	149	148	0	1	149	0	
Trading Standards Services Management	124	-81	110	153	125	-82	110	153	0	
Metrology	114	-13	11	112	114	-13	11	113	1	
Food & Agricultural Standards & Licensing	115	-30	8	92	107	-23	8	92	-0	
Civil Law	208	-4	15	219	187	0	15	202	-17	
Fair Trading	129	-13	9	125	130	-12	9	127	2	
Safety	64	-18	8	54	64	-2	8	71	17	
Public Protection Total	3,051	-713	686	3,024	3,069	-731	686	3,025	1	

Main Variance Summary

	£'000
1 Public Protection - Civil Law - Savings due to Graduate trainee salary costs being covered corporately	-17
2 Public Protection - Safety - Underachievement of fee income anticipated for 15/16	17
Other	1

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Forecasted end of year variance:

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Public Protection - Net Variance

1

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Forecasted for year to 31 March 2015

Service	Working Budget				Forecasted				Variance For Year £'000	Note
	Controllable Expenditure £'000	Controllable Income £'000	Net Non Controllable £'000	Total Net £'000	Controllable Expenditure £'000	Controllable Income £'000	Net Non Controllable £'000	Total Net £'000		
Chief Executive										
Community Safety Fund	48	-48	74	74	48	-48	74	74	0	
CCTV Operators	2	0	23	25	2	0	23	25	-0	
Community Safety-Revenue	29	0	0	29	29	0	0	29	0	
Chief Executive Total	78	-48	97	127	78	-48	97	127	-0	

Main Variance Summary		£'000
Other		0
Forecasted end of year variance:		0
Chief Executive's - Net Variance		0

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**ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
18th SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Explanation for non-submission
of scrutiny reports**

ITEM	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER(S)	EXPLANATION	REVISED SUBMISSION DATE
Impact of Local Authority Trading Standards in Challenging Times – Department for Business, Innovation & Skills	Roger Edmunds	As part of the Chancellor's Productivity plan, it was announced that the UK Government would review Trading Standards to ensure that consumer enforcement capability effectively supported competition and better regulation objectives. The review will be making its recommendations in autumn 2015. In light of this, the report has been deferred until the current review is completed.	To be confirmed
Street Lighting Review	Mario Cresci / Ainsley Williams	In order to provide the Committee with a more comprehensive update on progress, this item will now be presented in the new year.	11th January 2016

ITEM	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER(S)	EXPLANATION	REVISED SUBMISSION DATE
Public Protection Services Annual Report 2014/15	Roger Edmunds / Sue Watts	Due to the joint meeting with the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee and the number of other items on the Committee's main meeting agenda, the Chair decided to defer this item.	N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 26th JUNE 2015

(NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT MEETING)

Present: Councillor A.P. Cooper (Chair)

Councillors: A. Davies, D.B. Davies, J.A. Davies, I.J. Jackson (Vice-Chair), A.D.T. Speake, S.E. Thomas, W.G. Thomas, D.E. Williams

Councillor S.M. Allen – Substitute for Councillor A. James

Councillor D.J.R. Bartlett – Substitute for Councillor K.P. Thomas

Also in attendance:

Councillor H.A.L Evans – Executive Board Member for Technical Services

Councillor T.J. Jones – Executive Board Member for Environmental & Public Protection

Councillor P.A. Palmer – Executive Board Member for Customer Focus & Policy, Police Liaison, Community Safety, Social Justice / Crime & Disorder

In attendance as an observer: **Councillor J.D. James**

The following officers were in attendance:

Mr. J. Morgan – Director of Community Services

Mr. E. Bowen – Interim Director of Environment

Mr. S. Pilliner – Head of Transport & Engineering

Mr. R. Staines – Head of Housing & Public Protection

Mr. K. Barlow – Senior Manager – Complex Needs & Transition (*for Items 4 and 5*)

Mr. R. Edmunds – Trading Standards Services Manager

Ms. J. Edwards – Principal Business & Development Officer

Ms. R. James – Group Accountant

Mr. S. Moncur – Assistant Director (Assurance Safety & Improvement), Hywel Dda University Health Board (*for Items 4 and 5*)

Ms. K. Thomas – Community Safety Manager

Mr. M. Hughes – Assistant Consultant

Venue: Spilman Street Chamber, Carmarthen (10:00am – 12:25pm)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. James, W. J. Lemon, K.P. Thomas, L.M. Stephens (Executive Board Member for Human Resources, Efficiencies & Collaboration) and E. Dole (Leader).

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2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. DECLARATION OF PROHIBITED PARTY WHIPS

There were no declarations of party whips.

4. AREA PLANNING BOARD REPORT ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL MISUSE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT 2014/15

The Chair welcomed Mr. S. Moncur (Assistant Director – Assurance Safety & Improvement) to the meeting.

The Committee considered the Area Planning Board's (APB) report for 2014/15 which provided an overview of its key areas of achievement and development in delivering the drug and alcohol misuse strategy. The report covered a range of areas, including an update on recent changes to commissioning arrangements and the provision of substance misuse services. The report also outlined the Board's achievements and impact during the year, its performance and outcome monitoring arrangements as well as priorities for 2015/16. The following issues were discussed during consideration of the report:

It was asked whether the APB Tackling Drug and Alcohol Misuse Commissioning Strategy referred to in Appendix 1, was an active document at present and if so, was there data available to give a clearer picture of the work being undertaken in each priority area. The Assistant Director (Assurance Safety & Improvement) confirmed that this overview was from the current strategy which ran until 2015, whilst another strategy was currently under development. The Priority Areas were also 'sub-groups' of the main Area Planning Board who undertook the work of implementing the strategy. The information had been included as an overview and not to provide specific details. However, more detail could be provided to members of the Committee.

Reference was made to Looked After Children and it was asked whether these children were in care because they were abusing substances or because they had been removed from parents who were unfit to care for them due to substance misuse issues. Concern was expressed that children were being brought up in environments where substance misuse was 'normal' and ultimately, it was the Authority that was having to pay as a result of this problem. The Director of Community Services welcomed the Committee's comments which highlighted a real hidden cost to other services resulting from substance misuse. The Assistant Director (Assurance Safety & Improvement) referred to the Children and Young People's service which had been introduced in 2013 and facilitated by Drugaid. This had resolved the previous deficit in services for children and younger people which

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had not been well co-ordinated in the past. The Probation Service and the Police were now contributing to jointly commission services which enabled consistent investment across the service. The Senior Manager (Complex Needs & Transition) also informed the Committee that in Carmarthenshire, there were specialist social workers who were able to intervene in such cases and work alongside the Integrated Family Support Service to assist families experiencing difficulties due to substance misuse.

It was asked whether the incidents in which Naloxone had been administered, were as a result of deliberate or accidental overdoses. The Assistant Director (Assurance Safety & Improvement) stated that these incidents would have been to address incidents of accidental overdoses.

A question was asked in relation to the drug use figures outlined in the report and whether officers were confident that these were correct, as they appeared to be quite small and at odds with the experiences of many local members in the county's towns. The Assistant Director (Assurance Safety & Improvement) confirmed that these were multi-agency figures for those individuals who had been referred to specific services or those who had been brought into contact with services by other means (e.g. through the Police). However, he acknowledged that these figures did not reflect a true picture of those residents with drug-related problems. Even though detection processes and technology were improving, individuals would often not acknowledge their true state and the variety of substances they might have taken. He also noted that this highlighted the impact that one individual or family could have on their community although he stressed that alcohol abuse continued to be the most prevalent problem in the county, rather than drug abuse.

It was suggested that the report offered no light at the end of the tunnel and as long as the Welsh Government continued to expect local authorities to deal with substance misuse, there would be no end to this problem. It was proposed that the answer would be to establish a national treatment service to relieve pressure on the health service, reduce attacks on staff and ensure that the Welsh Government paid for such services. The Assistant Director (Assurance Safety & Improvement) suggested that the report, whilst not negating the serious issues that remained, did show progress in seeking to address substance misuse problems in the county. He reminded the Committee that clients were all different and as individuals would respond in different ways to different approaches (e.g. some might respond to the threat of prosecution more readily than others), therefore, a 'one-size fits all' approach would be unlikely to work. Geographically, a single service would naturally disadvantage many rural clients, an issue which the Area Planning Board was seeking to address as it had recently purchased a new vehicle to take drug services out to more rural areas within its region.

It was suggested that the Police needed to be more pro-active in addressing reports of suspicious activity. The Community Safety Manager advised that should elected members have concerns, these should be directed to their relevant Neighbourhood

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Policing Teams. Should members feel that local police officers were not dealing with issues, concerns should be raised with her for discussion with senior Police colleagues.

Clarification was sought as to how the Mobile Needle Exchange provision in rural areas worked and was publicised and whether simply handing out more needles exacerbated the problem. The Assistant Director (Assurance Safety & Improvement) informed the Committee that the new vehicle linked in with existing services and was not a new and separate service. The vehicle enabled the Board to deploy proactively in specific areas of need and provide the relevant services. He assured the Committee that staff took every opportunity to engage individuals and refer them to different services. New needles were not simply handed out without first speaking with an individual about their needs. He agreed to circulate more information about the new vehicle to the Committee.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TASK AND FINISH GROUP ACTION PLAN MONITORING – REVIEW OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE TREATMENT SERVICES

The Committee considered an action plan monitoring report outlining the implementation of the recommendations of its Task & Finish Group which had reviewed Substance Misuse Treatment Services in 2013/14. The following issues were discussed during consideration of the action plan:

Reference was made to the inconsistency in relation to prevention work being undertaken in schools which had concerned Group members at the time (Recommendation 2). Clarification was sought as to what work was on-going and whether there was a target date for completing this recommendation. The Community Safety Manager reminded the Committee that the inconsistency was in relation to the time schools themselves devoted to the issue, rather than the prevention programmes provided in schools by the Local Authority's Education & Children Department and the Police. She added that the Drugaid Young Persons Service, commissioned in 2013, complemented this provision and provided additional workshops based on identified need. The Assistant Director (Assurance Safety & Improvement) added that whilst there was consistency of the services being taken into schools, this matter would always be on-going and programmes adapted to cater for problems in specific areas and due to the changing nature of the drug scene. The Senior Manager (Complex Needs & Transition) also reminded the Committee that there was 6th Form provision in place at Coleg Sir Gâr to cater for younger adults in these education settings.

It was suggested that school pupils were subject to mixed messages regarding alcohol as they saw their parents' normal behaviour of drinking at home and yet in

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school were warned of the dangers of overconsumption. Clarification was sought as to how this message was marketed. The Assistant Director (Assurance Safety & Improvement) suggested that not all youngsters would view their parents' behaviour as normal and consultation with young people had revealed that many had strong views on alcohol consumption and admitted embarrassment at parents' drunken behaviour. The Board continued to be supportive of introducing minimum prices for alcohol and continued to lobby the Welsh Government on this matter.

Reference was made to the recommendation that Executive Board Members visited treatment service providers and reported back to Committee on a regular basis. It was noted that to date, no report had been received and it was requested that future visits be reported back to the Committee on a more regular basis. The Executive Board Member (Community Safety, Social Justice / Crime & Disorder) acknowledged the Committee's request and reassured members that visits had been undertaken to a variety of settings during the past year. However, some visits had been delayed due to the changes in service providers but an update would be provided at a future meeting.

It was suggested that in light of the update, the Area Planning Board had been a positive development for tackling substance misuse on a local level and was more effective than a national service could be. The Assistant Director (Assurance Safety & Improvement) agreed and stated that achieving a 'critical mass' and correct balance between local and regional needs was key in addressing issues such as this. He suggested that an all-Wales service would be less flexible to local needs and would require additional funding to administer. He added that the Area Planning Board was very flexible to local requirements and was relatively inexpensive as it was a partnership of organisations tackling substance misuse, where the majority of the funding went directly to the front-line services.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report be received.

6. END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT 1st APRIL 2014 TO 31st MARCH 2015

The Committee received, for consideration, the End of Year Performance Management Report for the services within its remit, for the period 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015. The following issues were discussed during consideration of the report:

Reference was made to the impact of new Police recording procedures on crime figures and clarification was sought as to whether allegations made to the Police could be recorded differently. The Community Safety Manager advised the Committee that this new system was a UK wide and had to be recorded as either incidents or crimes, depending on how the individual making the allegations viewed the situation.

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Reference was made to the Local Transport Forum and following the dissolution of South West Wales Integrated Transport Consortium (SWWITCH), it was asked how the new Swansea City Bay Region was informed and influenced on transport matters, in light of the new Transport Forum having no formal status. The Head of Transport & Engineering stated that four Local Authorities in south west Wales had the foresight to develop a joint Local Transport Plan (LTP) which had been approved by the Swansea Bay City Region Board. The LTP set the transport priorities for the area and had been submitted to and approved by the Welsh Government. From a Carmarthenshire perspective, he acknowledged that the recent award of funding for the Carmarthen West Link Road and the Cross Hands Economic Link Road were very positive developments. The Interim Director of Environment added that Carmarthenshire was currently reviewing its Regeneration Strategy and that this would provide the Authority with an opportunity of highlighting transport-related matters to the City Bay Region Board.

It was asked whether more could be done to open up disused railway lines as a means for not only providing safer routes for pedestrians and cyclists in rural areas but also regenerating small villages and hamlets. The Head of Transport & Engineering acknowledged that work had recently been completed on a number cycle tracks including the former canal route at Pembrey. In the longer term, the Local Transport Plan included the development of paths in the Tywi Valley on the former railway line, which had economic potential derived from tourism. However, future work would be determined by the availability of funding.

Concern was expressed at the increase of 74% in sexual offences (up 118 to 276) at the year end. The Community Safety Manager acknowledged that this was a concern but was thought to be the result of both historic and recent offences now being recorded following a number of high-profile cases. The Director of Community Services added that this was a UK-wide trend but that there was no evidence that there'd been an increase in new or current cases. He added that what was considered to be categorised as an 'offence' had changed dramatically over the years, which was another reason for the increase in the figures.

The future funding for the Traws-Cambria bus route was discussed and clarification sought as to the future funding of the route. The Head of Transport & Engineering stated that funding had been secured for the 2015/16 year and whilst there was no certainty after this period, officers would continue to work with the Wales Government and lobby for investment. He added that since re-organising the service, there had been significant improvements in the service, especially in terms of its punctuality.

The Committee discussed road traffic collisions, particularly in relation to motorcyclists and it was suggested that the figures for fatalities were misleading in that the majority of those killed were from outside the county. It was also asked whether the percentage of collisions involving motorcyclist which were caused by

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another vehicle, was known. The Head of Transport & Engineering advised the Committee that the number of motorcyclists killed or seriously injured on Welsh roads was increasing and this followed a UK-wide trend. He added that officers were now undertaking more detailed analysis of all available data, including the origin of those motorcyclists killed or seriously injured in Carmarthenshire, in order to target interventions such as training.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

7. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2014/15

The Committee considered the Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Reports relating to Technical Services, the Public Protection Service and the Community Safety Service, in relation to the end of year position for the 2014/15 financial year. The following issues were raised in relation to the report:

An explanation was sought for the money spent on the former Wernddu Landfill Site. The Group Accountant stated that she did not have the information to hand but that this could be clarified and the reason circulated to the Committee.

Reference was made to school transport and clarification was sought in relation to future funding for this service. The Head of Transport & Engineering informed the Committee that constructive discussions regarding post-16 transport were on-going. Officers were also in dialogue with the denominational schools and the Catholic Diocese, following the recent court judgement to a challenge that involved the City and County of Swansea.

An update on the Nant-y-Ci park and ride facility was requested. The Head of Transport & Engineering informed the Committee that discussions with the Health Board were continuing and income was increasing. However, the numbers using the service were not as high as had been hoped but efforts to increase take up of this particular service were also on-going.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report be received.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ACTIONS AND REFERRALS UPDATE

The Committee considered an update detailing progress in relation to actions, requests or referrals emerging from previous scrutiny meetings. The following issue was raised in relation to the report:

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Clarification was sought as to when the proposed task and finish review would be commencing. The Chair informed the Committee that preparatory work was underway and that Group leaders would be contacted shortly for nominations.

RESOLVED that the update be received.

9. FORTHCOMING ITEMS

RESOLVED that the list of forthcoming items to be considered at the next scheduled meeting on Friday 18th September 2015, be noted.

10. TO SIGN AS CORRECT RECORDS THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 15th MAY AND 8th JUNE 2015

Reference was made to discussions at the Committee's meeting on the 8th June (Item 7 – Forthcoming Items) as to whether the Public Rights of Way Unit was now included in the Committee's work remit. The Assistant Consultant and Interim Director of Environment confirmed that whilst the Unit had transferred to the Environment Department, the responsibility for monitoring its work remained with the Community Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on Friday 15th May 2015 and Monday 8th June 2015, be signed as correct records.

SIGNED: _____ (Chair)

DATE: _____