



Rochford District Crime & Disorder Reduction Strategy 2005-2008

Making your community a safer place in which to live

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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the requirements of Sections 5 – 7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, this document sets out the third three year Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy for Rochford District.

The strategy has been produced by a partnership of organisations that form the 'Responsible Authority Group', and who have a statutory duty under the Act to co-operate in producing a strategy capable of achieving sustainable crime reduction within the District. The organisations that make up the Responsible Authority Group are the following statutory agencies:

Castle Point and Rochford Primary Care Trust
Essex County Council
Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
Essex Police
Essex Police Authority
National Probation Service – Essex Area
Rochford District Council

In addition to the above, other organisations involved in assisting the delivery of the Strategy and/or consultation process include:

Basildon Women's Aid
British Transport Police
Business Representatives
Castle Point and Rochford Domestic Violence Panel
Castle Point and Rochford Drug and Alcohol Reference Group
Essex County Council Youth Service
Essex County Council's South Area Forum
Essex Drug and Alcohol Action Team
Essex Learning Services
Essex, Southend and Thurrock Connexions
Neighbourhood Watch
Rayleigh Police Divisions Police and Community Consultative Group
Rayleigh, Rochford and District Association for Voluntary Service
Registered Social Landlords
Religious Groups
Rochford and Rayleigh Citizens Advice Bureau
Rochford Citizens Consultation Panel
Rochford District Council's Community Services Committee
Rochford District Council's Licensing and Appeals Committee
South Essex Victim Support
Thames Corridor Focus Groups representing persons with Disabilities
The Star Partnership
Town and Parishes in Rochford District

During the latter part of 2004, an audit of crime and disorder was carried out using local statistics, and surveys of local residents. The findings of the audit have helped in framing this document.

We are fortunate that Rochford District has a very low crime rate compared to the rest of the United Kingdom and other parts of Essex, and a report of the British Crime Survey published in January 2005, showed that most crimes are on the decrease.

However, there is no cause for complacency and therefore this Strategy aims to reduce crime even further. To achieve this aim it is important for residents to report all crimes and to notify the police when they witness crimes or incidents of disorder. If local residents do this, the agencies involved in making the District a safer place can continue to focus on the things that really matter.

STRATEGIC AIMS OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The four strategic aims of the partnership are: -

1. To achieve sustainable crime reduction within the District, not only by tackling crime, but also, by identifying and addressing the causes of crime.

Various factors can be identified as the causes of crime and these would certainly include greed, a violent nature (often fuelled by alcohol consumption), drug misuse, but additionally, crime may also be related to unemployment and deprivation. We are fortunate in being a relatively affluent District, but it is important that we continue to work to address these issues. Our main weapons in fighting crime will be a combination of intelligence led Police enforcement and multi-agency interventions to ward off potential criminal conduct and opportunity or to break existing cycles of criminal behaviour.

2. To ensure crime and disorder does not have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable groups.

Elderly members of the community tend to be more trusting and may be targeted by some criminals. We will do our best to raise the awareness of the elderly without increasing their fear of crime. At the other end of the age span, a surprising number of young people also become victims of crime, so they too will warrant attention. Specialist attention will also be paid to other vulnerable sections of the community, including ethnic minority groups.



3. To tackle specific crime and disorder problems and problem areas.

With the data gathering capacity of partnership members, it is a relatively simple exercise to identify areas with a concentration of crime and disorder problems, particularly anti-social behaviour. Rather than a retrospective response alone, we will endeavour to identify trends and potential problem areas in order to adopt a proactive approach, and by so doing, minimise any detrimental impact upon the community. For example, around Halloween and 5 November when incidents of reported youth nuisance tend to increase.

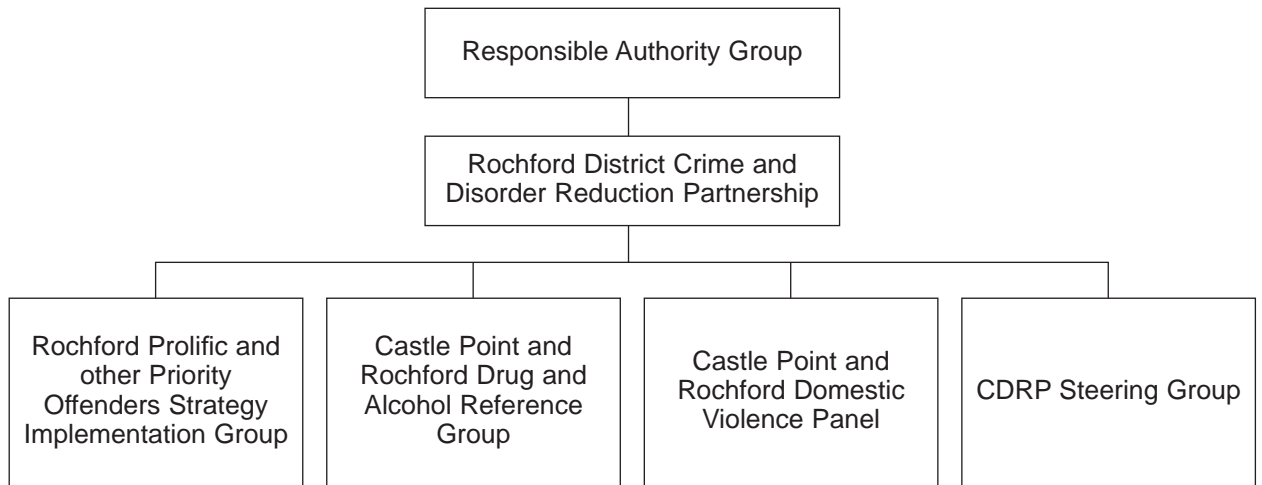
4. To additionally focus on miscellaneous issues that can adversely affect residents' quality of life.

Actions such as prompt removal of abandoned vehicles, graffiti removal, bulk litter removal and general environmental improvements help ensure that the District's overall quality is maintained to the benefit of all residents.

It is intended to achieve these four aims by adopting a problem-solving approach, establishing a monitoring and evaluation process for all projects undertaken and ensuring a commitment to joint planning, joint resources and joint action. The strategic aims are further broken down into primary objectives within this Strategy, with planned programmes of work within time scales that have been agreed by all the agencies involved.

The Strategy will remain flexible so that over the period of its application, new trends, influences and issues can be taken on board if and when required.

THE CRIME AND DISORDER STRUCTURE IN ROCHFORD



Other Strategic Partnerships with links to CDRP

The Local Strategic Partnership

The Essex Drug and Alcohol Action Team

The Children and Young Persons Strategic Partnership

Responsible Authority Group (RAG) ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

A joint strategic group that covers Rochford District and the Borough of Castle Point. Representation is at executive level from each Responsible Authority. The group is chaired on an alternating basis by the Chief Executive of each local authority and the Rayleigh Police Divisional Commander. The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships for both districts work on actions and issues within each area under the overall strategic guidance provided by the RAG, which monitors delivery of the respective Strategies and gives advice and guidance as and when necessary. The RAG also has responsibility for approval of the Home Office spending allocations.

Rochford District Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

The CDRP is the group that collectively delivers the Strategy, assisted by Home Office funding. It comprises of representatives from each of the statutory agencies, namely:

- Castle Point and Rochford Primary Care Trust
- Essex County Council
- Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
- Essex Police
- Essex Police Authority
- National Probation Service – Essex Area
- Rochford District Council

together with members from non-statutory agencies and the voluntary sector. In addition to progressing the published programme of work the CDRP constantly considers new ideas and initiatives that will enhance the Strategy, increase the likelihood of success and bring greater benefits to the community.

CDRP Steering Group ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

This is a sub-group of the CDRP, formed during 2004; it convenes more frequently, often at short notice, to ensure that the CDRP is able to meet not only the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998, but also an increasing variety of obligations to central government, particularly in respect of Home Office funding. However, it should be noted that this Steering Group is responsible to the CDRP for all its work. Each of the statutory agencies is represented on the group.

Rochford Prolific & Other Priority Offenders Strategy Implementation Group ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

The government has tasked all CDRPs with progressing a national strategy to reduce crime by targeting prolific offenders. This has necessitated the formation of a group from both the CDRP and criminal justice agencies to ensure that the three strands of the Strategy – Catch and Convict, Prevent and Deter and Rehabilitate and Resettle – are progressed against timescales set by central government.

Castle Point and Rochford Drug and Alcohol Reference Group (DARG) ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Comprising crime and disorder, health and criminal justice professionals, along with local authority elected Members and representatives from the voluntary sector, this group addresses a wide variety of drugs and alcohol issues on behalf of the CDRP, under the auspices of the Essex Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT). The DARG is instrumental in delivering activities to achieve the drug and alcohol related objectives within the Strategy.

Castle Point and Rochford Domestic Violence Panel ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

This group, whose membership includes representatives from the police, social services, health, local authority community safety team and the voluntary sector, has lead responsibility for delivering the programme of work under each CDRP's domestic violence primary objective.



The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

The LSP is a partnership operating within Rochford District involving the main statutory agencies, voluntary sector and key interest groups who work together to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the District. Its key focus to date, has been the production of the Rochford District Community Strategy. A key element of the Community Strategy relates to making the District as safe a place as possible for people to live in, work or visit. This new Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy builds on that work. The LSP comprises:

- Business Representatives
- Castle Point and Rochford Primary Care Trust
- Essex County Council
- Essex Police
- Faith Representative
- Learning Skills Council, Essex
- Parish and Town Councils
- Rayleigh, Rochford and District Association for Voluntary Service
- Rochford District Council
- Schools' Representative
- South Essex Partnership NHS Trust
- Thames Gateway South Essex
- The Castle Point and Rochford Adult Community College
- The Children and Young Persons Strategic Partnership

The Essex Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

The DAAT has countywide responsibility for the delivery of the National Drug Strategy and the National Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy.

The Children and Young Persons Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

CYPSP operates within the districts of Castle Point and Rochford and aims to improve the life chances of children and young people aged 0–19 through developing an integrated approach in delivering all services to children and young people within this area.

INITIATIVES UNDER THE 2002-2005 STRATEGY

The following are examples of areas of initiatives, often supported by Home Office funding, that the Partnership has undertaken over the last 3 years under the auspices of the 2002/05 Strategy.

Drugs

- Home Office funding was used to provide the police with state-of-the-art cameras for evidence gathering and an overtime fund was also created to enable execution of more search warrants for drugs.
- Research was carried out in Rochford and Castle Point into the reasons that children take risks, particularly with drugs and alcohol. This resulted in the publication of a teaching resource 'Fast Forward: where's the Risk?' which has been distributed to all schools in Rochford and Castle Point.
- Drug awareness courses were held for nurses and also for those dealing with Homelessness.
- A leaflet and posters were produced to address the problems associated with discarded needles and drug paraphernalia. Awareness posters were updated and reprinted to reflect the changes in the law in relation to cannabis.
- A drugs information supplement was published in Rochford District Council's newspaper and the 'Info Card' was produced to provide young people with information on where to obtain advice about problems relating to drug misuse.
- Home Office funding provided resources to assist the Essex Young Peoples Drug and Alcohol Service (EYPDAS) to hold drug prevention workshops at South East Essex Sixth Form College (SEEVIC).
- The Essex County Council Youth Service made drug prevention advice available to those participating in the school holiday activities provided by Rochford District Council.



Reducing Fear of Crime ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- Handbag and personal attack alarms, as well as 'Bogus Caller' book marks have been distributed free of charge among the elderly and more vulnerable members of the community. In 2004 a calendar was produced in partnership with Essex County Council Trading Standards to help raise awareness of the various forms of crime committed at the front door and ways to prevent them.
- CCTV cameras are now positioned in six areas of the District – Great Wakering, Hawkwell, Hockley, Hullbridge, Rayleigh and Rochford.
- Since people can be identified as vulnerable targets due to unkempt gardens, Springboard Home Improvements Service operates a Gardening Scheme and the CDRP has been able to offer significant financial support to this.

Domestic Violence ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- Women fleeing domestic violence are currently referred to Basildon Women's Aid, which also covers Rochford and Castle Point. In 2003 a "Drop-In" was opened in Rochford to provide support and advice to women with domestic violence problems. We are in the process of providing a refuge in the Rochford district with Swan Housing.
- A Balloon Launch was held in 2004 to mark Domestic Violence Awareness Week. A leaflet and poster were produced in 2005 to give advice to male victims.
- Children growing up in a family where there is domestic violence are likely to adopt violent tendencies themselves. To counteract this, the Domestic Violence Panel, together with the police and Basildon Women's Aid, work closely together in schools. A programme of inter-active education, using a professional theatre company, was implemented in all secondary schools in Rochford as well as Castle Point and the cost was met with Home Office funding.
- Support was also given to the Probation Service to support the funding of women's protection workers as part of the Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme. This is a community based programme designed to reduce re-offending by adult male domestic violence offenders.



Youth Diversionary Projects ■ ■ ■ ■ ■



- To counter boredom and the risk of consequential criminal damage and anti-social behaviour, much effort has gone into providing leisure facilities and social educational opportunities for young people. This includes detached work provision for young people in Rayleigh, Rochford and Ashingdon, which makes contact with young people on the street, develops programmes of work and activities as well as linking young people into other services and opportunities. The U

Project, a life-skills programme for young people in year 11, explores opportunities for further education and employment including a summer holiday residential for team building, raising confidence and self-esteem. There are Youth Centres in Rayleigh, Hockley, Hullbridge and Canewdon, an Information and Support Centre in Rochford, and a Duke of Edinburgh Open Awards Centre in Rayleigh.

- One activity that has shown significant results is the Hyper Project. Hyper activities run every evening and Saturday morning during term time providing young people of Great Wakering with free sports and arts activities. The sports include football, badminton and basketball and the arts include dance, drama and DJ-ing. Before Hyper started in October 2003, Great Wakering, especially the area around the sports centre, had been subject to much criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. Since Hyper started, vandalism in that area has virtually stopped. This in turn has created a better relationship between the local young people, the sports centre and local residents.
- Parish and Town Councils provide activities for young people. Home Office funding was used to support Stambridge in running their Youth Club. Rayleigh installed skateboarding equipment in 2003 in King George's Playing Field, and Hullbridge is providing basketball goals on an existing five-a-side pitch to encourage matches to be played. A Youth Forum is held in Hawkwell and Rochford assists with funding an information station. Great Wakering provides financial support for activities at the Sports Centre.



Anti-social Behaviour ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- Funded by the Home Office, the local authority employed an Anti-social Behaviour Co-ordinator. This person is working hard to develop a multi-agency response to the more serious reports of anti-social behaviour and youth nuisance in general. To date there have been several Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and one Anti-social Behaviour Order (ASBO) in force. This has been achieved through effective joint working and engagement with the community at large.
- Essex Fire and Rescue Service runs the Firebreak Programme, a youth intervention course, which targets children between 13 and 17 who are excluded, or at risk of exclusion from school, or who are displaying anti-social behaviour within the community. The programme aims to produce a culture of safety and citizenship by providing a range of vital life skills, whilst receiving instruction from firefighters on the various disciplines of the Fire Service. The results show a positive outcome from participants, families and schools.
- The Youth Service has continued the delivery of detached work at Rayleigh, Rochford and more recently re-engaging groups of young people within Ashingdon and Grange. Following initial contact, the needs, concerns and aspirations of young people are channelled into programmes of work covering areas such as drugs/alcohol, personal safety, health education, education and employment. Young people are given information on the range of services and opportunities within their area. The project has worked with over 300 young people over the past year and is looking to develop provision to other areas in 2005/2006.



Road Safety ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- Castle Point and Rochford CDRPs allocated funding for the 'In-Car Safety Centre' which provides free advice to parents on suitable child seats, supports and restraints for their particular vehicle. The Rochford Road Safety Officer has promoted various drink drive campaigns, and the Roadrunner initiative, a multi-agency activity aimed at secondary school students before they reach driving age. The aim is to inform, educate and raise awareness of all issues connected with driving, including the effects that alcohol and drugs have on driving ability.
- Home Office funding was used to enable Stambridge Parish Council to install additional street lamps in the village.

Hate Crime ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- The Thames Corridor Focus Group continues to address crime and harassment towards persons with disabilities. It engages in awareness campaigns that not only challenge unacceptable behaviour but also inform victims of the support services available to them and encourage them to report incidents. Similarly, the South East Racial Incident Panel focuses on crimes against ethnic minority groups.

Environmental Issues ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- A significant factor in neighbourhood decline is abandoned vehicles, which are now removed much more quickly. A lot of work has been done to fast-track the process and increased co-operation with the police has significantly reduced the removal time to no more than five days.

Engagement with the Business Community ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- A substantial proportion of crime is directed towards shop and business premises. The CDRP is actively engaged in discussions with the business community to establish the full extent of business crime and to find ways of reducing opportunities for criminals. The Essex Police Authority identified that there was a lack of evidence to support the view that business crime was an issue. In response to this a questionnaire was developed and distributed by the Federation of Small Businesses and other partners to businesses across the district. This has enabled us to increase our knowledge and understanding around business crime and which we are now planning to tackle within this Strategy.
- Further work planned with the Business Community relates to a waste and fly tipping survey.

Reparation Work ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- One of the options when dealing with young offenders is to require them to undertake reparation work within the community. The Youth Offending Team for this area is a member of the CDRP and has an agreement that offenders tasked with reparation will, as far as possible, perform their work in the area in which they reside. In 2004 some nine sessions took place in Rochford.

South East Essex Community Safety Initiatives (SEECSi) ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- The Partnership is a member of this group, whose shared aim is to spread a series of community safety messages to as wide an audience as possible. The pooling of expertise, resources and finances has presented opportunities that would normally be beyond the scope of individual agencies or smaller groups, removing geographical barriers and enabling SEECSi members to significantly raise their aspirations and take on far more ambitious and challenging projects.
- In March and July 2004, there were combined bus and radio advertising campaigns "2Fast2Furious2 Dead!" Other campaigns raised awareness of domestic violence and arson. The current campaign covers the use of smoke alarms.



Anger Management ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- Home Office funding has enabled the St. Nicholas Centre, Canvey Island to run anger management programmes in Rochford district. Programmes are designed for young people to learn strategies in handling their own anger.
- A drop-in support group has been running since November 2004, to give young people attending the opportunity to develop relationships with their peer group in a safe non-threatening environment.
- 19 young people aged 5-16 have participated and in the 12-16 age group, 4 have returned to school after exclusion and 5 are being managed at school.

Parenting Programme ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- This project is run by Castle Point and Rochford Primary Care Trust with funding provided by the Children's Fund Essex and the Home Office. The work has been school based where parents of children identified as 'at risk' are offered support.
- The project aims to develop and support parenting, promote and nurture the health and well being of children and their families, enable parents to support their children in their physical, mental and social development and actively involve parents in the services they use.

Partnership Action Communication and Training (PACT) ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- PACT brings together individuals, community groups and some 250 organisations that work with young people aged 11-19 in the district to deliver high quality training and facilitate networking and mutual support.

Since 2003, training has been provided for:

- Drugs Awareness
- Child Protection
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- Grant Funding Applications
- Bullying
- Working with Parents
- Self-awareness and Conflict Resolution
- Sexual Health and Teenage Pregnancy

Other Activities under the 2002/05 Strategy ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- Proof of Age Scheme. Essex County Council Trading Standards, in partnership with the CDRP issue 16+ cards to pupils in Rochford schools on reaching their sixteenth birthdays.
- Raising awareness of crime and disorder issues in Rochford District Matters, the council newspaper.
- Providing Home Office funding for Neighbourhood Watch to produce newsletters and hold conferences for co-ordinators.
- CDRP representatives attended the Awareness Open Day held by Rayleigh, Rochford and District Association for Voluntary Service to raise awareness of crime and disorder issues.
- Parish Conferences have been held two years running to raise the awareness of parish councils and seek their views on crime and disorder issues.
- A Consultation Conference was held in 2004, to seek views on the aims of the new strategy.
- Crucial Crew, supported with Home Office funding, has been held annually. A multi-agency safety activity, all year 6 pupils in the district are made aware of such issues as stranger danger, drugs and personal safety.
- Security lighting was improved in Hullbridge.
- Home Office funding enabled the Fire and Rescue Service to supply smoke alarms to Springboard Home Improvements Service for distribution to the elderly.
- A Home Safety Video and leaflet was produced for the elderly by South East Essex College of Art in partnership with the Castle Point and Rochford Primary Care Trust.
- Home Office funding enabled Rochford and Rayleigh Citizens Advice Bureau to extend their debt prevention activities to secondary schools in the district.

LINKS TO OTHER STRATEGIES/ACTION PLANS – POLICY DOCUMENTS

As has been the case since 1999, when the first Crime Reduction Strategy was published, steps continue to be taken to ensure that, where appropriate, the 2005/2008 Strategy reflects the content of member agencies' organisational strategies and action plans as well as relevant national strategies.

Examples are:

- The government's anti-social behaviour action plan "Together – Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour"
- The Strategic Plan of the Essex Criminal Justice Board
- The Community Strategy for Rochford District
- The Community Safety Action Plan of the Essex Fire & Rescue Service
- The Economic Development Strategy for Rochford District
- The Housing Strategy for Rochford District
- Castle Point and Rochford Drug and Alcohol Reference Group's Action Plan
- Castle Point and Rochford Primary Care Trust's Health Improvement Plan
- Children and Young Persons Strategic Partnership local strategy

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The CDRP does not have any direct employees but the District Council's Community Safety Team deals with administrative tasks on behalf of both the CDRP and the Government Office, Eastern Region (GO-East). It also manages funding received from the Home Office and is assisted by administrative and secretarial support, also funded through the Home Office.

The progress that is made in addressing crime and disorder issues in Rochford is based almost entirely on partnership working.

GO-East provides valuable support and advice in relation to crime reduction, partnership development, tackling anti-social behaviour and management of Home Office funding. There is also a government news network (GNN) that offers advice and assistance to CDRPs in publicising good work and spreading good practice.

Another useful resource is the Home Office website that offers comprehensive advice and guidance on dealing with various types of crime and disorder. These information packages are known as "toolkits" and frequent use is made of them.

PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Central Government have introduced a series of Public Service Agreements (called PSAs) across a range of areas and the PSAs detailed below deal specifically with crime reduction. These agreements are between the Government Office and every crime and disorder reduction partnership in the country and the agreements relating to the Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership will be monitored through the Eastern Region Office (called GO-East).

Whilst all these PSAs need to be focused upon by the partnership, GO-East have placed particular emphasis on PSA 1 which is crime reduction, and have set specific targets for the partnership to meet. These targets are based on the British Crime Survey number of recorded crimes for each district in the year 2003/04 and fall within the following categories:

- Theft or unauthorised taking of a vehicle (including attempts)
- Theft from a vehicle (including attempts)
- Vehicle interference
- Domestic burglary (including attempts)
- Theft or unauthorised taking of a cycle
- Theft from a person
- Criminal damage
- Common assault
- Woundings (serious and other)
- Robbery of personal property

The national target for this PSA is a reduction in crime of 15% by the year 2008, however it is recognised that some districts have higher and others lower crime rates and because of this the government have placed all districts in the country into four categories called quartiles where the districts with the highest crime rates are placed in the first quartile and those with the lowest in the fourth. Those districts in the highest quartile will be expected to reduce crime by more than 15% and those in the lowest by less than 15%.

Rochford District has a low crime rate and because of this has been placed in the fourth quartile. This has resulted in the Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership being given a target of reducing crime by 13.5% compared to some other partnerships in Essex that have received higher targets due to the greater prevalence of crime in their districts.

Whilst the other PSAs are largely self-explanatory, with regards to PSA 3, Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership have yet to receive a local target around the number of crimes for which an offender is brought to justice, the figure quoted within the PSA being a national target.

PSA 1	Reduce crime in Rochford District by 13½%, by 2007/08. (The national target figure is 15%).
PSA 2	Reassure the public, reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour, and building confidence in the criminal justice system, without compromising fairness.
PSA 3	Improve the delivery of justice by increasing the number of crimes for which an offender is brought to justice, to 1.25 million by 2007/08. This is a national figure. District figures are not available.
PSA 4	Reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs, including substantially increasing the number of drug misusing offenders entering treatment through the criminal justice system.
PSA 6	To increase voluntary and community engagement, especially amongst those at risk of social exclusion.

British Crime Survey (BCS)

The targeting required by GO-East is based on British Crime Survey statistics. The classification source and codes for each offence are shown below:

Code	BCS Category	Offences Include
37.2 48 45 126	Vehicle thefts	Aggravated vehicle taking Theft and unauthorised taking of motor vehicle Theft from a vehicle Vehicle interference and tampering
28 29	Burglary	Burglary in a dwelling Aggravated burglary in a dwelling
44	Bicycle theft	Theft of or unauthorised taking of pedal cycle
39	Theft from person	Theft from the person
56 58A 58B 58C 58D 58E 58F 58G 58H	Vandalism (criminal damage) Arson	Arson Criminal damage to a dwelling Criminal damage to building other than a dwelling Criminal damage to a vehicle Other criminal damage Racially/religiously aggravated criminal damage to a dwelling Racially/religiously aggravated criminal damage to a building other than a dwelling Racially/religiously aggravated criminal damage to a vehicle Racially/religiously aggravated other criminal damage
104 105A 105B	Common assault	Common assault Assault on a constable Common assault Racially/religiously aggravated common assault
5 8A 8D	Wounding	Wounding or other act endangering life Other (less serious) wounding Racially/religiously aggravated other wounding
34B	Robbery	Robbery of personal property

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

The following pages set out the primary objectives that are based on a combination of the central government expectations, an analysis of the 2004 audit of crime and disorder in the district and local public consultation.

In setting out these objectives, the Rochford CDRP is committed to the following working principles:

- We will strive to meet all targets that have been negotiated with the Government Office, Eastern Region, working towards reduction in crime of 13½% over the three-year life of the Strategy and thereby supporting the government's PSA1 Target.
- No single agency working in isolation can expect to achieve any of these aims. Successful delivery of the Strategy will depend, as previously, on a multi-agency approach, reinforced by shared 'ownership' across all partner agencies and a firm commitment to make a significant contribution, subject, of course, to any organisational constraints on time and resources.
- Throughout the life of this Strategy, the Partnership will continue to place emphasis on improving communication between all the partners and within the community.
- All projects will be subject to monitoring and evaluation.
- Best practice sharing between various groups will be encouraged.
- The Partnership acknowledges the importance of developing standards and values in young people and will continue to work closely with schools through their Citizenship Curriculum.
- Under each of the following primary objectives, there will be a detailed programme of work that will identify one or more lead agencies, timescales, specified outcomes and performance measures.
- The strategy is not seen as 'an end' in itself, but is very much a 'living document', which will be subject to review and amendment as appropriate.

REDUCING CRIME

We will ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- 1 Reduce the number of dwelling burglaries in Rochford District by 15% by 31 March 2008.
- 2 Reduce the number of offences that fall into the police category of 'violent crime' – i.e. robbery, rape, other sexual offences, homicide and varying degrees of assault.
- 3 Reduce the rate of vehicle crime – theft of motor vehicles, taking motor vehicles without the consent of the owner, thefts from unattended motor vehicles and theft of, or unauthorised taking, of pedal cycles.
- 4 Reduce criminal damage (including arson).
- 5 Reduce the number of offences of theft from the person.
- 6 Reduce the incidence of crime directed towards the business sector and encourage businesses to report crime.

CDRP Targets for 2005/08

Priority Identified	Classification Source and Code	Source of the baseline you are using	Baseline Level for Rochford District	Baseline Financial Year	% Change Anticipated	Targeted Volume to be achieved by	When has this target to be achieved by?	Milestones Yr 1 – 2005/06 Yr 2 – 2006/07 Yr 3 – 2007/08	How will the target be monitored?
1. To reduce the number of dwelling burglaries within the Rochford District	28 29	British Crime Survey (BCS) 2003/4	234	2003/04	-15%	35	2007/08	Year 1 – 224 Year 2 – 212 Year 3 – 199	Through recorded crime statistics
2. Violent Crime	104 105A 105B	BCS 2003/04	115	2003/04	-15%	17	2007/08	Year 1 – 110 Year 2 – 104 Year 3 – 98	Through recorded crime statistics
2a. Common assault , including on a PC	5 8A 8D	BCS 2003/04	442	2003/04	-12.5%	55	2007/08	Year 1 – 424 Year 2 – 406 Year 3 – 387	Through recorded crime statistics
2b. Wounding (serious and other)									

REDUCING CRIME (continued)

CDRP Targets for 2005/08

Priority Identified	Classification Source and Code	Source of the baseline you are using	Baseline Level for Rochford District	Baseline Financial Year	% Change Anticipated	Targeted Volume to be achieved by	When has this target to be achieved by?	Milestones Yr 1 – 2005/06 Yr 2 – 2006/07 Yr 3 – 2007/08	How will the target be monitored?
2c. Robbery of personal property	34B	BCS 2003/04	14	2003/04	-15%	3	2007/08	Year 1 – 13 Year 2 – 12 Year 3 – 11	Through recorded crime statistics
3. Vehicle crime									
3a. Theft or unauthorised taking of vehicle	37.2 48	BCS 2003/04	154	2003/4	-15%	23	2007/08	Year 1 – 147 Year 2 – 139 Year 3 – 131	Through recorded crime statistics
3b. Theft from a vehicle	45	BCS 2003/04	344	2003/4	-15%	52	2007/08	Year 1 – 327 Year 2 – 310 Year 3 – 292	Through recorded crime statistics
3c. Vehicle interference	126	BCS 2003/04	39	2003/04	-15%	56	2007/08	Year 1 – 37 Year 2 – 35 Year 3 – 33	Through recorded crime statistics
3d. Reduce the number of thefts or unauthorised taking of pedal cycles	44	BCS 2003/04	73	2003/04	-20%	15	2007/08	Year 1 – 68 Year 2 – 63 Year 3 – 58	Through recorded crime statistics
4. Reduce criminal damage (including arson)	56, 58A, 58B 58C, 58D, 58E 58F, 58G, 58H	BCS 2003/04	1353	2003/04	-12.5%	169	2007/08	Year 1 – 1297 Year 2 – 1241 Year 3 – 1184	Through recorded crime statistics
5. Reduce the number of offences of theft from the person	39	BCS 2003/04	28	2003/04	-15%	4	2007/08	Year 1 – 27 Year 2 – 26 Year 3 – 24	Through recorded crime statistics
6. Business Crime									
6a. Reduce the incidence of crime directed towards the business sector		Business Crime Survey 2004	47% of businesses reported as victims of crime	2004/05	-10%	37%	2007/08	Year 1 – 45% Year 2 – 42% Year 3 – 37%	Through crime statistics and business crime surveys
6b. Encourage businesses to report crime		Business Crime Survey 2004	37% of businesses reported crimes	2004/05	+10%	47%	2007/08	Year 1 – 39% Year 2 – 42% Year 3 – 47%	Through crime statistics and business crime surveys

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We will ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- 1 Reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour.
- 2 Address social and environmental factors that can facilitate anti-social behaviour and vandalism.
- 3 Divert potential perpetrators of anti-social behaviour on to programmes/ interventions that currently exist within the district

CDRP Targets for 2005/08

Priority Identified	Classification Source and Code	Source of the baseline you are using	Baseline Level for Rochford District	Baseline Financial Year	% Change Anticipated	Targeted Volume to be achieved by	When has this target to be achieved by?	Milestones Yr 1 – 2005/06 Yr 2 – 2006/07 Yr 3 – 2007/08	How will the target be monitored?
1. To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour		Essex Police	2443 (estimated)	2004/05	-15%	367	2007/08	Year 1 – 2320 Year 2 – 2198 Year 3 – 2076	Through recorded incident reports
2. Address social and environmental factors that can facilitate anti-social behaviour and vandalism		Establish a baseline in Year 1	To be established	2005/06	To be established	To be established	2007/08		Monitoring will be undertaken by the CDRP and ASB Co-ordinator
3. Divert potential perpetrators of anti-social behaviour on to programmes/ interventions that currently exist within the district		Audit of programmes/ interventions to be undertaken April 2005	To be determined through 'prevent and deter' strand of PPO group	2005/06	To be advised	To be advised	2007/08	Number of young people diverted successfully through programmes on a yearly basis	Through monitoring reports of the 'prevent and deter' strand of the PPO

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

We will ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- 1 Increase the reporting of domestic violence and improve methods of data collection.
- 2 Ensure that there is support for victims and their families at a local level.
- 3 Ensure that appropriate action is undertaken with perpetrators.
- 4 Initiate and develop awareness raising and education programmes that reach all sections of the community, especially children.

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1. More victims identified through improved reporting and recording procedures		Local baseline being developed through information-sharing protocol	To be identified in April 2005 and recorded monthly thereafter	2005	+30% increase in victims identified	Figures to be based on April 2005 statistics	2007/08	More victims identified through improved reporting and recording procedures	Through the monthly gathering of statistics and quarterly comparisons undertaken
2. Adequate support for victims		Local baseline developed through service audit	Services identified in April 2005 through mapping exercise	2005	Support available increases in line with the increased identification of victims (+30%)	Figures to be based on April 2005 audit of services	2007/08	Adequate support for victims	Monitoring will be undertaken through the Domestic Violence Panel who will have access to the statistics of victims

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (continued)

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3. Action with perpetrators		Probation perpetrator programme starting in March 2005 to form baseline	Numbers from programme beginning in March 2005	2005	+80% of perpetrators successfully complete programmes	TBA when perpetrators have been identified in March 2005	2007/08	Six programmes completed over a three-year period *(two per year)	Evaluation data will be provided by the Probation Service
4. The development of awareness-raising and education programmes		Evaluation tool being developed re: awareness-raising initiatives Current school education programme evaluation	Next awareness raising project evaluated through developed tool Statistics from last school education programme	2005	+10% increase in awareness over three years +20% increase in full awareness within educational programmes in three years	To be decided on development of evaluation tool Figures will be calculated upon completion of current education programme evaluation	2007/08	2%, 3% and 5% increase respectively over years 1, 2 and 3 5%, 6% and 9% respectively over years 1, 2, and 3	Monitoring will be undertaken through a series of evaluations and annual surveys that will determine success levels

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

We will ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- 1 Disrupt the supply of drugs.
- 2 Strengthen the ability of the community to resist drugs and act against drugs misuse.
- 3 Break into the cycle of drug dependence and criminal conduct to 'feed' the habit.
- 4 Improve availability and access to drugs treatment services for all age groups.
- 5 Deal effectively with drug and alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 6 Progress the National Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy on a local basis.
- 7 Develop and implement an effective local licensing policy.
- 8 Increase the number of schools in Rochford achieving Level 3 of the Healthy Schools standard.

CDRP Targets for 2005/08

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1. Increase the number of offenders charged, reported for summons or cautioned for supply offences in respect of Class A drugs		Rayleigh Division statistics	12	2004/05	+25%	3	2007/08	Year 1 – 13 Year 2 – 14 Year 3 – 15	Through recorded crime statistics

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL (continued)

CDRP Targets for 2005/08

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2. Strengthen the ability of the community to resist drugs and act against drugs misuse		Establish in Year 1 a baseline for the number of persons contacted in public events and in drugs education programmes. Use this baseline as basis for Years 2 and 3	To be established	2005/06	+10%	To be established	2007/08		Through reports to DARG
3. Break into the cycle of drug dependence and criminal conduct to 'feed' the habit		Probation Service DRR (DTTO) data	Number of orders commenced annually – four in 2003/04	2003/04	+100%	8	2007/08	Year 1 – 5 Year 2 – 7 Year 3 – 8	Data to be provided by Probation Service
4. Improve availability and access to drugs treatment services for all age groups		Number of persons entering treatment	To be established	2005/06	+10%	To be established	2007/08		Through data supplied through Essex DAAT

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL (continued)

CDRP Targets for 2005/08

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5. Reduce community concern about alcohol-related crime and disorder problems		Citizens Panel Survey 2004	Drunken people causing a problem 76%	2004/05	-10% (i.e. to 66%)	n/a	2007/08		Analysis of Citizens Panel Survey 2007
6. To progress the National Alcohol Harm Reduction strategy on a local strategy basis		Produce a local plan in Year 1 and review in Years 2 and 3	n/a	2005/06	n/a	n/a	2007/08		Through reports to DARG
7. To develop and implement an effective local licensing policy		Publish a policy in Year 1 and review in Years 2 and 3	n/a	2005/06	n/a	n/a	2007/08		Through reports to DARG
8. Increase the number of schools in Rochford achieving Level 3 of the Healthy Schools standard		Reports from Essex and Southend Healthy Partnership	13	2004/05	+130%	30	2007/08	Year 1 – 24 Year 2 – 28 Year 3 – 30	Evaluation data provided by Essex and Southend Healthy Schools Partnership

QUALITY OF LIFE

We will ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

- 1 Reduce fear of crime within the community.
- 2 Ensure that victims of, and witnesses to crime, are encouraged to report incidents through adequate advice and support.
- 3 Make it easier for the public to communicate concerns that have an adverse affect on their quality of life.

CDRP Targets for 2005/08

Priority Identified	Classification Source and Code	Source of the baseline you are using	Baseline Level for Rochford District	Baseline Financial Year	% Change Anticipated	Targeted Volume to be achieved by	When has this target to be achieved by?	Milestones Yr 1 – 2005/06 Yr 2 – 2006/07 Yr 3 – 2007/08	How will the target be monitored?
1. Reduce Fear of Crime in the Community	PSA2	Citizens Panel Survey 2004	Walking in neighbourhood after dark feel unsafe 27% Fear of Crime – local media 52%	2004/05 2004/05	-10% -10%	n/a n/a	2007/08 2007/08	Year 1 – 25% Year 2 – 22% Year 3 – 17% Year 1 – 50% Year 2 – 47% Year 3 – 42%	Analysis of Citizens Panel Survey 2007
2. Ensure that victims of and witnesses to crime are encouraged to report incidents through adequate advice and support		Local baseline using data from Victim Support	2124	2003/04	+20%	425	2007/08	Year 1 – 2209 Year 2 – 2337 Year 3 – 2549	Analysis of Victim Support data

QUALITY OF LIFE (continued)

CDRP Targets for 2005/08

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3. Make it easier for the public to communicate concerns that have an adverse effect on the quality of life		Make and audit of existing means and assess their efficacy Based upon audit results, promote existing channels and create new ones if necessary	Establish data during Year 1 To be identified by March 2006	2004/05 2005/06	n/a To be determined	n/a To be determined	March 2006 2006/07	Audit achieved To be determined	CDRP

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Community Safety Officer	01702 318103
Anti-social Behaviour Co-ordinator	01702 318167
Domestic Violence Co-ordinator	01702 318112
Senior Environmental Health Officer	01702 318047

Police:

All local police stations	01268 775533
Domestic Violence Liaison Officer	01268 798113
Crime Reduction Officer	01268 798139
Neighbourhood Watch (Rayleigh)	01268 770519

Citizens' Advice Bureau

Rayleigh	01268 770782
Rochford	01702 545552

Essex County Council

Trading Standards	01245 341800
Social Care Services	01268 778282
Road Safety Officer	01268 771458

Victim Support

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National Probation Service

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Castle Point & Rochford Primary Care Trust

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