



ACTION PLAN 2011-2012

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Introduction

Making Antrim Borough a safer place is a challenge and priority for everyone, be it residents, people working in the Borough or visitors taking advantage of the excellent facilities and amenities.

Reducing crime, fear of crime and anti social behaviour cannot be achieved by individuals or agencies in isolation. Antrim Borough Community Safety Partnership (ABCSP) was established to ensure that public sector agencies, voluntary groups and businesses work in true partnership with local communities to reduce crime and improve safety, making Antrim Borough a safer, cleaner, greener environment with enhanced quality of life.

ABCSP want this Action Plan to be meaningful and relevant to everyone, shaping its efforts and direction for the period 2011 to 2012. ABCSP acknowledges the future challenges ahead and is committed to the proposals contained in this Action Plan, confident that it has responded to the views of those with whom it consulted. ABCSP accepts the challenges ahead and looks forward to working with all sections of the community to ensure that a safer Antrim Borough can be delivered for all.

Mrs Pam Surphlis MBE
Chairperson
Antrim Borough Community Safety Partnership
January 2011

Strategic Assessment

As part of the action planning process for 2011-2012, ABCSP took into account information from the following sources:

- Antrim District Policing Partnership Consultation Report 2010
- Antrim District Policing Partnership NISRA Survey 2010
- Antrim Borough Council/Newtownabbey Borough Council Merger Research 2010
- Local Crime Statistics

Each of these sources provides information on local issues as identified through consultation and research conducted with residents of Antrim as well as an analysis of local crime statistics.

Antrim District Policing Partnership Consultation Report

A major part of the role of Antrim DPP is to consult and engage with the public with a view to getting public opinion on crime and anti-social behaviour within the Borough of Antrim.

A range of consultation and engagement events have been organised by Antrim DPP including public meetings and meetings with local interest groups.

The result of this consultation and engagement was the identification of a number of key topics in relation to policing and crime in the Borough of Antrim. These are as follows (in no particular order):

- Anti-social behaviour
- Drugs
- Road safety/Road traffic collisions
- Community Policing Visibility
- Domestic/Rural Burglaries
- Domestic Violence

Antrim DPP NISRA Survey 2010

In addition to consultation and engagement events, the Northern Ireland Policing Board commissioned the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency to conduct a survey on policing and crime within Antrim Borough.

In Antrim Borough, 2025 surveys were sent to local residents of which 22% responded.

The results of this survey for Antrim Borough are as follows:

Single biggest policing issue in Antrim

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| • Anti-social behaviour | 37% |
| • Burglary | 21% |
| • Road traffic offences | 11% |
| • Drug dealing and drug use/abuse | 10% |

Other issues raised include domestic abuse/violence, hate crime and vehicle crime.

Ranked within the top five biggest policing issues in Antrim

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| • Anti-social behaviour | 77% |
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- Burglary 75%
- Drug dealing and drug/use abuse 63%
- Road traffic offences 59%

Other issues raised include domestic abuse/violence.

Single biggest activity local police should concentrate on

- Prompt response to emergencies 28%
- Visible patrolling 18%
- Crime prevention 17%

Ranked within the top five activities local police should concentrate on

- Prompt response to emergencies 73%
- Visible patrolling 72%
- Crime prevention 70%

Antrim Borough Council/Newtownabbey Borough Council Merger Research 2010

In order to evaluate and understand the aspirations of residents within the Newtownabbey and Antrim Borough Council areas in terms of future service deliver, a large scale survey was commissioned among the residents

The results of this survey showing residents main priorities for Antrim Borough Council to focus on over next few years are as follows:

- Employment opportunities (29%)
- The level of crime/anti-social behaviour (29%)
- Shopping facilities (27%)
- Affordable decent housing (24%)
- Town Centre Improvements (18%)
- Policing (16%)
- Cleanliness of streets (16%)
- Entertainment/social facilities (16%)
- Traffic congestion/road network (15%)

Local Crime Statistics

An analysis of local crime statistics for the rolling year to date (December 2009 – November 2010) available at www.psni.police.uk shows the following:

The highest recorded individual crimes in the rolling year to date for Antrim Area Command are:

Robbery (31 offences) increase of 72.2% on previous year

Burglary (408 offences) increase of 29.9% on previous year

Fraud and Forgery (154 offences) increase of 14.1% on previous year

Theft from motor vehicles (93 offences) increase of 12.0% on previous year

Criminal Damage (926 offences) increase of 10% on previous year

There has been a decrease in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents recorded in the rolling year to date (December 2009 – November 2010). This shows a decrease in recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour of 11% (300 incidents)

There has been a decrease in the number of domestic abuse incidents recorded from April – September 2010 based on the previous year. This shows a decrease in recorded domestic abuse incidents of 13.6% (52 incidents)

Conclusion

Based on all the information available ABCSP has agreed that the following shall be its strategic priorities for 2011-2012.

Anti-Social Behaviour – Whilst PSNI statistics show a decrease in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents recorded, there is significant community feedback from Antrim DPP consultations, the NISRA survey and the Newtownabbey/Antrim Merger Research Report which shows that anti-social behaviour is the top priority for residents of Antrim Borough.

Violent Crime/Fear of Crime – Based on PSNI statistics, Antrim DPP consultations and the NISRA survey, ABCSP will focus on: drugs, substance and alcohol abuse, domestic violence and fear of crime.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY ACTION PLAN

Strategic Priority 1: Anti-Social Behaviour	
Aim	To contribute towards a reduction in anti-social behaviour within Antrim Borough with a particular focus on three ASB hotspots identified through statutory agency statistics and community feedback.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To engage, empower and educate young people who may be hard to reach and/or at risk of engaging in anti-social behaviour. • Increased reporting of anti-social behaviour within the identified hot spot areas to the relevant statutory agencies (if appropriate). • To encourage and promote community co-operation and participation in addressing anti-social behaviour in the identified areas. • To raise awareness of work of ABCSP and promote awareness of anti-social behaviour interventions.
Actions	<p><u>Project 1.1 Youth Outreach Provision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached youth outreach workers operating primarily in identified hot spots. <p><u>Project 1.2 Youth Diversionary Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To engage vulnerable young people in diversionary activities primarily to compliment Youth Outreach provision. <p><u>Project 1.3 Community Safety Wardens</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wardens to be deployed at times when anti-social behaviour is most likely to occur and focus resources in identified hot spots. • Wardens to engage with young people and attempt to divert them away from anti-social behaviour and into more activities. • Wardens to make onward referrals to statutory agencies as a result of their observations and interactions whilst on deployment. <p><u>Project 1.4 Bee Safe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learning event on social awareness/anti-social behaviour issues for 10-11 year olds <p><u>Project 1.5 Publicity and Awareness Raising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise the profile of ABCSP and its interventions through a series of publicity campaigns and events.

Inputs	<p>Non Financial:</p> <p>Identification of hot spot areas based on statutory agency statistics and community interactions</p> <p>Recruitment of staffing resources (Youth Outreach Workers and Community Safety Wardens)</p> <p>Operational management of Community Safety Warden scheme</p> <p>Match funding from statutory organisation staff in managing projects</p> <p>Baseline crime and anti-social behaviour information sought for hot spot areas</p> <p>Alignment of Youth Outreach Provision (CSP) with work of professional Area Youth Workers</p> <p>Financial:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="325 869 1308 1198"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Intervention</u></th> <th><u>CSP</u></th> <th><u>Match Funding</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.1 Youth Outreach</td> <td>£21,000</td> <td>£10,080</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.2 Diversionary Activities</td> <td>£6,000</td> <td>£950</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.3 Community Safety Wardens</td> <td>£8,000</td> <td>£1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.4 Bee Safe</td> <td>£2,000</td> <td>£750</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.5 Publicity/Awareness Raising</td> <td>£5,000</td> <td>£0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>£42,000</td> <td>£13,280</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Intervention</u>	<u>CSP</u>	<u>Match Funding</u>	1.1 Youth Outreach	£21,000	£10,080	1.2 Diversionary Activities	£6,000	£950	1.3 Community Safety Wardens	£8,000	£1,500	1.4 Bee Safe	£2,000	£750	1.5 Publicity/Awareness Raising	£5,000	£0.00	TOTAL	£42,000	£13,280
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Outputs	<p><u>Project 1.1 Youth Outreach Provision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 young people engaged in programme • 75% of young people to be engaged for a minimum of 6 sessions • To engage young people in a programme of educational and developmental activities • To promote a positive image of young people as appropriate <p><u>Project 1.2 Youth Diversionary Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversionary Activities to be organised to compliment youth outreach provision <p><u>Project 1.3 Community Safety Wardens</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wardens to be deployed at times when anti-social behaviour is most likely to occur and focus resources in identified hot spots • Wardens to engage young people and attempt to divert them away from anti-social behaviour and into positive activities. • Wardens to make onward referrals to statutory agencies as a result of their observations and interactions whilst on 																					

	<p>deployment.</p> <p><u>Project 1.4 Bee Safe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All P7 aged children within Antrim Borough to be engaged in this learning event about social awareness and anti-social behaviour. • 90% satisfaction levels based on evaluation done with teachers.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased awareness among young people in Antrim Borough on the issues surrounding anti-social behaviour • Increased community satisfaction that ABCSP and partner agencies are addressing anti-social behaviour to the best of their ability (based on community survey) • To promote confidence, self esteem and responsibility among young people involved with the intention that this may contribute to a reduction in anti-social behaviour.
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievement of quarterly progress milestones • Quarterly monitoring rounds • Each project to adhere to budget profile • Timely submission of all project quarterly returns • Completion of evaluation reports by all funded projects
Evaluation	<p><u>Monitoring</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All funded parties to send a representative to monthly working groups to report on progress of projects. • Visits by Partnership Support Team to meet with people involved in funded projects. • Spot checks on operation of Community Safety Warden Scheme <p><u>Reporting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly progress reports from project leads • Quarterly progress reports to CSU • Project lead reports to main partnership meetings <p><u>Data collected to include</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of formal referrals from Community Safety Warden Scheme to statutory agencies • Number of informal interactions between Community Safety Wardens and young people in the borough • Analysis of local crime figures • Number of participants involved • Feedback questionnaires from participants

Strategic Priority 1 Anti-Social Behaviour - Delivery Timeline

Action	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Project 1.1 Youth Outreach Programme												
Project 1.2 Diversionary Activities												
Project 1.3 Community Safety Wardens												
Project 1.4 Bee Safe												
Project 1.5 Publicity and Awareness Raising												

Strategic Priority 1 Anti-Social Behaviour - Budget Profile

CSP Allocation:

Action	CSP	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Project 1.1 Youth Outreach Programme	£ 21,000	£5,250	£5,250	£5,250	£5,250
Project 1.2 Diversionary Activities	£6,000	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500
Project 1.3 Community Safety Wardens	£8,000	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
Project 1.4 Bee Safe	£2,000	£2,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Project 1.5 Publicity and Awareness Raising	£5,000	£1,250	£1,250	£1,250	£1,250
TOTAL	£42,000	£12,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000

STRATEGIC PRIORITY ACTION PLAN

Strategic Priority 2: Violent Crime/Fear of Crime																
Aim	To contribute to a reduction in Violent Crime and Fear of Crime across Antrim Borough															
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To engage, educate and empower young people around the subjects of bullying, healthy relationships and domestic violence. • In partnership, to provide a holistic counselling service for residents of Antrim Borough who may have issues with drugs, substance or alcohol abuse • In partnership, to continue to try and reduce the fear of crime within Antrim Borough, particularly in relation to victims of crime. 															
Actions	<p><u>Project 2.1 Drugs, Substance and Alcohol Counselling Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To contribute towards the cost of a professional holistic counselling service which will equip service users with techniques to address their addiction. <p><u>Project 2.2 Domestic Violence Education and Awareness Worker</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of Domestic Violence Education and Awareness Worker in partnership with Newtownabbey, Carrickfergus and Ballymena Community Safety Partnerships. <p><u>Project 2.3 4 Tier Security Scheme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of non means tested scheme offering products to help residents of Antrim who are victims of crime or who are living in fear of crime. 															
Inputs	<p><u>Non-Financial</u></p> <p>Recruitment of staffing resources</p> <p>Match funding from statutory organisation staff in managing projects</p> <p>Baseline information sought for violent crime in the borough.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Intervention</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>CSP</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Match Funding</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Project 2.1 Drugs, Substance and Alcohol Counselling Service</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£ 8,500</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Project 2.2 Domestic Violence Education & Prevention Worker</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£6,500</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Project 2.3 4 Tier Security Scheme</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£3,000</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£18,000</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£9,500</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Intervention</u>	<u>CSP</u>	<u>Match Funding</u>	Project 2.1 Drugs, Substance and Alcohol Counselling Service	£ 8,500	£5,000	Project 2.2 Domestic Violence Education & Prevention Worker	£6,500	£1,500	Project 2.3 4 Tier Security Scheme	£3,000	£3,000	TOTAL	£18,000	£9,500
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TOTAL	£18,000	£9,500														
Outputs	<p><u>Drugs, Substance and Alcohol Counselling Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide 1000 counselling sessions • To achieve a 70% attendance rate 															

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive 180 referrals <p><u>Domestic Violence Education & Prevention Worker</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To continue to provide awareness raising among all primary and secondary schools in Antrim Borough on bullying, healthy relationships and domestic violence. To provide appropriate programmes to those schools that may require support. <p><u>4 Tier Security Scheme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide assistance to residents who have become victims of crime or persons living in fear of crime as appropriate. To promote the 4 Tier Scheme at events 12 times per year. To receive 700 referrals to the 4 Tier Scheme.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To contribute to a reduction in the level of violent crime in Antrim Borough To provide practical support to residents who may have issues with drug, substance or alcohol misuse or addiction To continue to raise awareness in relation to the problems caused by domestic violence and unhealthy relationships To contribute to a reduction in the level of domestic burglary in Antrim Borough To contribute to a reduction in the fear of crime experienced by victims of crime who have availed of the 4 Tier Security Scheme.
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achievement of quarterly progress milestones Quarterly monitoring rounds Each project to adhere to budget profile Timely submission of all project quarterly returns Completion of evaluation reports by all funded projects
Evaluation	<p><u>Monitoring</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All funded parties to send a representative to monthly working groups to report on progress of projects. Visits by Partnership Support Teams to meet with young people involved in funded projects. <p><u>Reporting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly progress reports from project leads Quarterly progress reports to CSU Project lead reports to main partnership meetings <p><u>Data collected to include</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of referrals to 4 Tier Security scheme Number of 4 Tier Security scheme promotional events Number of counselling sessions, attendance rate, referral numbers Analysis of local crime figures Number of programmes undertaken Number of participants involved Feedback questionnaires from participants

Strategic Priority Violent Crime/Fear of Crime - Delivery Timeline

Action	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Project 2.1 Drugs, Substance and Alcohol Abuse												
Project 2.2 Domestic Violence Education and Awareness Raising												
Project 2.3 4 Tier Security Scheme												

Strategic Priority Violent Crime/Fear of Crime - Budget Profile

CSP Allocation:

Action	CSP	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Project 2.1	£8,500	£2,125	£2,125	£2,125	£2,125
Project 2.2	£6,500	£1,625	£1,625	£1,625	£1,625
Project 2.3	£3,000	£3,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£18,000	£6,750	£3,750	£3,750	£3,750

CSP ACTION PLAN 2011-12 – MATCH FUNDING

Priority & Action	Total Cost	CSP	Total M/F	Details of Available Match Funding		
				Organisation	£	Description
Strategic Priority 1:						
Project 1.1 Youth Outreach Provision	£31,080	£21,000	£10,080	NEELB	£10,080	Senior Youth Worker/Area Youth Worker time
Project 1.2 Diversionary Activities	£6,950	£6,000	£950	NEELB	£950	Transport and use of Area Youth Office
Project 1.3 Community Safety Wardens	£9,500	£8,000	£1,500	Antrim Borough Council	£1,500	Van/Diesel, clothing and equipment
Project 1.4 Bee Safe	£3,000	£2,000	£1,000	Home Accident Prevention	£1,000	Prizes and catering for event
Project 1.5 Publicity and Awareness Raising	£5,000	£5,000	---	---	£0.00	---
Strategic Priority 2:						
Project 2.1 Drugs, Substance and Alcohol Abuse	£13,500	£8,500	£5,000	Antrim Counselling Centre	£5,000	500 no. volunteer hours @ £10.00 per hour
Project 2.2 Domestic Violence Education and Awareness Raising	£8,000	£6,500	£1,500	Women's Aid	£1,500	Administration and management
Project 2.3 4 Tier Security Scheme	£6,000	£3,000	£3,000	NIHE	£3,000	Promotion and administration of scheme
TOTAL	£83,030	£60,000	£23,030			

Further Information and Contact Details

Further information about this Action Plan can be obtained on request by contacting the Partnership Support Team at Antrim Borough Council.

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ABCSP is committed to ongoing involvement in the services it delivers and welcomes any feedback, suggestions or proposals from individuals or organisations.