

Tamworth Community Safety Partnership

Partnership Plan 2012-2015



Introduction

On behalf of the Partnership, I am delighted to introduce the Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan for 2012 -2013.

In essence, the document reflects the outcome of a detailed and thorough consultation process involving a range of partners including the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, County Council and the Voluntary sector.

The consultation process supported by a wide range of data has enabled the Partnership to identify the priority areas for action that are necessary if we are to make Tamworth a safer and stronger place to live, work and raise a family.

Tamworth is a distinct town with a unique profile within Staffordshire with its virtually total urban setting. Statistics show that we have the highest proportion of young people amongst all the districts in the County which presents us as a partnership with a number of challenges. However, we are a well established partnership with over ten years experience in responding to, and accommodating change.

It is with some pride that I can say with confidence, that as a consequence of excellent partnership working, crime generally is continuing to fall and the partnership will be working hard to ensure that this trend continues. The focus on the locality areas has been successful with crime having fallen in each of them, however these areas still remain as the hotspots for crime, anti social behaviour, substance misuse and offending so will remain a priority. Continued reductions in the future will not be easy particularly as the residents of Tamworth face their own challenges brought about by the current economic climate. These include increased unemployment, rising debt and other factors that could potentially lead to an increase in crime.

The trend locally continues downward but we shall not be complacent. A real challenge facing the partnership is the fact that despite this continued downturn in overall crime locally, the community's poor perception of crime and safety are at a disproportionately high level. The Partnership will be investigating a range of options for rectifying the situation and ultimately bringing perception into line with reality.

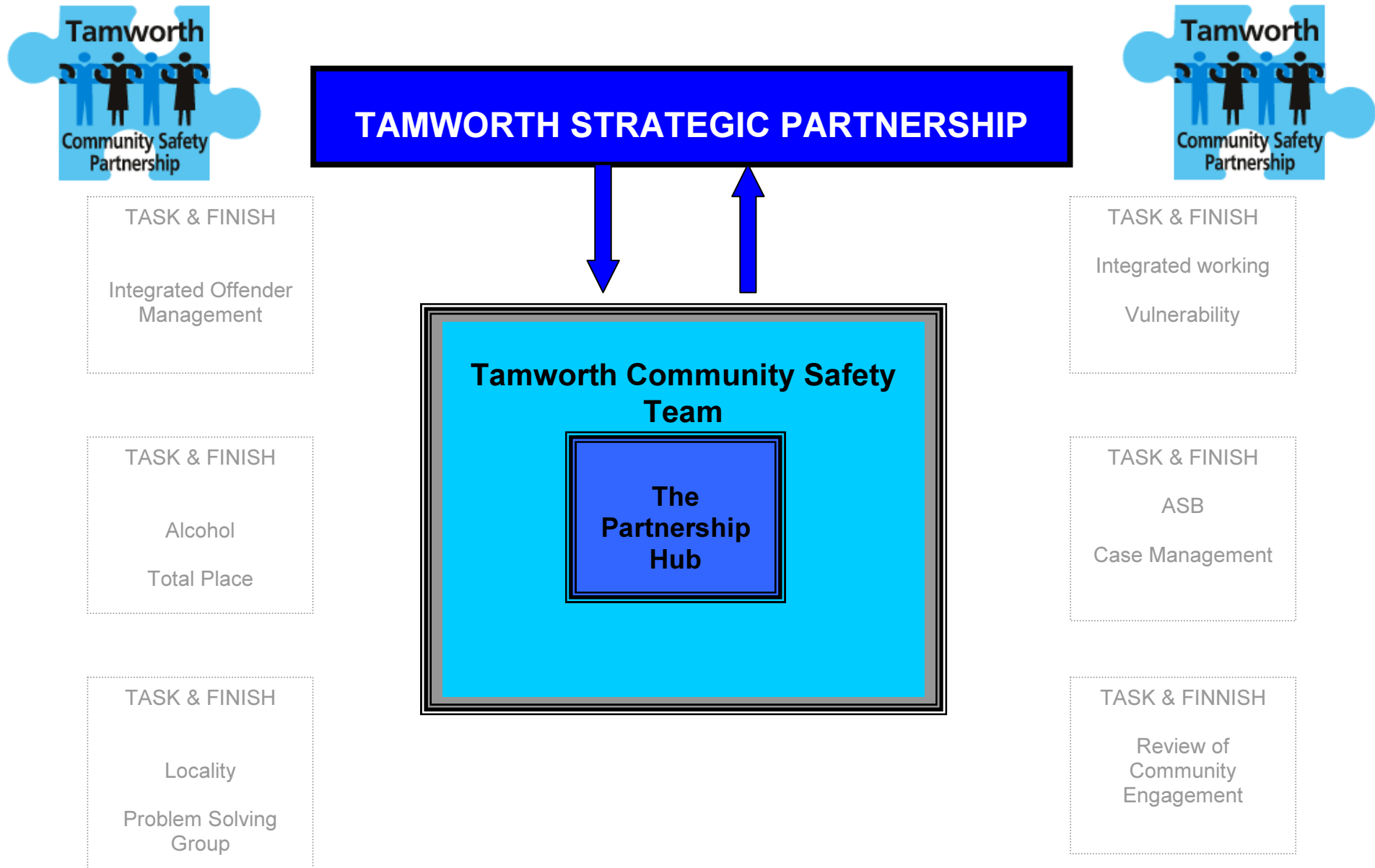
Tony Goodwin

Chief Executive of Tamworth Borough Council

Vision

Tamworth Community Safety Partnership incorporating all its partners in the public, private and voluntary sectors will strive to improve the quality of life in the Borough by reducing crime and anti social behaviour and the fear of crime. This will be achieved by engaging with all the various and diverse communities to ensure the necessary transparency, integrity and equality values of the Partnership are delivered. Tamworth will not only become a safer place to live, work or visit but the communities within the Borough will be stronger, engaged and involved with partners to deliver the objectives.

Who we are



KIV: Task and Finish Groups are time limited and will vary over time in response to strategic or operational community safety issues.

Priority Setting

The Community Safety Partnership Plan is developed from the summary recommendations of the Strategic assessment.

What is a Partnership Strategic Assessment? New requirements introduced through the Police and Justice Act 2006 require Community Safety Partnerships to carry out an annual strategic assessment of community safety issues in their area, including information gathered from the local community on their problems and priorities.

The Strategic Assessment is produced annually and should be complemented by regular analysis throughout the year that monitors the partnership's activities and provides a more detailed analysis of local problems. This process helps the partnership to direct its resources so that they remain focused on the main priorities, adapt to new and emerging issues and therefore provide the best value for money.

The Strategic Assessment forms part of the partnership problem solving process. A problem can be identified by a recurring set of related harmful events; problem solving can not be applied to a single event, and therefore this strategic analysis is essential to understand the priority problems affecting Tamworth. Analysing the specific details of a problem can reveal the circumstances that generate the problem, and solving problems involves changing one or more of these small details.

The Strategic Assessment is set out in four main chapters:

- **Key Findings and Recommendations** - this includes a review of the main headline analyses of crime during the last year and a summary of recommendations for the forthcoming year.
- **Overview of crime and Disorder in Tamworth** - this section identifies the direction of travel in recorded crime and other community safety issues across the borough and highlights those which should be considered for further analysis, based on volume, trends and the level of risk to the communities of Tamworth.
- **Tamworth's Community Safety Priorities** - this section provides an assessment of the borough's main problems,

illustrating it in terms of where and when most problems occur, the people, products and communities that are most vulnerable and who is responsible.

- **Emerging Trends and Current Exceptions** - This section highlights any major developments that may impact on partnership performance and/or activity during 2011/12. It also identifies areas of performance where there are early indications of downward performance.

Key Findings

- All crime recorded in Tamworth has decreased by 15% during 2010/11. Although some neighbourhood areas have recorded an increase in crime, this generally relates to small numbers and no further hotspot areas have been identified as requiring a strategic focus.
- Overall violent crime has reduced by 10% during 2010/11, although the current rate is above the county rate.
- The severity of violence in Tamworth town centre has reduced, with just 37% resulting in injury, compared to 41% across the borough as a whole (the lowest rate recorded across Staffordshire).
- Around 8% of residents of Tamworth feel that the level of ASB in their local area has increased over the last 12 months, although this is significantly lower than the rate recorded countywide. The top issues raised for local community problems are nuisance neighbours, street gangs, parking, drug issues, street drinking and mini-motorbikes.
- In summary, adults most likely to re-offend in Tamworth are male, aged 18 to 25 years old, on licence, with needs identified in relation to employment, financial management and drugs. They live in the most deprived areas and areas to record the highest rates of crime.
- The top hotspots for adult offenders in Tamworth are in Amington, Glascote, Belgrave, Stonydelph, Bolehall and Leyfields.

- Just over 1 in 5 young people committing shoplifting offences live in areas described as 'vulnerable young parents needing substantial state support'.
- A significant proportion of crime committed by young offenders occurs within the town centre and Ventura Retail Park, although no young offenders live within these areas. Young offenders live across most areas of Tamworth, with the highest concentrations recorded in Bolehall, Belgrave, Amington, Glascote, Stonydelph and Leyfields.
- Reported domestic violence increased by 144 offences during 2010/11, and long term trends are up, with the number of reported crimes increasing by 60% over the past four years.
- The most over-represented, and largest group of domestic violence victims in Tamworth is 'families in low-rise social housing with high levels of benefit need'.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Following analysis of the key community safety problems in Tamworth, the following recommendations are proposed as strategic priorities for the partnership to consider. Many of these are cross-cutting, and may require further analysis to allow for a more specific targeting of resources.

1. Tackling priorities pertinent to each of the following 5 locality areas

- Tamworth Town Centre
- Amington
- Glascote Heath
- Stonydelph
- Belgrave

With emphasis on reducing alcohol related crime, violent crime, ASB, Criminal damage, deliberate fires, serious acquisitive crime, and environmental issues. Delivery will be through multiagency locality action plans

2. Young people as offenders/perpetrators and victims of crime and antisocial behaviour

With emphasis on tackling violent crime, teen abuse, criminal damage, shoplifting, tackling substance misuse in particular alcohol. Delivery will be through multiagency partnership work streams such as the PARB Young people's project, ASB strategy, SYPS, Turnaround

3. To reduce reoffending of adults and young people

With emphasis on reducing acquisitive crime and related substance misuse issues.

Delivery will be through management of serial and repeat perpetrators/offenders by Integrated Offender Management.

4. Protecting Vulnerable People

With emphasis on protecting those who are most vulnerable, including victims of ASB, domestic abuse and sexual offences, and other violent crimes.

Partnership Plan

Priority 1

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- Glasgote Heath
- Stonydelph
- Belgrave

With emphasis on reducing alcohol related crime, violent crime, ASB, Criminal damage, deliberate fires, serious acquisitive crime, and environmental issues.

What do we want to do?

To develop locality action plans for priority areas building on the principles of Operation Teamwork as a tactical response from issues arising from JOG

Priority 2

Young people as offenders/perpetrators and victims of crime and antisocial behaviour

With emphasis on

- tackling violent crime
- teen abuse
- criminal damage
- Shoplifting
- tackling substance misuse in particular alcohol.

What do we want to do?

Deliver multiagency partnership work streams such as the PARB Young people's project, ASB strategy, Families First, Turnaround

Priority 3

To reduce reoffending of adults and young people

With emphasis on reducing acquisitive crime and related substance misuse issues.

What do we want to do?

Delivery will be through management of serial and repeat perpetrators/offenders by Integrated Offender Management (IOM). The IOM unit currently manage on average 60 Prolific Offenders across the Tamworth, Lichfield and East Staffs areas. These are managed by the IOM unit through intensive targeting and disruption tactics by the Police for those PPOs under the 'Catch & Convict' strand of the strategy and Probation manage the offenders subject to supervision either through a Community Order or Prison licence under the 'Rehabilitate & Resettle' strand. PPOs are given expedited drug treatment which is supported by the DIP and South Staffordshire and Shropshire Health care trust.

However the PPO unit, Youth Offending team, DIP, Housing, ADSIS, Fars, Police, Probation and other partner agencies generally act in isolation other than when dealing with PPOs. The plans for the future are to target all repeat offenders through IOM.

Priority 4

Protecting Vulnerable People

With emphasis on protecting those who are most vulnerable, including victims of ASB, domestic abuse and sexual offences, and other violent crimes.

What do we want to do?

ASB

- To identify best practice in relation to Total Place concepts of "Lets work Together" and to role out best practice in manner that would be most effective with Staffordshire.
- Ensure that the ASB strategy and daily operational practices manage ASB in a holistic approach. Embedding a victim centred approach which responds to ASB in terms of harm caused to individuals, community and environment. To ensure that vulnerability is identified and appropriately supported.
- To introduce an ASB case management system which will be accessible and used by all the relevant agencies. The system will incorporate all areas of vulnerability and will record both victims and perpetrators.

Domestic Abuse

- Contribute to The Staffordshire DV service review. To ensure that the key DV services are identified, funded and commissioned in a sustainable, transparent and fair way for the benefit of residents of Tamworth

Hate Crime

- To continue to support victims from their initial report through if required to court proceedings.

Appendix 1 Risk assessment

Risk & Impact (Threat/Opportunity to achievement of business objective)	Assessment of Gross Risk			Risk Treatment Measures Implemented	Assessment of Current Risk [With control measures implemented]			Action Plans for Additional Treatment Measures	Timescale
	Impact (Severity) [I]	Likelihood (Probability) [L]	Risk Score [IxL]		Impact (Severity) [I]	Likelihood (Probability) [L]	Residual Risk Score [IxL]		
1. Reduction in ABG funding	3	4	12	Outside local control	3	4	12	None	March 2013
2. Partner capacity	4	3	12	Outside our control	4	3	12	None	
3. Partner relationships	3	1	3	Through our shared agenda we will continue to develop and enhance our partnership arrangements	2	1	2	Ongoing partnership working	
1. Reliance on key individuals	4	4	16	Through training and involving staff both internal and external With less staff some projects will not be delivered	3	3	9	Staff training	March 2013
2. Capacity of staff to deliver	4	4	16		3	3	9	There is a recognition that some long term value added projects will not be achieved due to reduced resources. The Partnership is investigating the increasing use of volunteers.	
1. Relationships with partners	4	2	8	Continue to develop and enhance partnership arrangements	2	1	2	Ongoing partnership working	March 2013
2. Failure to consult with and engage community	4	2	8	Ensure robust consultation arrangements in place	2	1	2	Utilise community engagement framework	

Appendix 2 Tamworth Community Safety Team

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Appendix 4 Useful documents

Key Document	Copy and paste into browser
Tamworth CDRP Strategic Assessment 2011	http://www.staffordshireobservatory.org.uk/IAS/resource/view?resourceId=617