



## **SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE RETURN 2009/10**

Melton Borough Council have been working closely with partners to implement a programme of activities designed to create communities that are and feel safe. This activity during 2009 has seen all crime fall by 20.4%, reported Anti-Social Behaviour fall by 11.4% and key reductions achieved within priority neighbourhoods. Public Confidence levels in how the Council and Police deal with ASB and crime are now the highest within the majority of our priority neighbourhoods.

### Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour and Improving Public Confidence

During the course of 2009 we continued to deliver ASB awareness sessions in Melton Borough primary and secondary schools. Police station tours were delivered to priority young people and the introduction of the summer feel the force project provided a host of diversionary and educational activities for those involved in ASB.

The Melton Family Intervention Project (FIP) continued to work with those families identified as prolific for anti-social behaviour within their community with 12 families being provided intensive support during the course of 2009/10. There have been zero actions against tenancies as a result of this intervention.

£50,000 was secured from the EMIEP for the circles of need project which focused on understanding the experiences of victims of ASB and how they accessed the support services available within Melton. The project aims to identify a more effective and customer focused journey for victims in order to reduce repeat victimisation and enhance public confidence. This work complements the introduction of partnership beat surgeries within priority neighbourhoods which aimed to encourage residents to share their concerns.

We continued to implement the incremental approach to tackling ASB which included issuing advice and warning letters to perpetrators. The partnership continued to support the Inter-Agency Community Safety Bureau which provides intelligence to the partnership on where ASB was occurring, which helped the Joint Action Group deploy resources within hotspot areas and included the deployment of the Youth Worker Impact Project.

### **Headline Indicators**

- Reported ASB down 11% during 2009.
- Criminal damage down 26% during 2009.
- Crime down 24% in Sysonby South – a priority neighbourhood area.
- 10 top Young ASB offenders involved within diversionary activities throughout summer with zero ABCs issued as a result.
- DCSF green flag status achieved for FIP project – only the second in the east midlands.
- Additional 55k secured to enhance FIP due to success.

### Reducing serious acquisitive crime, particularly burglary

During 2009 Melton Borough Council worked in partnership to enhance neighbourhood watch programmes throughout the borough, and included providing grants to improve security within NHW areas. Smart-Watering tactics were deployed

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within hotspot areas with over a 100 properties marked and all victims of domestic burglary were provided with burglary information packs which provided prevention advice and materials all aimed at reducing revictimisation. The Safer Melton Partnership also provided funding to implement the installation of a business watch CCTV scheme in the Snow hill industrial estate which has been successful in reducing burglary other than dwelling in the area.

### **Headline Indicators**

- Burglary Down 36%
- Burglary other than dwelling (e.g. business crime) down 36%
- Theft of vehicle down 37%
- Theft from vehicle down 31.5%

### Reducing the harm caused by substance misuse, particularly alcohol misuse

During 2009 Melton Borough Council worked in partnership to implement a programme of education, enforcement and treatment in relation to substance misuse.

In addition to 2 police special operations targeting drug misuse, Melton Borough Council also provided funding for the delivery of 2 Alcohol Misuse Enforcement Campaigns aimed at reducing underage drinking and related ASB, which formed part of a wider 'safer summer' project targeting town centre violence and ASB. This work, complemented numerous test purchases aimed at reducing underage sales and advice letters distributed to parents of those involved in underage alcohol misuse.

The Safer Melton Partnership recognised the need to balance enforcement with treatment in order to prevent related disorder and as such funded a new alcohol advice drop in session for both misusers and families affected by misuse.

Melton Borough Council also worked closely with the local College in order to develop an alcohol awareness tool designed by young people for young people to be used as education in schools to complement the delivery of healthy schools programme.

### **Headline**

- Alcohol related anti-social behaviour incidents down 8% during 2009.
- 10 alcohol misusers directed into effective treatment and support.
- Assault with less serious injury down 16%.

### Tackling Domestic Abuse

Melton Borough Council focused activity on reducing the levels of repeat victimisation, reducing the levels of domestic abuse assaults and encouraging new reports of domestic abuse.

The Melton Domestic Abuse Forum continued to improve services for those suffering from domestic abuse and provided additional funding to enhance the *Women's Aid Outreach Service* by 12 hours per week in order to support the increasing demand for the service.

The Partnership also provided funding in order to deliver the *Freedom Programme* project which provided support sessions to service users and aimed to reduce

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revictimisation. This complemented the *Domestic Violence Enforcement Campaign* (DVEC) funded which aimed to prevent revictimisation by enhancing support services during peak times.

The Domestic Abuse Forum delivered an array of awareness raising events/materials throughout the year which included campaigns during November Awareness Week. Melton Borough Council provide a Sanctuary Scheme which aims to reduce the risk of repeat revictimisation and allows victims to remain in their own home through increased security measures.

### **Headline Figures**

- Assault with less serious injury down 16%.
- ? Women and ? children provided outreach support during 2009. (exact figures TBC)

### Reducing Re-offending and the Impact of Offending on the Community

During 2009 Melton Borough Council focussed on implementing projects designed to reduce re-offending and developing initiatives which reduce the 'risk factors' associated with offending behaviour such as work placements, volunteering, treatment services etc.

This included the enhancement of the family intervention project to support families who, due repeat ASB, were at risk of eviction and the implementation of the Melton Pathways project. Partners continued to support the Local Offender management Panel and target harden PPOs utilising the RAG rating with a view of establishing IOM model within priority neighbourhoods

This work supported the on-going work of the Multi-Agency Prolific and Priority Offender Management scheme (MAPPOM) and the work the mainstream services of the Youth Offending Service. The partnership is also represented on the County Reducing Re-offending Board and aims to adopt the countywide strategy at a local level.

### **Headline Figures**

- 12 families prolific for ASB supported with zero evictions. (case studies?)
- 6 ex-offenders supported back into accommodation. (case studies?)
- ? Young ASB offender work placements (TBC)
- Runner up award for innovative services delivery from the east midlands IEP.