

Appendix D

Community Safety Partnership Success

Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC)

SAC including domestic burglary, robbery, theft of a motor vehicle & theft from a motor vehicle

SAC is one of the priority areas for the Community Safety Partnership. During the 12 months to end January 2010, SAC levels are down by 454 offences to 2,677, which represent a 15% reduction on the same time period in 2009.

Although SAC accounts for 25% of all recorded crime in the area, it has strong links to prolific offending and drug misuse and the nature of the offence means that a significant reduction should also translate into a reduction in the public's fear of crime.

The individual categories of SAC continue to be considerably less than this time last year. Robbery is down by 37%, Domestic Burglary down by 22%, Theft of Motor Vehicle down by 22%, Theft from Motor Vehicle down by 7% and total SAC down by 15%

The SAC delivery plan and Quarter 3 report shows that the Partnership is well on track to meet the LAA target of 3,531 crimes by April 2010 (*a 6% target reduction on last year*) and is therefore showing a green rating.

Confidence Targets

- **The Fear of Crime - LAA target results**

In 2006 a 'Fear of Crime' target was adopted by the Countywide Partnership. The target was to "*reduce the fear of crime when walking alone outside after dark*". The target was set at 39%, to be achieved by 2009; and the baseline for Bedfordshire was recorded at 27%. This target has now been exceeded, with an achieved figure of 46.7%.

As Bedfordshire has achieved a figure of 46.7%, it exceeds the reward target of 39%. This entitles Bedfordshire for the full 100% payment.

This means that £870,032 of reward is payable by central government, and the LSP at its next meeting on 23 March will be considering the details of how this is allocated between Bedford and Central Bedfordshire. It will be split between the Central Bedfordshire Together and the thematic partnership.

- **National Public Confidence target**

From 5 March 2009 the only national police target set by the government, also covering local councils is to increase public confidence by 15%. This is to be measured using the *question "whether respondents agree that the police and local council are dealing with the crime and anti social behaviour issues that matter in their area"* asked in the regular British Crime Survey (BCS).

The Police Authority has chosen to conduct its own survey and the first survey results from October 2009 over a six week period, show that 72% of those surveyed in Central Beds either strongly agree or agree with the statement. The target of 50% by end March 2010 has therefore been healthy exceeded.