

Partnership Strategic Assessment Evidence Base Summary Charnwood Borough 2007/08

VI.0 Final Draft

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| Total Crime (Section 4) pages - | - | Yes Charnwood Borough had an overall 3% reduction in total recorded offences, in line with the County reduction over the last five years. However, the reductions over five years in Leicestershire are significantly lower than the national reductions. The total number of recorded offences in Charnwood Borough in the first six months of 2008/09 is higher than in the same period last year. | Yes Charnwood Borough has a total crime rate per 1,000 population above the rate for the County as a whole, but is considerably lower compared to both the Force area and nationally. Compared to similar areas Charnwood Borough has a total crime rate in the bottom (worst) 25% of all similar areas within its group. | No Three-quarters of Charnwood Borough residents live within 'urban' areas. The total crime rate within 'urban' areas of Charnwood Borough is considerably higher than the overall 'urban' crime rate for the county. There is a relatively small proportion of residents who live in 'City Living', 'Constrained by Circumstances' and 'Multicultural' communities who are disproportionately affected by crime. 9 out of the 20 areas within the county with a significantly high volume of crime are within Charnwood Borough. 8 of these are in Loughborough, with the exception of Thurmaston North West. However, 6 of the 9 high crime areas had significant reductions in 2007/08. | No Respondents in Charnwood Borough are most concerned about the possibility of being a victim of burglary, vehicle crime and physical attack. In general, respondents in Charnwood Borough are equally concerned about crime issues compared to respondents from the rest of the county. | Victims in Leicestershire are significantly more likely to be male rather than female, and aged between 18 and 44. Considering both police recorded and non-recorded offences in Leicestershire, the ethnic profile of a victim is unlikely to affect their likelihood of victimisation. Victims of total crime are much more likely to live in the OAC areas of either 'Blue Collar', 'City Living', 'Constrained by Circumstances', 'Multicultural' or 'Typical Traits', which in terms of the Urban and Rural classification, translates into 'Urban' areas. |
| Criminal Damage (Section 5.1) pages 33 - 34 | Yes Criminal damage offences account for 22% of total recorded offences across Charnwood Borough in 2007/08. | No The number of recorded criminal damage offences has followed a similar trend to the county, resulting in a 5% reduction over the last five years. The total number of recorded criminal damage offences in Charnwood Borough in the first six months of 2008/09 is lower than in the same period last year. | No Charnwood Borough has a criminal damage rate per 1,000 population higher than the county average, and has the highest rate out of the seven districts within Leicestershire. However, compared to similar areas Charnwood Borough has an average rate of criminal damage offences. | Yes The rate of criminal damage offences across the 'urban' and 'rural' areas of Charnwood Borough is similar to the county profile, with a disproportionately high rate of offences recorded in 'urban' areas. The rate of criminal damage offences across the OAC communities in Charnwood Borough is similar to the county profile. A relatively small proportion of all residents (15%) living in 'city living', 'constrained by circumstances' and 'multicultural' communities are disproportionately affected by criminal damage offences (30%). 8 out of the 16 areas within the county with a significantly high volume of criminal damage offences are within Charnwood Borough. Two residential areas in Loughborough: Loughborough Bell Foundry and Loughborough Canal South have volumes of criminal damage at a similar level to the town centre. | No The proportion of respondents in Charnwood Borough who felt that 'Vandalism' was a problem in their local area was similar to the proportion of respondents in the rest of the county. In Charnwood Borough, out of 11 aspects of anti-social behaviour, 'Vandalism' was ranked as the 5th biggest problem, behind 'Speeding Vehicles' and 'Teenagers hanging around on the street', 'rubbish and litter' and 'uncontrolled dogs and dog messes', | Victims of criminal damage in Leicestershire are significantly more likely to be male. There are significantly fewer BME victims of criminal damage offences in Leicestershire considering the total county BME population. Compared to both the total population and to all other victims, criminal damage victims are much more likely to be aged between 30 to 44 years, and are equally unlikely to be aged either under 18 or over 60. |

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| Anti-social behaviour (Section 5.7) pages 43 | Yes The number of anti-social behaviour incidents reported to the police in 2007/08 (7,304) equates to more than half of the volume of all recorded crime in the same time period in Charnwood Borough (12,898). | Yes Data for ASB incidents reported to the police has only been available for the last two years so long term trend information is unavailable. The number of ASB incidents reported in 2007/08 is similar to the number reported in 2006/07. | - The ASB incident rate per 1,000 population in Charnwood Borough is slightly higher than the county rate. | Yes The rate of ASB incidents across the 'urban' and 'rural' areas of Charnwood Borough is similar to the county profile, with a disproportionately high rate of offences recorded in 'urban' areas. The rate of ASB incidents across the OAC communities in Charnwood Borough is similar to the county profile. A relatively small proportion of all residents (15%) living in 'city living', 'constrained by circumstances' and 'multicultural' communities are disproportionately affected by criminal damage offences (32%). | Yes Respondents in Charnwood Borough are most concerned about the possibility of speeding cars, teenagers hanging around on the streets, and rubbish and litter. The proportion of respondents in Charnwood Borough who believed teenagers hanging around on the street, rubbish and litter, and uncontrolled dogs and dog messes a bigger problem was larger than the proportion of respondents in the rest of the county. | Information about victims of ASB incidents is currently not available for analysis. |
| Deliberate Fires (Section 5.10) pages 47 | - The number of deliberate fires recorded within Charnwood Borough (270) is relatively low in relation to other offences recorded by the police. However, the potential consequence of these incidents does not allow a sensible comparison with other problems. | No In 2007/08, a total of 270 deliberate fires recorded in Charnwood Borough, compared to 418 in the previous year. | - The deliberate fire rate per 1,000 population in Charnwood Borough is similar to the county rate. Other comparable data is not currently available. | Yes More than three-quarters of deliberate fires in Charnwood Borough are recorded in 'urban' areas. This translates to a relatively small proportion of residents living in the 'city living', 'constrained by circumstances' and 'multicultural' communities being disproportionately affected by deliberate fire incidents (32%). | - Deliberate fire setting is not an aspect of anti-social behaviour that is currently consulted on. | Details for deliberate fire victims are not currently available for analysis. |
| Violence Against the Person (Section 6) pages 33 - 34 | Yes Violence against the person offences account for 21% of all recorded offences in Charnwood Borough in 2007/08. However, compared to other districts in the county, Charnwood Borough has a significantly higher proportion of violence against the person offences. | No Charnwood Borough, had a 19% increase in the number of reported violence against the person offences during the five-year period significantly above that of the County. The 10% decrease in 2007/08 in Charnwood Borough is in line with the county decrease last year. This results in the district having a significantly higher than expected number of offences when compared to the County in 2007/08. However, the number of recorded violence against the person offences in Charnwood Borough in the first six months of 2008/09 is higher than in the same period last year. | Yes The violence against the person rate in Charnwood Borough is considerably higher than the county rate. | Yes The violence against the person offence rates across 'urban' and 'rural' areas of Charnwood Borough are consistently higher compared to the whole county. | No The proportion of Charnwood Borough respondents worried about the possibility of being a victim of a 'physical attack', although slightly higher, is still comparable to the proportion of respondents across the rest of the county. | Violence against the person victims are significantly more likely to be from BME groups in the context of the whole county population. |

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| Serious Violent Crime (Section 6.3) pages 59 | Yes In terms of volume, the number of recorded serious violent offences within Charnwood Borough is relatively small, 70 in 2007/08. However, the scale of the problem is under-represented due to the serious nature of these offences, the emotional cost to the individuals and resources required by agencies to deal with them. | No The number of serious violent crimes in Charnwood Borough has remained below 90 per year for the last five years. The number of recorded serious violent crimes in Charnwood Borough in the first six months of 2008/09 is lower than in the same period last year. | Yes Charnwood Borough has a serious violent crime rate similar to the county average. However, Charnwood Borough has a serious violent crime rate in the bottom (worst) 25% of all similar areas within its group. | - | - see violence against the person | Males aged under 30 years of age were four times more likely than average to be a victim of a non-domestic serious violent crime, where alcohol had been a contributory factor. |
| Assault with less serious injury (Section 6.5) pages 62 | Yes Assault with less serious injury accounts for approximately half all violence against the person offences in Charnwood Borough. | Yes Charnwood Borough has had a 45% increase in recorded assault WLSI over the five-year period, which does not deviate significantly from the county trend. The majority of this increase was between 2003/04 and 2004/05. However, the number of recorded assault WLSI offences recorded in Charnwood Borough in the first six months of 2008/09 is above the 3% LAA reduction target. | Yes The assault WLSI rate in Charnwood Borough is considerably higher than the county rate. Also, Charnwood Borough has an assault WLSI rate in the bottom (worst) 25% of all similar local authorities within its group. | No 13 out of the 27 areas in Leicestershire with a significantly high number of assault WLSI offences are within Charnwood Borough. 3 of these areas have had a significant increase in the number of recorded assault WLSI offences in the last year. | - See violence against the person | Individuals of White British background aged 29 years and under are more likely to be a victim of assault with less serious injury when compared to other types of violence against the person offence. |
| Serious Acquisitive Crime (Section 7.1) pages 73 - 74 | Yes Recorded serious acquisitive crime accounts for 18% of police recorded crime in Charnwood Borough during 2007/08. | No Charnwood Borough shows an overall reduction of 27% for serious acquisitive crime, which does not deviate significantly from the county reduction. However, in 2006/7 there was a significant peak in the number of crimes, compared to the rest of the county. The number of serious acquisitive crimes recorded in Charnwood Borough in the first six months of 2008/09 is below the 3% Leicestershire Constabulary reduction target. | No The serious acquisitive crime rate within Charnwood Borough is similar to the county rate. Also, compared to similar areas Charnwood Borough has an average rate of serious acquisitive crime. | - See individual section below | - | - |

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| Burglary Dwelling (Section 7.3) <p style="text-align: right;">pages 33 - 34</p> | Yes Recorded burglary dwelling offences accounted for 7% of police recorded crime in Charnwood Borough during 2007/08. Compared to other districts in the county, Charnwood Borough has a significantly higher proportion of burglary dwelling offences. | Yes Charnwood Borough had a 7% reduction in the number of recorded burglary dwelling offences over the last five years. However, this reduction is considerably lower compared to the county (23%), being the smallest reduction across all seven Leicestershire districts. Also, the number of burglary dwelling offences recorded in Charnwood Borough in the first six months of 2008/09 is higher than in the same period last year. | Yes The burglary dwelling rate in Charnwood Borough is the highest out of the seven Leicestershire districts, considerably higher than the county average. Also, compared to similar areas, Charnwood Borough has a burglary dwelling rate in the bottom (worst) 25% of all similar local authorities within its group. | Yes The burglary dwelling rate in 'urban' areas of Charnwood Borough is considerably higher compared to 'urban' areas across the county. The burglary dwelling rates across all communities (classified by OAC) are all higher the overall county average burglary dwelling rate. 16 out of the 21 areas in Leicestershire with a significantly high number of burglary dwelling offences, are within Charnwood Borough. The top 10 burglary hot-spots across Leicestershire are all within Loughborough. | Yes The respondents of Charnwood Borough were most worried about being a victim of burglary when considering the list of eight possible crime categories. | The highest risk group for burglary dwelling are females aged over 66 years and living in the urban and rural classified 'Village' areas. Similarly males of the same age group and living in the same areas are also a high risk target. Both profiles fit well with known targets of distraction burglary. Other high risk groups include females living in city centre areas, classified by OAC as either 'Multicultural' or 'City Living' and aged between 18 and 27 years of age; along with individuals of Black and Minority ethnic background, of the same age and living in OAC classified 'Blue Collar Communities', 'Constrained by Circumstances' or 'Typical Trait' areas. |
| Vehicle Crime (Section 7.13) <p style="text-align: right;">pages 93 - 94</p> | No Vehicle crimes account for 1 in every 10 recorded offences within Charnwood Borough. However, compared to other districts in the county, Charnwood Borough has a significantly lower proportion of theft from vehicle offences. | No Charnwood Borough had a 39% reduction in recorded vehicle crime over the five year period, a significantly larger reduction compared to the whole county. Also, both the number of theft from vehicle and theft of vehicle offences recorded in Charnwood Borough in the first six months of 2008/09 are lower than in the same period last year. | No The vehicle crime rate in Charnwood Borough is similar to the county rate. Also, compared to similar areas Charnwood Borough has an average vehicle crime rate. | Yes The vehicle crime rates in the 'urban' and 'rural' areas of Charnwood Borough are similar to the county rates. The vehicle crime rate in 'multicultural' communities across Leicestershire is considerably higher than the overall county vehicle crime rate. 5% of Charnwood Borough residents live in 'multicultural' communities. 6 out of the 18 areas in Leicestershire with a significantly high number of vehicle crime offences are within Charnwood Borough, and all are in Loughborough with the exception of Bradgate and Beacon. However, none of the six vehicle crime hot-spots with Charnwood Borough have had a significant increase in the number of offences recorded in 2007/08. | Yes The proportion of Charnwood Borough respondents worried about being a victim of car crime ranked second, after burglary, when considering the list of eight possible crime categories. | The group at highest risk of being a victim of vehicle crime proved to be males aged between 18 and 22 years of age, living in either a 'Town and Fringe' or 'Village' area. However, this profile changes slightly when considering the composite offences that make up vehicle crime. Individuals aged between 18 to 22 years and living in 'Village' areas are twice as likely as average of being a victim of theft from vehicle. Whereas males aged between 22 and 27 years and living in the OAC classified 'Blue Collar Communities' and 'Constrained by Circumstances' are four times more likely than average of being a victim of theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicle. |

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| Burglary Other (Section 7.8) | No Recorded burglary other offences accounted for 6% of all recorded crime in Charnwood Borough in 2007/08. Also, compared to other districts in the county, Charnwood Borough has a significantly lower proportion of burglary other offences. | Yes Charnwood Borough had an 11% reduction in recorded burglary other offences in the last five years. This reduction is significantly lower compared to the whole county (19%). However, the number of burglary other offences recorded in Charnwood Borough in the first six months of 2008/09 is higher than in the same period last year. | No Charnwood Borough has a burglary other rate similar to the county rate. Also, compared to similar areas Charnwood Borough has an average burglary other rate. | No The burglary other offence rate across Leicestershire is generally higher in 'rural' areas. However, unlike the majority of districts in Leicestershire, the burglary other offence rate in the 'rural' areas of Charnwood Borough is relatively comparable to the rate in 'urban' areas. | - | - |
| pages | 33 - 34 | 85 - 86 | 87 - 88 | 87 - 92 | - | - |
| Domestic Violence (Section 8) | Yes Recorded domestic violence incidents accounted for 14% of all recorded and non-recordable offences within Leicestershire during 2007/08. The British Crime Survey estimates that only 40% of domestic violence incidents were reported to the police during 2007/08. Based on this proportion, the actual number of domestic violence incidents occurring within Charnwood Borough during 2007/08 is estimated at 4,840. | No The number of domestic incidents reported to the police within Charnwood Borough has steadily increased over the past five years. | - Comparable data not currently available | Yes Rates of reporting are approximately twice as high in 'Urban' areas compared to 'Rural' areas. This is compounded in a much lower rate of reporting in 'Countryside' and 'Prospering Suburb' areas of the county. | - | Victims of reported domestic violence incidents are significantly more likely to be female than male. They are also significantly less likely to be from a BME group rather than White-British and are more likely to be aged 18 to 44, and less likely to be under 18 or over 45 year old. Victims of reported domestic violence incidents are more likely to live in urban areas compared to rural areas, and less likely to live in the OAC clusters 'Countryside' and 'Prospering Suburbs'. |
| pages | 107 | 107 | - | 109 | - | 110 |
| Hate Incidents (Section 9) | - Although hate incidents account for only 1% of all recorded and non-recordable offences the extent to which incidents go unreported is not clear. | No Through the Hate Incident Monitoring Project (HIMP) there was a 7% increase in incidents reported across Leicestershire in 2007/08, exceeding the 2.5% target to increase reporting across the county. | No Leicestershire has an average level of recorded racially and religiously motivated offences compared to similar local authorities. Comparable data not currently available for similar districts | Yes Charnwood Borough is the only district which has any considerable concentration of reported hate incidents, primarily within 3 areas within Loughborough. | - The proportion of respondents who were worried about being a victim of assault due to sexual orientation, disability, or racism is significantly lower in Leicestershire compared to the rest of the force area. However, the influence of an individual respondents' sexual orientation, disability or ethnicity on their responses to these questions needs to be considered. | Age, gender, and where victims live (urban or rural, OAC Classification) does not significantly influence the likelihood of an individual being a victim of an incident motivated by hate compared to other incidents. |
| pages | - | 111 - 113 | 112 | 114 - 115 | 28 - 29 | - |

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| Reducing Reoffending (Adults) (Section 10.1) * See section 10.3 for a profile of adult offender needs pages | - | - Historic data not currently available | No The rate of re-offending within Leicestershire, based on the December 2007 cohort was 7.2%. This rate is below the comparable re-offending rate for Leicestershire Probation Area and England and Wales. | Yes A higher proportion of offenders are resident in the prospering suburbs within Leicestershire. Also, approximately one-quarter of probationers across the Leicestershire Probation area reside in 'Multicultural' communities, although there are far fewer areas classified as 'Multicultural' within Leicestershire. | - | Probationers are significantly more likely to be male, of White British origin and aged 25 to 44. In Leicestershire 8.8% of offenders were of a Black Minority or Ethnic background compared to 24.9% of all probationers within the Leicestershire Probation Area. This will be attributable to the higher proportion of BME residents within the Leicester city probation area. |
| Reducing Reoffending (Young People) (Section 10.4) * See section 10.5 for a profile of adult offender needs pages | - | - Historic data not currently available | - Comparable data not currently available | Yes A higher proportion of offenders are resident in 'Blue Collar Communities' within Leicestershire. Also, there are significantly more youth offenders that reside in 'Multicultural' communities, although there are far fewer areas classified as 'Multicultural' within Leicestershire. There is a far smaller proportion of youth offenders resident in both the prospering suburbs and the countryside areas within Leicestershire when compared to the profile of the general population. | - | Proportionally there are far more male youth offenders than males in the population. Although there are far fewer female young offenders there are in fact a higher proportion of female youth offenders than female adult offenders (21.5% compared to 13%). The proportion of young offenders increases sharply after the age of 13 and continues to disproportionately rise the older the age group. There is a significantly higher proportion of offenders resident in the 'blue collar communities' within Leicestershire. Also, there are significantly more youth offenders that reside in 'Multicultural' communities, although there are far fewer areas classified as 'Multicultural' within Leicestershire. |
| Drugs (Section 11) pages | - | Yes Following a considerable increase between 2003/04 and 2004/05, the number of recorded drugs offences recorded in Charnwood Borough has remained at a similar level. | Yes Compared to the baseline year, 2007/08, the number of problematic drug users in treatment has increased in Leicestershire, and also within the East Midlands and nationally. The problematic drug user rate per 100,000 population in Charnwood Borough is the highest out of all the Leicestershire Districts. | Yes The proportion of offenders with a high risk of reoffending due to drugs misuse is significantly higher in Charnwood Borough (22%) compared to the overall county proportion (15%). | No Respondents in Charnwood Borough ranked the problem of people using or dealing drugs within their local area below the problems of speeding vehicles, teenagers hanging around on the street, rubbish and litter, uncontrolled dogs and dog mess vandalism and drunk and rowdy behaviour. | - |

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| Alcohol (Section 12) pages 133 | Yes 8% of all recorded offences within Leicestershire were committed under the influence of alcohol during 2007/08. This proportion rises to over one quarter of all violence against the person offences and one-third of serious violent crimes. The proportion of reported domestic violence incidents where alcohol was recorded as a factor was 36%, which is comparable to the proportion of serious violent offences where alcohol was recorded as a factor. | - | No Leicestershire has an average rate of hospital admissions for alcohol related harm, compared to similar local authorities. The rates of recorded crime and violent crime attributable to alcohol for Leicestershire are below both the regional and national rate. | Yes There is a significant difference between the proportion of alcohol related offences within the town centre areas compared to the rest of the county on Friday and Saturday between 21:00 and 02:59. Between 21:00 and 02:59 on Friday 61% of violence against the person offences were recorded as alcohol related. The peaks in A & E attendances for assault align to the peaks in violence against the person offences on Friday and Saturday night. | Yes Through community consultation Leicestershire Constabulary have identified tackling underage drinking as a neighbourhood priority in over one-third of the 60 neighbourhood beats across Leicestershire. Respondents consistently ranked the problem of people being drunk or rowdy in public places within their local area below the problems of speeding vehicles, teenagers hanging around on the street, rubbish and litter, uncontrolled dogs and dog mess and vandalism, across all seven districts. Pupil respondents in Leicestershire are more likely to have had an alcoholic drink and to have been drunk than pupil respondents nationally. However, a similar proportion of respondents locally feel that the information and advice on alcohol is good enough, compared to national response rates. | Based on the estimated demand there are serious shortfalls in the capacity of specialist alcohol treatment services within Leicestershire. 40% of all offenders (probation) in Leicestershire have a high risk of reoffending, due to alcohol misuse. Alcohol misuse is ranked the second biggest offender need, after offending information. |
| Road Safety (Section 13) pages 141 | Yes The issue of road safety is measurable in two ways: the number of individuals being killed or seriously injured on roads within the county and the perceived level of speeding vehicles within the local area. Both constitute actual or likely serious physical risk to individuals and so should be considered a high level problem. | No Over the last five years there is no significant change in the number of people killed or seriously injured within Charnwood Borough. There is also no significant change in the number of children killed or seriously injured within Charnwood Borough. | - | - | Yes In Charnwood Borough 'Speeding vehicles' was ranked as the biggest problem out of all eleven aspects of anti-social behaviour. | - |