





**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# Community Safety Forum

Title:	<b>Community Safety Forum</b>
Date:	<b>8 March 2010</b>
Time:	<b>4.00pm</b>
Venue	<b>Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall</b>
Members:	<b>Councillors:</b> Simson (Chairman), Carden (Opposition Spokesperson), Barnett, Duncan, Hyde, Janio, Kennedy, Morgan, Watkins and Young <b>Representatives from Communities of Interest</b>
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## COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

The following are requested to attend the meeting:

### **Representatives from Communities of Interest:**

Age Concern  
Area Housing Panels  
Brighton & Hove Business Crime Reduction Partnership  
Brighton & Hove Community & Voluntary Sector Forum  
Brighton & Hove Federation of Disabled People  
Brighton & Hove City Primary Care Trust  
Independent Advisory Group Sussex Police  
Brighton & Hove Mediation Service  
British Transport Police  
Coalition for Youth  
Domestic Violence Forum  
East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service  
Hangleton & Knoll Project  
Hove YMCA  
Neighbourhood Watch  
Older People's Council  
Racial Harassment Forum  
St James's Street Community Safety Group  
Spectrum  
Sussex Probation  
Victim Support  
Whitehawk Community Safety Development Project  
Women's Refuge Project  
Youth Offending Team  
Local Action Team Representatives

## AGENDA

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**37. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

- (a) Declaration of Substitutes - Where Councillors are unable to attend a meeting, a substitute Member from the same Political Group may attend, speak and vote in their place for that meeting.
- (b) Declarations of Interest by all Members present of any personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Members regard the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.
- (c) Exclusion of Press and Public - To consider whether, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting when any of the following items are under consideration.

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**38. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2009 (copy attached)

**39. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

**40. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

(The closing date for receipt of public questions is 12 noon on 2 March 2010)

No public questions received by date of publication.

**41. PETITION(S)**

**7 - 8**

- Report of the Director of Strategy and Governance (copy attached)

*Contact Officer: Penny Jennings      Tel: 29-1065  
Wards Affected: Moulsecoomb & Bevendean*

**42. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

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- 43. PRESENTATION BY LONDON ROAD LOCAL ACTION TEAM CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
- 44. CRIME TRENDS AND PERFORMANCE IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE** **9 - 16**  
- Report of the Assistant Director of Public Safety (copy attached)  
*Contact Officer: Ruth Condon Tel: 29-1103*
- 45. DIVISIONAL POLICING PLAN 2010/11**  
- Presentation by Chief Superintendent of Police.
- 46. WORK OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**  
- Presentation by the Borough Commander or his representative.
- 47. EAST SUSSEX POLICE AUTHORITY: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2009** **17 - 20**  
(copy attached)
- 48. EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY: MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2009 AND 14 JANUARY 2010** **21 - 30**  
(copies attached)

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# COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

**Agenda Item 38**  
Brighton & Hove City Council

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

**4.00pm 14 DECEMBER 2009**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillor Simson (Chairman); Carden (Opposition Spokesperson), Barnett, Duncan, Fryer, Hyde, Janio, Morgan, Watkins and Young

**Sussex Police:** Chief Superintendent Bartlett; Sergeant Castleton

**Communities of Interest:** I Spall, Queen's Park LAT; Mrs S Howell, Bevendean LAT, Councillor Marsh, Coombe Road, LAT; J McPhillips, Turner Safety Action Group; D Peacock, St James' Area Action Team; Mrs F Matyzak MBE, Racial Harassment Forum and Whitehawk Community Project; Mrs P Weller, Community Action, Hangelton & Knoll and Mr D Standing, YMCA

**Officers:** Judith Macho, Assistant Director; Public Safety ;Linda Beanlands, Head of Community Safety; Simon Court, Senior Solicitor and Penny Jennings, Senior Democratic Services Officer

## **PART ONE**

### **24. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

#### **24A. Declaration of Substitutes**

24.1 Councillor Fryer was in attendance in substitution for Councillor Kennedy.

#### **24B. Declarations of Interest**

24.2 Councillors Carden (OS) and Marsh (present as a representative of Coombe Road LAT) declared a personal interest in Item36 by virtue of their positions as representatives of the City Council on the East Sussex Fire Authority; this did not constitute a prejudicial interest.

**24C. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

24.3 In accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("The Act"), the Community Safety Forum considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item of business on the grounds that it was likely in view of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press or public were present during that item there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act).

24.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

**25. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

25.1 The Head of Community Safety stated that she had prepared a detailed response to the question raised at the last meeting of the Forum in relation to Drugs Education, which had been circulated to those present. It was intended to report further during 2010.

25.2 **RESOLVED** - That the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2009 as a correct record.

**26. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS****LAT Chairman's Meeting**

26.1 The Chairman stated that the LAT Chairman's meeting held in central Brighton recently had been well attended. A further programme of meetings was planned for the New Year and it was hoped that as many Chair's or their representatives as possible would be able to attend.

**Successful Partnership Bid – Young Offenders Project**

26.2 The Chairman was pleased to be able to report that due to a successful partnership bid an increased budget would be available to assist young offender's projects across the City during 2010/11.

26.3 **RESOLVED** - That the position be noted.

**27. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

27.1 There were none.

**28. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

28.1 There were none.

**29. CRIME TRENDS AND PERFORMANCE IN BRIGHTON & HOVE**

- 29.1 The Forum considered a report of the Assistant Director, Public Safety describing crime trends to October 2009 and reporting against key crime targets relating to Community Safety, Crime reduction and Dugs Strategy, 2008/11 (for copy see minute book).
- 29.2 Sergeant Castleton stated that since April 2009 there had been an overall reduction in crime of 1.8% compared to the same period the previous year although that figure was still below the 3% target which had been set. This represented a continuation of the long term downward trend which had been experienced over the past 10 years.
- 29.3 Following the request made at the previous meeting figures for sexual offences were set out for the first time. There had been an increase of 11% on the number of offences the previous year. It was considered that the increase probably reflected greater confidence of victims in being prepared to come forward and report such crimes. Public to awareness campaigns had been undertaken highlighting the link between the risk of sexual assault and drinking to excess. In addition to existing referral routes to the Sexual Assault Referral Centre which provided support to men and women who had been the victims of sexual assault, the SARC was also now accepting self referrals. It was important to note that whilst instances of such crime were taken very seriously, the overall figure was small.
- 29.4 The Chairman stated that provision of information relating to sexual offences was timely as there a Scrutiny Panel would be considering this issue in 2010. It was also encouraging to note that victims including those from the LGBT community were coming forward to report these crimes.
- 29.5 The increase in relation to domestic burglaries was largely attributable to a group of youths who had been carrying out organised crime across the city during the summer months.
- 29.6 Councillor Barnett referred to the incident of crimes to the elderly stating that she considered that although the reported figure was not considered to be very high it constituted too many. It was explained that whilst any crime was considered to be too many the incidence of such crime was very low. Perception of such crime was far greater than the actuality, as had been borne out by the recent scrutiny, campaigns were planned to address this.
- 29.7 In answer to Councillor Barnett's request that all types of crime also be broken down by the victim's age, it was explained that this would entail a great deal of work, which would ultimately underline the fact that incidence of such crime was very low. Those who were under 25 were at the highest risk of violent crime.
- 29.8 Mr Peacock, St James' Street Area LAT stated that following a "Spectrum" meeting at the Friends meeting house recently Chris Cooke a Member of the Forum, had been asked to sit on a new task group which had been set up to deal with BME hate crime, this was seen as a very positive step. The Chairman thanked Mr Peacock for his feedback.

29.9 **RESOLVED** - That the contents of the report be noted.

### **30. SUPPORTING THE NETWORK OF LOCAL ACTION TEAMS**

30.1 The Head of Community Safety referred to the recent very successful LAT Chairman's meeting at which LAT representatives had been provided with their personalised guidance manuals. These documents were not intended to be prescriptive but to provide a user-friendly framework, relevant contact information etc. It was intended that the information contained in the manuals would be updated regularly. Further scheduled meetings would be put into place during 2010.

30.2 Councillor Marsh who was present as a representative of Coombe Road LAT commended the meeting which had been very informative. The Chairman stated that if any Chairman was unable to attend these meetings it was acceptable for them to send any other member of their LAT as a substitute.

30.3 **RESOLVED** – That the position be noted.

### **31. WORK OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

31.1 This item was withdrawn, it was anticipated that it would come forward to the next scheduled meeting of the Forum in March 2010.

### **32. OPERATION PARK : MANAGING YOUTH DISORDER**

32.1 Sergeant Castleton gave a presentation detailing the work which had been carried out across the city in relation to "Operation Park" referred to nationally as operation "Stay Safe". The scheme had been set up initially to address the concerns of residents of East Brighton to address problems caused as result of large numbers of young people congregating in an area. The scheme operating in the city of Brighton & Hove had been commended as being one of the best in the country.

32.2 Sergeant Castleton explained that following an interview with the young people concerned a letter was sent to their parents. The attitude response by parents to this initial contact was often integral to the success of any follow up action. Overall, positive outcomes had been achieved and partnership working was taken place with the anti - social behaviour team, the hate crime team and work was in train with health partners to share and gather data on health and other related issues. In instances where behaviour was drink related follow up action was tracked in concert with the relevant health agencies.

32.3 Councillor Janio sought information regarding how incidents were recorded and followed up and in relation to targeting of certain areas of the city.

32.4 Councillor Fryer enquired regarding intervention of and the point at which other youth services were involved.

32.5 Councillors Morgan and Watkins welcomed the joint agency approach which was being adopted.



32.6 Councillor Duncan enquired regarding how provision of services could be effected by budgetary cuts. Chief Superintendent Bartlett stated that whilst there would on-going budgetary pressures the need for this work was recognised and would be supported and as with other areas of policing ways in which services might be delivered more effectively would be assessed.

32.7 **RESOLVED** - That the contents of the presentation be noted.

### **33. COMMUNITY PAYBACK SCHEMES**

33.1 Mr Berry of the East Sussex Probation Service gave a presentation detailing work associated with the Community Payback scheme (for copy see minute book).

33.2 Mr Berry explained that in line the powers provided under the Criminal Justice Act 2003 Community Orders involving unpaid work (Community Payback) was one of 12 possible non-custodial sentences which could be used. An offender was required to complete work for the benefit of the community for a period of between 40 - 300 hours. The scheme had been applied sensitively and had led to significant decreases in re-offending rates. An offender who had worked on a Community Punishment order was 40 % less likely to re-offend in the next two years and an offender serving a prison sentence was 75% less likely to re-offend in the next two years.

33.3 Mr Berry explained that over the last year in Brighton varied work had been carried out including Brighton EIT projects, makeovers in schools, community halls, and volunteer centres, making good the damage caused by vandalism and anti-social behaviour, litter clearance, community clean up days, vandalism repairs and graffiti removal.

33.4 Councillor Morgan referred to the works that had been completed on the Bristol Estate within his Ward, although he explained that works carried out needed to fall outside the responsibilities of the local authority for repair/maintenance work. Mr Berry re-iterated that this was the case and in answer to questions of Councillors Barnett and Young stated that great care was taken when placing offenders either individually or as part of a small team. An assessment was made and certain types of offender would not be placed in situations where they or the community into which they were placed could be vulnerable or allocated to certain projects/ tasks.

33.5 **RESOLVED** – That the position be noted.

### **34. THE PARTNERSHIP RESPONSE TO DEALING WITH SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND ABUSE**

34.1 The Head of Community Safety presented a report relating to dealing with sexual violence and abuse (for copy see minute book).

34.2 The Head of Community Safety explained that reducing sexual violence and abuse was a priority within the Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy 2008–2011. The section of the Strategy which set out the outcomes being sought and the actions being taken to achieve them was appended to the covering report. The purpose of the report was to inform the Forum about the action currently being taken to

deal with sexual violence and abuse and to provide an opportunity for questions about this area of work. Details of the definitions used by Central Government were also set out.

- 34.3 Mr Peacock referred to the various definitions and to the agency approach being adopted.
- 34.4 In answer to questions by Councillor Janio it was explained that a number of related incidence related to the night time economy and that targeted initiatives were being out into place to address this.
- 34.5 Councillor Duncan referred to the scrutiny to be carried out and it was confirmed that the Forum would be updated and kept informed regarding progress of that piece of work.
- 34.6 Mr Standing YMCA referred to the recent Comic Relief initiatives with the LGBT community which in his view represented positive progress.
- 34.7 **RESOLVED** - That the contents of the report be noted.

**35. EAST SUSSEX POLICE AUTHORITY: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2009**

- 35.1 **RESOLVED** - That the content of the minutes be noted.

**36. EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2009**

- 36.1 **RESOLVED** - That the content of the minutes be noted.

The meeting concluded at 5.55pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated this

day of

# COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

**Agenda Item 41**  
Brighton & Hove City Council

<b>Subject:</b>	Petition(s)		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	8 March 2010		
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Strategy & Governance		
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Penny Jennings</b>	<b>Tel:</b> 29-1065
	<b>E-mail:</b>	penny.jennings@brighton-hove.gov.uk	
<b>Key Decision:</b>	No		
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	Moulsecoomb & Bevendean		

## FOR GENERAL RELEASE

### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To receive the following petition to be presented directly to the Community Safety Forum.
- 1.2(i) To receive the following petition and to determine any further action to be taken as appropriate:

*"To Brighton and Hove City Council:*

*EDO MBM, based in Moulsecoomb, is a weapons manufacturer owned by the American multi-national ITT. They make weapon components for the Paveway guided bomb programme, which was the most used aerial weapon in the attack on Iraq. They also own patents of the Zero Retention Force Arming Unit and the Ejector Release Unit ERU 151, both essential components for the F16 aircraft's VER-2 bomb rack, used by the Israeli Air Force against civilians in Gaza.*

*Since 2004 there has been a growing campaign against EDO MBM in Brighton, Campaigners have used diverse tactics to highlight this murderous business in our city. There have been blockades, rooftop occupations, street theatre and hundreds of noisy demos outside the factory. Thousands of people have also taken to the streets against them during nationally advertised events*

*During the massacre in Gaza this year, the Green Party attempted to table a motion condemning the activities of EDO MBM/ITT at the full Council meeting. The motion was refused a hearing by the City Council convenor. A leaked document from the Green Party reveals that the reason given was that "the issue is not directly related to Brighton and has no bearing on the well being of our city." On the evening of this refusal six people broke into the EDO factory in solidarity with the people of Gaza, who were simultaneously being bombed with the aid of Brighton manufactured EDO components. In an attempt to "decommission" the weapons they caused up to £300,000 worth of damage to the machinery aiding this atrocity.*

*We the undersigned residents of Brighton & Hove, believe that the refusal to hear the original motion was wrong and disagree strongly with the notion that whilst being manufactured and sold in Brighton is of no concern or relevance to the City's citizens. We urge you to accept the tabling of this new motion and to condemn the activities of EDO and their complicity in war crimes.”*  
*(366 signatures).*

Community Safety Forum, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010

## **Crime trends and performance in Brighton & Hove**

This report describes crime trends up to January 2010 and reports against key crime targets relating to the Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy, 2008-11.

### **Total Police Recorded Crime**

Since April 2009 there has been a reduction in overall crime of 4% compared to the same period last year and this exceeds our 3% reduction target. This is a continuation of the long term downward trend experienced in the past ten years.

### **Criminal Damage**

December and January have shown particularly low levels of recorded criminal damage and after 10 months of 2009/10 the 5% target is now being met. However, within this overall criminal damage crime group there are different sub-trends; criminal damage against dwellings and other buildings are showing a decrease while damage against vehicles is showing an increase. One component of criminal damage is graffiti which is showing year on year improvements based on street survey measures. Examples of work to tackle graffiti include the adopt-a-box scheme which has been widely supported and the removal of graffiti in high locations by CityClean. Four successful prosecutions for graffiti were achieved during 2009 and two further cases are scheduled for the crown court in April.

### **Violent Crime**

The number violent offences involving injury (including both serious and other injury) have reduced by 3.7%, which is better than the 3% reduction target. The number of offences during December and January were at their lowest since at least 2006 and the overall annual trend is downwards. Initiatives aimed at tackling hazardous drinking have taken place recently, including leaflet and poster campaigns targeted at young people. The Alcohol Brief Interventions Service has delivered over 900 interventions during its first quarter of operation. Contacts made through this scheme are expected to increase through extending work to include the Community Health Bus, Safe Space and GP surgeries.

### **Sexual Offences**

There have been 273 sexual offences recorded up to the end of January, slightly fewer than the same months of 2008/9. Work is continuing to further develop local support services for victims of sexual assault, which link in with the Sussex-wide Sexual Assault Referral Centre. Services for victims of sexual violence and abuse in the city are to be examined via the council's Environment and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee during 2010.

### **Domestic Burglary**

During the first half of 2009/10, numbers of domestic burglaries were relatively high and showing an 8% increase compared with last year. However, since then there has been a drop and up to the end of January the number is only slightly higher (up by 1.2%) compared with 2008/9. There is ongoing work around improving security of vulnerable properties and the provision of targeted crime reduction advice. Also, partnership work through the Priority and other Prolific Offender programme, and through Operation Reduction, which combines enforcement action with support into treatment for drug users, helps to reduce the motivation to carry out acquisitive crimes.

## **Motor Vehicle and Cycle Theft**

Between April and January there have been roughly the same number of motor vehicle thefts as in the same months last year. Thefts from motor vehicles (TFMV) are more numerous than thefts of motor vehicles (TOMV) (accounting for 66% of all vehicle crime), but (as in the previous report) TFMV are continuing to show a decreasing trend (down by 9%) whereas TOMV are showing a rising trend (up by 27%). There has been a particular increase in the number of two-wheeled motor vehicles stolen which has been impacted on this figure. There have been police initiatives in relation to vehicle crime, including the successful deployment of a trap scooter, and other high profile operations in city centre car parks.

Police recorded cycle thefts have reduced by 9% compared with last year. Work is being progressed towards the installation of further cycle parking stands in cycle theft hotspot areas. A controlled study into how to work with local communities to maximise the effectiveness of these new stands is accompanying this project so as to inform the way in which further cycle parking provision can be introduced most effectively.

## **Domestic Violence and Hate Crimes and Incidents**

The number of domestic violence incidents reported to the police is 8% higher than last year. While seeking to decrease the incidence of DV, there is also ongoing work to increase reporting. The Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service moved towards being located at the police station. As a result there has been improved communication and co-ordination of work with investigating police officers resulting in swifter responses and improved support to victims.

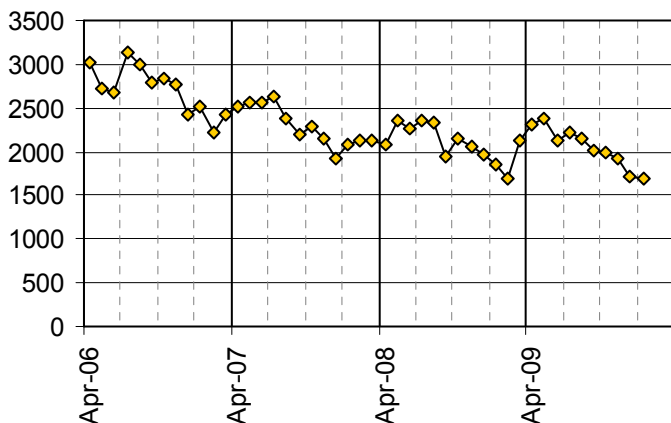
The number of racist and religiously motivated incidents (RRMI) recorded by the police continues to decline, although the number recorded through the multi-agency Racist Incident Report Form remains stable. In response to the matter being identified as a community priority, racist bullying in schools and young people settings will be discussed through the relaunched anti-bullying working group.

Police recorded LGBT-motivated hate crimes and incidents also continue to fall. In addition to 3rd party reporting which was introduced to boost reporting of LGBT hate incidents, a common reporting form is also in the process of being developed.

The development of reporting mechanisms, to include a common reporting form, for disability motivated crimes and incidents is being progressed.

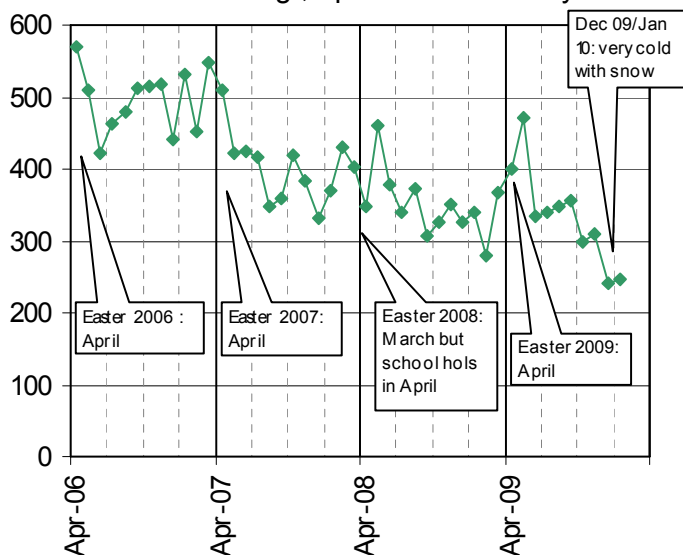
# Crime trends up to January 2010

Total Crimes, April 2006 to January 2010



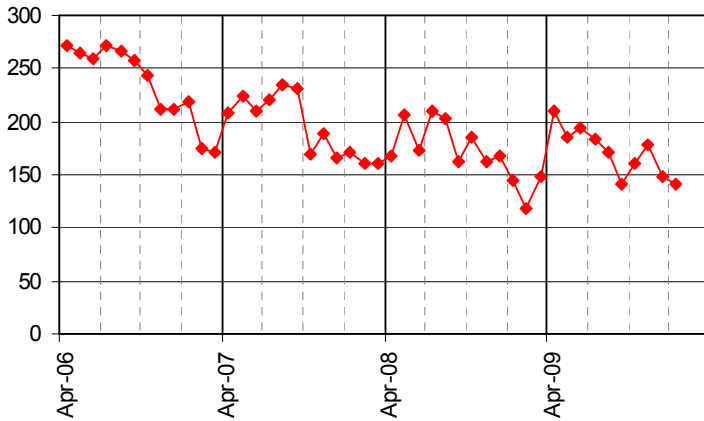
- The typical seasonal pattern in crime levels has continued with lower levels over the winter months. Numbers in December and January have been particularly low.

Criminal Damage, April 2006 to January 2010



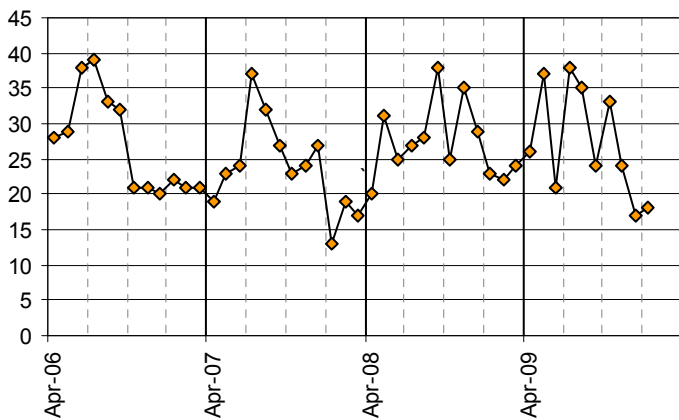
- The performance year began with a steep increase in the number of criminal damage offences, rising to a peak of about 470 in May (linked to the inputting of 60 graffiti offences in that month). Since then there has been a downward trend with December and January being at the lowest monthly levels for some years.

All Injury Violence  
April 2006 to January 2010



- Counter to the seasonal expectations, numbers police recorded violent crimes involving injury rose in November, although they dropped again in the subsequent two months.

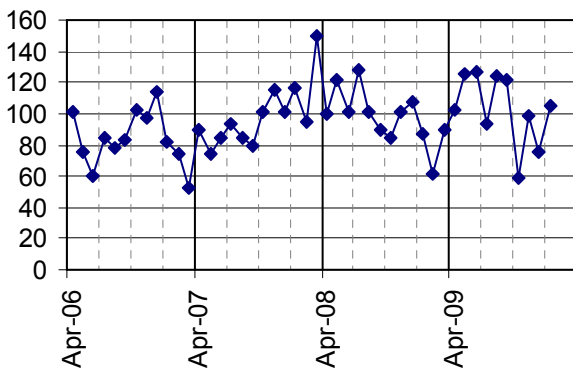
Sexual Offences  
April 2006 - January 2010



- There have been recent developments in services which are aimed at increasing reporting and support to victims. Between Apr and Oct 2009 numbers recorded were 11% higher than in the same months in 2008. However numbers reported in the last two months, along with other crime types have dropped.

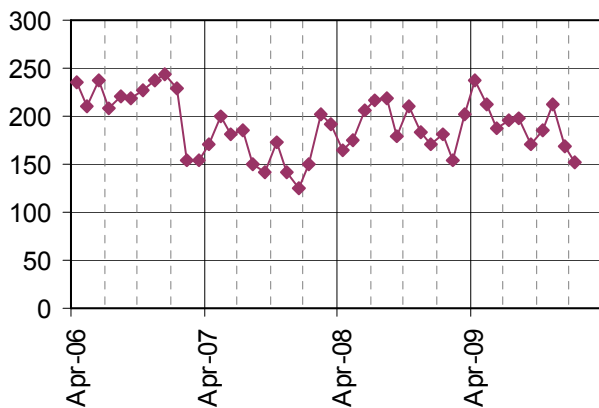


Domestic Burglary, April 2006 to January 2010



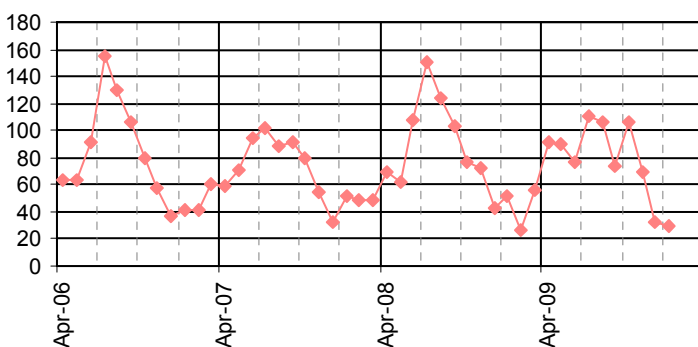
- The number of domestic burglaries has fluctuated significantly during the last year between about 60 to over 120 per month.

Vehicle Crime, April 2006 to January 2010



- Since a peak in April, the number of vehicles crimes has broadly shown a declining trend. The number of vehicle crimes Apr 09 to Jan 10 is roughly similar to the number in the same period during previous financial last year. When examined separately, theft from vehicles is showing a 9% drop while thefts of vehicles (a smaller number than thefts from) is showing a 27% increase.

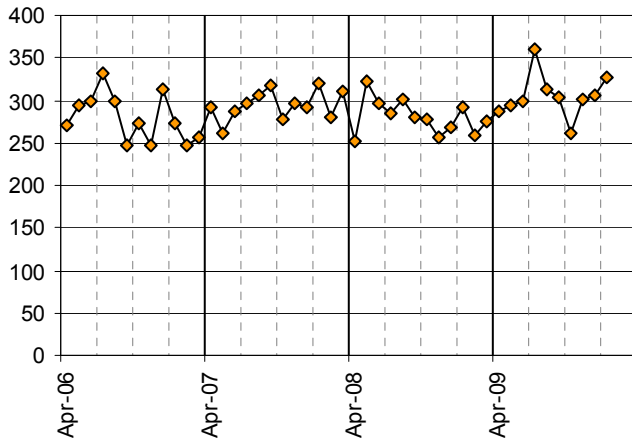
Theft of a Pedal Cycle, April 2006 to January 2010



- Pedal cycle theft shows a strong seasonal effect related to the months when more people cycle. In particular, numbers of thefts were very low during Dec and Jan, most likely to be influenced by reduced levels of cycling during to the cold/icy weather.

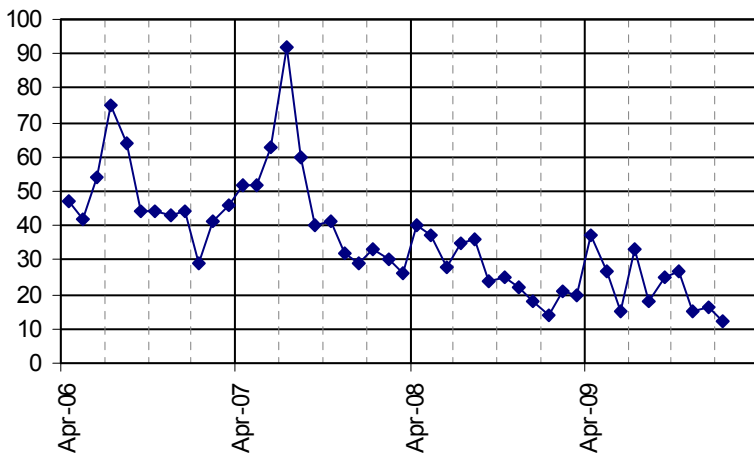
Police crime data presented in this report only reflect those crimes which are reported and recorded. There is likely to be a level of underreporting in many crime types. However, domestic violence and the hate crimes on this page are likely to be particularly liable to underreporting.

Domestic Violence Crimes and Incidents, April 2006 - January 2010



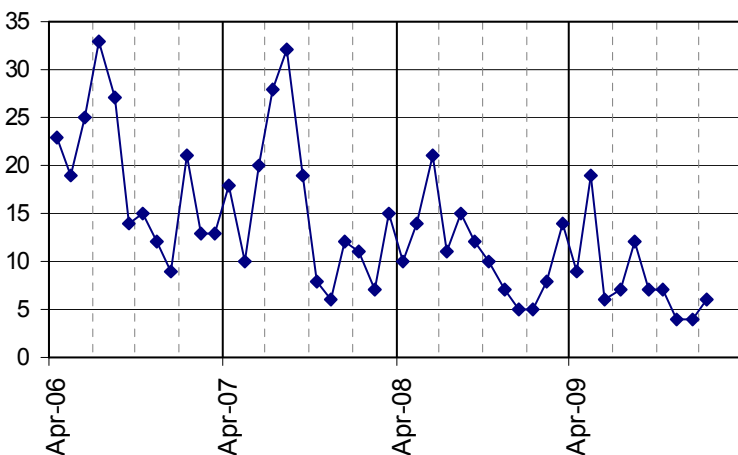
- Although the months of Jul and Oct were exceptions the general trend in the number of police recorded domestic violence crimes and incidents was upwards.

Racist and Religiously Motivated Crimes and Incidents, April 2006 to January 2010



- The declining trend in racist and religiously motivated crimes and incidents appears to be continuing. Although over the last year numbers have shown some variability, the seasonal effect (more incidents in the summer months) still appears to be present. Numbers recorded in January are at their lowest level since Apr 2006.

LGBT Hate Crimes and Incidents, April 2006 to January 2010



- Although there are normally higher levels of homophobic, biphobic and transphobic incidents during the summer months, this has been less evident this year with particularly low levels in June and July. The declining long term trend appears to be continuing with only 4 cases recorded during the months of Nov and Dec.

## Performance data for Key Crime Types, 2009/10 (to end January)

<b>Police recorded crimes, April to January 2010 (inclusive)</b>	number of crimes Apr 08-Jan 09	number of crimes Apr 09-Jan 10	reduction target (from 2008/09 baseline)	performance against target to date	rank within 15 benchmarked CDRPs <sup>1</sup> (1=best; 15=worst)
Total Crimes	21,374	20,519	-3%	<b>on target</b>	5
Criminal Damage	3,544	3,342	-5%	<b>on target</b>	10
Injury Violence	1782	1716	-3%	<b>on target</b>	6 <sup>2</sup>
Sexual Offences	281	273	no target	-	
Domestic Burglary	1,019	1,031	-3%	<b>not on target</b>	2
Theft from/of a Motor Vehicle	1,907	1,916	-3%	<b>not on target</b>	4
Pedal Cycle Theft	860	785	no target	-	6
Domestic Violence Crimes and Incidents	2,827	3,051	no target	-	
Racist/Rel. Crimes and Incidents	291	239	no target	-	
LGBT Hate Crimes and Incidents	110	81	no target	-	

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix for further information around the benchmarking arrangements

<sup>2</sup> iQuanta category 'wounding (serious and other)'  
Community Safety Forum, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010

## **Appendix.**

### **A note on how Brighton & Hove's performance is compared with other CDRPs.**

For the purposes of assessing the relative performance of Brighton & Hove CDRP (Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership) in reducing crime, our performance is compared (benchmarked) with the performance of 14 other 'Most Similar' CDRPs. The Home Office have created these groupings to help provide information on how CDRPs, police forces, etc. are performing.

CDRPs within a 'Most Similar' grouping have been assessed as having similar characteristics in terms of 24 socio-demographic and geographic variables which are strongly linked to increased levels of crime, fear of crime, or incidents.

We are able to compare our crime trends and current performance with our Most Similar CDRPs. The data presented on page 1 of this report (see right-most column of the table) shows our ranked position within this group of 15 CDRPs. For example, a ranking of 1 indicates that a CDRP is performing best within the group, and a ranking of 8 shows that the CDRP is in the middle ranked position.

### **Other Members of Brighton & Hove's Most Similar CDRP Group (from Apr 2008) area as follows:**

LB Barnet  
Bournemouth  
Cheltenham  
LB Croydon  
LB Ealing  
Eastbourne  
LB Hackney  
LB Hammersmith & Fulham  
LB Kensington & Chelsea  
LB Lambeth  
Reading  
LB Southwark  
LB Wandsworth  
Wycombe

### REPORT OF THE SUSSEX POLICE AUTHORITY

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The Sussex Police Authority met at County Hall, Lewes on 10 December 2009.  
Attendances:

Dr L Bush (Chairman), Mr L Barnard, Mr P Bratton, Prof G Bull, Mr G Daniel, Mr B Duncan, Mr P Evans, Mrs S Knight, Mr A Price JP, Mrs C Shaves MBE JP, Mr A Smith, Mr R Tidy, Mr S Waight (Vice-Chairman) and Dr R Walker.

The Police Authority considered a wide range of policing issues at the meeting including the following matters. The full set of reports to the Police Authority can be accessed on the Authority's website [www.sussexpoliceauthority.gov.uk](http://www.sussexpoliceauthority.gov.uk)

#### Community Engagement

- 1.1 The Authority receives regular reports on its community engagement consultation programme and has welcomed the increase in the number of contacts made with members of the public at various events around Sussex, which was considerably in excess of numbers in previous years. The objective of these consultation events is to seek people's views on policing and take these into account when setting the budget, and the objectives and targets within the Local Policing Plan (LPP) which will be approved in February 2010.
- 1.2 The Authority has developed an extensive programme for consulting the public at events across Sussex such as the South of England Show. Events are held at places and times which give people easy access to members of the Police Authority, for example in shopping precincts, supermarkets and at community events. The results of the wide ranging consultation help the Authority to ensure that policing in Sussex tackles both serious and organised crime and meets local neighbourhood policing needs. The Authority is particularly pleased that more than half the people consulted were made with young people under the age of 18 as this was previously a largely under-represented group. The majority of concerns raised by the public relate to anti-social behaviour and traffic issues, including speeding and anti-social driving. Both adults and young people supported the idea of more police officers patrolling neighbourhoods as a priority.
- 1.3 The Authority and Sussex Police are key stakeholders in the pan-Sussex shared consultation project which has been funded by the Sussex Improvement Partnership (SIP). The Partnership involves East Sussex County Council, West Sussex County Council, Brighton & Hove City Council and a number of district and borough councils in Sussex, as well as the Primary Care Trusts and East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service. The SIP shares the results of completed research and consultations, and seek opportunities to work more collaboratively on future consultations.

#### Local Confidence Surveys

- 2.1 The Authority considered a report on the local confidence surveys and welcomed the positive feedback and high number of surveys undertaken. The government have set the police the task of increasing public confidence in the police and local authority working together as measured by the British Crime Survey (BCS). The local survey has generated results that indicate much higher levels of confidence than the BCS data; this is understandable given the different methodologies.
- 2.2 A number of correlations were found between police officer behaviour and public confidence, including visibility, effective response engagement levels and communication. From these aspects of police activity, reliability and effectiveness were identified as the key drivers behind confidence. The results of the first round of local confidence surveys have afforded a deeper insight into the drivers of public confidence in Sussex Police.
- 2.3 The Authority and Sussex Police will consider the implications of these results in the design of performance targets for the Local Policing Plan 2010-13 which will impact positively on public confidence. The Authority has asked Sussex Police to consider producing local results of public confidence based on policing Divisions and Districts.
- 2.4 The Committee welcomed the news that initial findings of local confidence are positive. It is hoped that the surveys will assist the Authority and Sussex Police to better understand the drivers for public confidence which may help shape the way that policing is delivered in Sussex. The Authority feels that performance in this regard to increase public satisfaction should be considered for inclusion within the LPP for 2010-13.

### **Domestic Abuse**

- 3.1 Sussex Police is making good progress in protecting vulnerable people and tackling domestic abuse. The Authority has considered a report exploring the changing approaches to tackling domestic abuse, examining the validity of current measures of performance and suggesting ways to better measure performance in the future.
- 3.2 The positive arrest policy adopted by Sussex Police is a very effective way of tackling domestic abuse. Victims are often isolated and vulnerable and removal of the offender allows the victim time to consider what action they would like taken, and gives the police an opportunity for evidence gathering. Arrangements are in place to assist in managing the risk to victims at a neighbourhood level.
- 3.3 The Authority has been re-assured that a great deal of partnership working is underway to protect victims of domestic abuse and has requested that a further concentrating on this partnership work.

### **Meeting with Leaders and Chief Executives of Sussex Local Authorities**

- 4.1 The Authority and Sussex Police hosted a very productive meeting with Leaders and Chief Executives of Sussex Local Authorities themed under

the title "Maintaining public confidence in a challenging financial environment: a shared challenge for the public sector in Sussex". The majority of the meeting was allocated to discussions on what could be achieved together to meet the funding shortfalls that were forecasted in public spending. Concerns were raised that key services could not be continued if the financial forecasts are to be believed and that partnership strategies may not be enough to get through the upcoming challenges. It was agreed that there should be enhanced communications and partnership between the public and local government in order to understand the ramifications of budget cuts.

- 4.2 It was felt that there was a need to consider greater collaboration between authorities to share resources such as legal services, financial services, accommodation, IT platforms and administrative centres. There was general consensus that there were potentially large scale benefits arising from sharing individual agency proposals for service developments and capital programmes. West Sussex County Council and East Sussex County Council are to organise a county wide conference to begin practical discussions for examining the possibilities of asset sharing and collaboration. A number of actions were agreed to achieve practical ways of enhancing collaboration with both the public and private partners across Sussex.

DR LAURIE BUSH  
Chairman

December 2009





### EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY

**Report of a meeting of the East Sussex Fire Authority held at Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters at 10.30 hours on Thursday 10 December 2009.**

**Present:** Councillors Carden, Gadd, Harmer-Strange, Healy, Heaps, Howson, Kemble (Chairman), Livings, Marsh, Ost, Pidgeon, Rufus, Scott, Sparks and Waite.

1. **REGIONAL MANAGEMENT BOARD ISSUES** (*South East Fire & Rescue Control Centre Limited (SEFRCC)*)
  - 1.1 The Fire Authority considered a report on the business transacted at meetings of the SEFRCC Ltd held on 9 October and 13 November 2009.
  - 1.2 A brief presentation had been given by Shona Dunn, Director of Fire and Resilience from Communities & Local Government (CLG) regarding the progress of the Regional Control Project. This included questions on the funding for out of scope activities and implications for the project as a result of any future change in Government. It was agreed that Shona Dunn would provide information on project costs and agreed that, if a Fire and Rescue Service had a problem with maintaining its mobilising arrangements, the CLG would work with that Fire & Rescue Service to look at a variety of options to ensure that it had effective arrangements in place in place up to cutover.
2. **DRAFT 2010/11 SERVICE PLANNING STRATEGY APPROACHES**
  - 2.1 Members considered a report that presented a projection of the draft 2010/11 Fire Authority Service Planning and Resource Management issues for their initial consideration and for it to be finalised over the period from December 2009 – February 2010. Members were informed that the future financial context for Local Government beyond 2010/11 was likely to be severe and that the Authority should prepare itself for financial constraints for the foreseeable future.
  - 2.2 The Deputy Treasurer informed Members that good progress had been made towards planning a balanced budget for 2010/11 including identification of necessary savings, whilst work for 2011/14 was still at an early stage and would present a greater challenge due to the level of savings required. Whilst a final decision on planned council tax increases for 2010/11 is not required until the Authority's February meeting, Members acknowledged that although current planning was based on a 3.5% rise, options near 3% may need to be considered in order to reflect affordability to council taxpayers and avoid the risk of capping.
  - 2.3 Members noted that the Authority's aspirations were lower with regard to Service Investment Bids and only two temporary schemes had been put forward and resolved a number of detailed actions as set out in the report.
3. **PROGRESS REVIEW OF FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMME ON SCHOOLS 2008/09**

- 3.1 The Fire Authority considered a report that assessed the quality of the Service's fire safety education provisions to infant and junior schools.

- 3.2 A summary of the results obtained from the two Local Education Authorities, East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council during the period September 2008 to July 2009 was presented to Members. 114 schools were visited in total, 90 schools in East Sussex of which 68 responses (76%) were received and 24 schools in the City of which 16 responses (66%) were received. (an extract of the outcomes from the City Council area along with the overall conclusions is attached as an appendix to this report.)
- 3.3 The Chairman asked for thanks to the Schools Education Team to be passed on.
4. **COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT (CAA) ORGANISATIONAL ASSESSMENT 2009 EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY**
- 4.1 The Audit Commission had published the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service's 2009 Organisational Assessment. Members considered the outcomes of this assessment and the possible way forward in meeting the Audit Commission's Improvement Agenda. Officers would be meeting with the Audit Commission team in order to gain feedback on areas of improvement in relation to the future achievement of a score of 3.

**COUNCILLOR TED KEMBLE**  
**CHAIRMAN OF EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY**  
10 December 2009

**EXTRACT OF CONSULTATION RESULTS FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY  
SCHOOLS ONLY + OVERALL CONCLUSIONS FOR BOTH CITY AND COUNTY  
AREAS.**

**SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF BRIGHTON & HOVE** (16 Schools responded to the survey)

1. **The first question asks schools to confirm which year groups were involved in the visit, as not all age groups are represented at every school.** A further part of the question finds out how well the information was communicated to each of the Key Stages. The range of potential responses is from “Very Good” to “Very Poor”.
  - Key Stage One – Reception:** (1 response received)
    - 1 (100%) rated communication as Fairly Good.
  - Key Stage One – Years 1 and 2:** (6 responses received)
    - 6 (100%) rated communication as Very Good.
  - Key Stage Two - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6:** (9 responses received)
    - 9 (100%) reported it being Very Good.
  
2. **The second question asked schools if they agreed or disagreed with five statements related to the visit.**
  - 2.1 **Do you agree or disagree that the arrangements for the visit were easy to make?** (16 schools responded) 14 schools (88%) - strongly agreed
  - 2.2 **Do you agree or disagree that the lesson was appropriate for the age of the class?** (16 schools responded) 12 schools (75%) - strongly agreed
  - 2.3 **Do you agree or disagree that any visual aids and support material were appropriate to the age of the class?** (16 schools responded) 14 schools (88%) - strongly agreed
  - 2.4 **Do you agree or disagree that any visual aids and support material were appropriate to the lesson?** (16 schools responded) 14 schools (88%) - strongly agreed
  - 2.5 **Do you agree or disagree that any visual aids and support material were helpful?** (16 schools responded) 13 schools (81%) - strongly agreed
  
3. **The third question asked schools if they agreed or disagreed with four statements related to the presenter/s.**
  - 3.1 **Do you agree or disagree that the presenter/s engaged with the group?** (16 schools responded) 15 schools (94%) - strongly agreed
  - 3.2 **Do you agree or disagree that the presenter/s was/were approachable?** (16 schools responded) All strongly agreed
  - 3.3 **Do you agree or disagree that the presenter/s was/were professional?** (16 schools responded) All strongly agreed
  - 3.4 **Do you agree or disagree that the presenter/s was/were well informed?** (16 schools responded) All strongly agreed

4. The fourth question asked schools if they **agreed or disagreed** with four statements related to the content of the Safety Visit.
- 4.1 Do you agree or disagree that the pupils were interested? (16 schools responded) 13 schools (81%) strongly agreed, 3 schools (19%) tending to agree
- 4.2 Do you agree or disagree that the pupils understood what they were being taught? (16 schools responded) 13 schools (81%) strongly agreed, 3 schools (19%) tending to agree
- 4.3 Do you agree or disagree that afterwards, the pupils could remember what they had been taught? (16 schools responded) 12 schools (75%) strongly agreed; 4 schools (25%) tended to agree
- 4.4 Do you agree or disagree that the messages were communicated well to all pupils in the class? (16 schools responded) 13 schools (81%) strongly agreed; 3 schools (19%) tended to agree
5. The next question asked schools how **satisfied or dissatisfied they were with the Fire Safety Visit**. (16 schools responded) All were very satisfied
6. Schools were asked if the **original appointment** for the school fire safety visit **was kept by the Fire & Rescue Service personnel** (16 schools responded) 16 schools (100%) said that they original date was kept.
7. Schools were asked if they **would be carrying out any follow-up activities** (16 schools responded) 14 (85%) schools said they would and gave details of the activities they were going to undertake. 2 schools (15%) said they would not.
8. **CONCLUSIONS COVERING BOTH CITY AND COUNTY AREAS**
- 8.1 The survey achieved a **high response rate** from the questionnaires. Of the 114 schools visited 76% of respondents in East Sussex schools and 66% in Brighton and Hove schools returned their completed forms
- 8.2 The team maintains a **positive professional relationship with schools** throughout their contact and this is reflected in the high level of response. Education Advisors support the survey aims by explaining the importance of the feedback to the Service.
- 8.3 The results clearly indicate that the communication skill of our advisors is highly valued by respondents in terms of both levels of satisfaction and with how information was communicated to pupils.
- 8.4 **Educational Advisors:** Overall for both East Sussex and the City of Brighton & Hove, 95% agreed that the advisors engaged successfully with the children during the lesson, 98% said they were approachable and 99% agreed they were professional.
- 8.5 **Lesson Content:** 71% of respondents in East Sussex strongly agreed the lesson was appropriate for the age of the class, with 75% strongly agreeing that the visual aids and support material used was appropriate. The figures for the City were similar with 75% of respondents strongly agreeing that the content was age appropriate and 88% of them strongly agreeing that the visual aids and support material were age appropriate.

- 8.6 **Pupil Interest and Understanding:** The figures were for East Sussex in respect of the level of pupil interest was high (78% strongly agreed), pupils understanding (79% strongly agreed) and retention of information (75%). In the City, the figures were the level of pupil interest (81% strongly agreed), pupil understanding (81% strongly agreed) and retention of information (75%).
- 8.7 80% of respondents in East Sussex rated the overall visits as very satisfied with 98% stating that they would carry out follow up activities. The figures for the City were very satisfied with the visit 100% and 85% to carry out follow up activities.
- 8.8 **New Education Programme Pilot:** During Terms 1-3 of the school year 2008/09 the team have undertaken a revision and update of the lesson plans. Staff from the Children's Services and Education Team (CSET) delivered a total of 35 pilot sessions (20 primary and 15 secondary) based on recently developed lesson plans targeting Years 2, Year 5 and Year 8. All sessions lasted approximately 40 minutes.
- 8.9 **Team Knowledge and Training:** The team are also benefiting from continuous training and development given by an Independent PSHE (Personal Social Health Education) Consultant from the Health Schools Programme workforce.

This is important and vital to keep knowledge current and to continually develop lesson plans to comply alongside national standards -national curriculum key stages 1 to 4 and in specific to 'citizenship' and 'personal wellbeing', and national agendas and initiatives PSHE, SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) and Every Child Matters (Be *Healthy*, Stay *Safe*, Enjoy and *Achieve*, Make a *Positive Contribution* and Achieve *Economic Well Being*).

It is vitally important that the Fire & Rescue Service maintains its strong professional relationship with schools and ensure that pupils have an opportunity to learn, understand and explore ways of maintaining their safety and make informed choices.

- 8.10 The survey is qualitative and not quantitative and responses are based on subjective opinions of teaching staff. However, this should not detract from the high levels of satisfaction reported by teachers about the delivery of our safety programmes in schools. This is a reflection of the professionalism and communication skills of our education advisors, who continue to maintain the excellent reputation of ESFRS in delivering these important safety messages to pupils across the County and the City.
- 8.11 Finally, the survey is seeking to answer some community outcome performance results by asking the teachers whether or not the children could remember what they had been taught. This is starting to evidence that a successful community outcome has been achieved. Complementary work is taking place with the University of Brighton to assess what evidence there is what was remembered has been taken back into the home and achieved a real change in home safety over a sustained period of time.

### EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY

#### Report of a meeting of the East Sussex Fire Authority held at Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters at 11.00 hours on Thursday 14 January 2010.

**Present:** Councillors Carden, Fawthrop, Freebody, Gadd, Harmer-Strange, Healy, Heaps, Howson, Kemble (Chairman), Kenward, Livings, Ost, Pidgeon, Rufus, Scott, Sparks and Thomas.

#### 1. **FIRE AUTHORITY CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

- 1.1 The Fire Authority considered a report on the current and proposed arrangements for consultation and engagement activities relating to the Service Planning and Community Risk Management proposals.
- 1.2 Consultations covering the key Service Planning prioritisation issues and their related implications on possible Council Tax levels were posed to key stakeholders, staff and members of the public and the results were reported to Members. An edited summary of the key public consultation results is set out in the attached Appendix. Members noted the latest available results and that the final results would be available at the Fire Authority meeting on 4 February 2010.
- 1.3 Consultation proposals as part of the 2009/10 to 2011/12 Community Risk Management Plan were considered. Key Stakeholders had been consulted to establish the level of involvement they wanted together with discussions on the best way to consult them in future. These arrangements would be further developed to support the Rural Cover review throughout 2010/11 and beyond.

#### 2. **RURAL COVER REVIEW UPDATE**

- 2.1 The Fire Authority received a report on the latest position of the Review of Fire Cover and Resilience in Rural areas. The review had enabled robust analysis and forecasting due to the large amount of intelligence and data obtained from the review. The findings had been reported to the Way Forward Working Group who had been satisfied with the progress. The findings were to be reported to Policy & Resources for approval by a special meeting of the Fire Authority to be arranged during May 2010. A twelve week consultation and engagement period would then follow which would involve the public, staff and stakeholders. This would take the form of fora, questionnaires and face to face meetings to ensure that all parties have the opportunity to respond to the Fire Authority on the proposals. Those responses would then be reported back to the Fire Authority during September 2010.

#### 3. **FIRE AUTHORITY SERVICE PLANNING PROCESSES FOR 2010/11 AND BEYOND – DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET 2010/11 & CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11- 2014/15**

- 3.1 The Fire Authority considered the draft 2010/11 Fire Authority Service Planning issues for initial consideration. The main issue facing the Fire Authority was the continued

implementation of existing service commitments in addition to the approved Improvement Agenda, but within the context of a tight financial regime imposed by Government and now confirmed for the final year of the current three year spending review period 2008/09 – 2010/11.

3.2 Members also considered the draft Revenue Budget 2010/11 and Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2014/15 in the context of the agreed priorities for the Fire Authority:

- the continued achievement of existing service objectives and standards;
- the continued implementation of the Fire Authority's approved medium term investment programme to achieve a sustainable service;
- delivering further key service improvements over the medium term;
- delivering the modernisation agenda effectively within our community
- delivering Integrated Risk Management Plans in the medium term.

3.3 The following key issues were approved by the Fire Authority:

- a) the committed budget of £39.314m for 2010/11 (3.4% increase on last year) including provision for pay awards, price increases and net escapable commitments;
- b) the scale of fees and charges;
- c) the amended Capital Programme for 2009/10 totalling £2.420m and Capital Programme for 2010/11 totalling £8.41m (as set out in section 3 of the report) and the related revenue consequences;

3.4 Members were informed that the Authority were still awaiting confirmation from Councils' details of the Council Tax Base before setting the precept at the Fire Authority meeting on 4 February 2010.

#### **4. FIRE AUTHORITY ADOPTION OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (CFOA) POLICY FOR THE REDUCTION OF FALSE ALARMS & UNWANTED CALLS**

4.1 The Fire Authority considered a report that sought approval for the adoption of the Chief Fire Officers' Association (CFOA) Policy for the Reduction of False Alarms and Unwanted Fire Signals. The current policy for dealing with unwanted calls had been based upon previous CFOA Policy and attendance to domestic and commercial properties was as determined by the IRMP in 2006/07. During 2008/09, there were 5,202 calls from AFDs of which 4,898 (94.2%) were unwanted false alarms.

4.2 Under current arrangements, the Service has to respond to all calls received. The levels of unwanted signals from AFD systems placed a significant burden on East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service in terms of diverting essential services from emergencies, costs, risk to both the crews and public whilst responding, disruption to operational and day to day activities.

4.3 The revised CFOA Policy for the Reduction of False Alarms and Unwanted Signals was given detailing the framework for partnership between the responsible person of the protected premises, the fire alarm service provider and the fire and rescue authority. This would ensure the obligations, responsibilities and actions of all the parties were clear and understood. The partnership would then be utilised to reduce the occurrence of relevant false alarms and manage the appropriate response to unwanted calls

4.3 The Panel resolved to approve the adoption of the CFOA Policy by the Authority and that its implementation be delegated to the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive, or Deputy Chief Fire Officer, in his absence.



**SUMMARY OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESULTS FOR 2010/11 BUDGET CONSULTATION SURVEY IN COMPARISON TO SIMILAR QUESTIONS POSED IN PREVIOUS YEARS**

		<b>PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESULTS</b>		
		<b>2008/09 Results</b>	<b>2009/10 Results</b>	<b>2010/11 Results</b>
Q1.	Do you agree or disagree that the 2009/10 Council Tax bill of £80.08 per year (Band D property) to pay for your local Fire & Rescue Service was reasonable? (2008/09 at £77.06) [2007/08 at £73.70]			
	<b>Agree</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>90%</b>
Q2.	Taking everything into consideration, do you agree or disagree that this cost offers good value for money?			
	<b>Agree</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>93%</b>
Q3.	Do you agree or disagree with the decision to make savings on other budgets to further improve the range of services we offer to the public in order to prevent fires			
	<b>Agree</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>58%</b>
	Neither agree nor disagree	12%	11%	15%
	Disagree	22%	14%	27%
Q4.	Do you agree or disagree that, in future, we should consider continuing to invest in services to improve community safety which might result in a Council Tax increase of less than 4% (2008/09 at 5%) [2007/08 at 5%] rather than make savings to achieve a Council Tax increase of less than 3% (2008/09 at 4%) [2007/08 at 4%]?			
	<b>Agree</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>75%</b>
	Neither agree nor disagree	15%	16%	7%
	Disagree	13%	10%	18%
Q5.	Do you agree or disagree that, in future, we should consider reducing current levels of service to achieve a Council Tax of less than 2% (2008/09 at 4%) [2007/08 at 4%]?			
	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>85%</b>

