

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Buckinghamshire County Council convened and held on Thursday 22 November 2018 in Oculus, commencing at 9.30 am and concluding at 11.38 am.

PRESENT

Ms N Glover in the Chair;

Mr M Appleyard, Mr R Bagge, Mrs P Birchley, Mr S Bowles, Mr N Brown, Mr T Butcher, Mr D Carroll, Mr W Chapple OBE, Mr J Chilver, Mr C Clare, Mrs A Cranmer, Mrs I Darby, Mr D Dhillon, Mr C Etholen, Mrs B Gibbs, Mr D Hayday, Lin Hazell, Mr A Hussain, Mr N Hussain, Mr P Irwin, Mr R Khan, Mrs W Mallen, Mr D Martin, Mr P Martin, Mr R Reed, Mr B Roberts, Mr D Shakespeare OBE, Mr M Shaw, Mrs L Sullivan, Mrs J Teesdale, Mr M Tett, Ms J Ward, Julia Wassell, Mr D Watson, Mr W Whyte, Ms A Wight, Mr G Williams and Ms K Wood

DIGNITARIES AND OTHERS PRESENT

Sir H Aubrey-Fletcher, Mr M Colston, Mrs A Davies, Mr P Lawrence, Mrs V Letheren, Mrs G Miscampbell OBE DL, Mr R Pushman and Ms R Farwell

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr W Bendyshe-Brown, Ms J Blake, Mrs L Clarke OBE, Mr A Collingwood, Mr M Hussain, Mr S Lambert and Ms A Macpherson

1 MINUTES

A minutes silence was held for County Councillor Chaudhary Ditta who had passed away the day before. The Chairman noted that Mr Ditta's funeral was being held that day and the flag at county hall would be flying at half-mast.

The Chairman also paid tribute to former County Councillor Mr Michael Edmonds who recently passed away and a minutes silence was to be held at 11am, the time of his funeral.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2018 were AGREED as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

2 PETITIONS

There were none.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bendyshe-Brown, Mrs Blake, Mrs Clarke, Mr Collingwood, Mr Lambert, Mrs Macpherson, Mr M Hussain and Mrs M

Aston.

Written Questions: The Chairman advised Members that responses to written questions had been published online.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman thanked Mr B Roberts, Vice Chairman, for attending events on her behalf recently while she had been unwell.

The Chairman reported on events since the last Council meeting, highlighting in particular:

- The opening Hughenden Gardens, a charitable trust that specialised in the new development of retirement villages
- The Vice Chairman had visited the retirement home for horses at Speen attended by Princess Anne.
- The Vice Chairman attended the opening the new Thames Valley Air Ambulance premises at Stokenchurch attended by the Countess of Wessex, Princess Sophie.
- The Vice Chairman had laid a wreath on behalf of Bucks County Council at the Remembrance Day gathering in Aylesbury Town Square, attended by in excess of 2000 people. This was followed by an evening service held in St Mary's Church, Aylesbury.
- The Chairman would be that evening attending the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Sports Award Ceremony at the Waterside Theatre.

Further details of engagements would be appended to the minutes published in the Council minutes.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr M Shaw and Mr P Irwin declared an interest under the East West Rail item. Mr Shaw was the Chairman of East West Rail consortium and Mr P Irwin was a member of the East West Rail Board. Mr Shaw and Mr Irwin would both leave the room when the item was discussed.

5 PRESENTATION FROM THE THAMES VALLEY POLICE DEPUTY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER AND CHIEF CONSTABLE

The Chairman welcomed Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Mr M Barber and Chief Constable Francis Habgood to the meeting.

Mr Barber gave a presentation to Council, appended to the minutes, and highlighted the following:

- The roles and responsibilities of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- The Thames Valley Police and Crime Plan five priorities; prevention and early intervention, vulnerability, police ethics and reform, serious organised crime and terrorism and reducing reoffending.
- Funding highlights; £2.7m Community Safety Fund provided to councils, nearly £3m towards supporting victims of crime and £93k to charities and community groups who assisted in reducing crime and reoffending.
- A TVP in-house victim support service was now in place funded by the Police

and Crime Commissioner (PC&C) called Victims First.

- Overall increase in crime remained at a low level and overall had seen a decreased of 28% in the last 15 years.
- Trend in crime vs income and current lobbying at the Home Office and Treasury for increases in funding.
- TVP were performing well against other comparative forces.
- Plans were being put in place to help address issues with the 101 service which included recruitment.
- Financial pressures due to changes to pension regulations which if agreed could see a financial pressure £5m next year and £15m from 2021 onwards.

The Chief Constable gave a presentation to Council and highlighted the following:

- 2018 had been a busy year across the Thames Valley including royal weddings and a president's visit. The Chief Constable conveyed the pride of managing those events and the reassurance given to members of the public that had come from all over the world.
- The number of 101 and 999 calls for the service had fallen 5.3% in 2017/18 compared to 2016/17, however, this result was driven by a reduction in 101 calls: the number of 999 calls has increased 11.1%.
- There was a spike in 101 calls in the summer but it was believed this was due to a shift in those calling 101 instead calling for an emergency.
- Call volume figures were shared. A spike in the summer 2017 could be seen which was believed have been caused by a shift in those calling 101 instead calling for an emergency.
- Service improvements continued to be made including an online service to report crimes
- Crime trends had seen areas of concern as residential burglary, violence against the person sexual offences and reductions seen in criminal damage and theft.
- Examples of successful operations across the county were highlighted and problem solving and demand reduction work.

The Chairman thanked the Chief Constable for his presentation and wished him well in his retirement.

In response to Members' questions the following points were made:

- The Chief Constable stated that there was ongoing improvements to the issues experienced using 101. They were up to establishment numbers and time would be needed to allow for training, however there would be improvements in performance.
- When asked about recruitment the Chief Constable stated that this would depend on the individual but could take 6-9 months.
- County line issues were a top priority nationally with a strong hold team in every local police area that concentrated on county lines issues. It was noted that Buckinghamshire were in a good position and the Chief Constable was encouraged by the ongoing work.
- The Chief Constable highlighted the responsibilities of all members of the police force in relation to hate crime support.
- The Chief Constable confirmed the role of Independent Advisory Groups in engaging with the local community and the opportunity to test out policies and helping with recruitment.

Members discussed the recent footage that had been shared on social media recently of police officers being attacked and that they were not helped by members of the public. The Chief Constable stated that they were fortunate in having supportive members of the public and that you would have to make a judgement call under the circumstances, but that we had a responsibility to support emergency workers.

6 YOUTH VOICE

Mr W Whyte, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, introduced three members of the Bucks Youth Voice, Tom Shimony (Chair), Eve Clayton (Deputy Chair) and Katie Dance (Secretary).

The Council received a presentation appended to the minutes of the meeting. The presentation highlighted the following:

- An overview of the Youth Voice Executive Committee and its role.
- The committee consisted of 12 members representing a number of settings and experiences.
- Issues affecting young people in Buckinghamshire
- The outcome of the National Make Your Mark Campaign which sought the views of young people across the Country, with the presentation focused on those responses relevant to Buckinghamshire.
- The top five issues were highlighted as:
 - End knife crime
 - Curriculum for Life
 - Homelessness
 - Equal Pay, Equal Work
 - Mental Health
- Members were invited to be involved in community events that were being held in the coming months.

Members raised and discussed the following points:

- The importance of Youth Voice getting involved and highlighting mental health.
- The confidence in the Council in supporting the Youth Voice priorities.
- Members were keen to get involved and help spread the word via their parish councils.
- Members were also keen to attend meetings of localised groups were appropriate.

Mr Whyte thanked Tom, Eve and Katie for their presentation and hoped to support them in the coming year.

7 HOLDING OBJECTION TO THE EAST WEST RAIL (BLETCHLEY TO BEDFORD IMPROVEMENTS) ORDER

Mr M Shaw and Mr P Irwin left the meeting.

Mr Tett proposed the objection which was seconded by Mr B Chapple. Mr Tett made the following main points:

- The Council had been a long standing supporter of the principle of the East West Rail (EWR) project but with the objection were protecting the interests of the county.

- In July Network Rail had applied to the Secretary for Transport for a transport and works order to construct phase 2 of the line – Bicester to Bedford.
- There had been a 6 week consultation, during which officers had submitted a holding objection based on environmental concerns and land owned by the Council.
- Mr Tett clarified, when referring to page 22 of the objection that the Council still held a firm line in opposition to the HS2 project.
- Mr Chapple added that EWR would play a major role in delivering an economic boost to the county, recognising the importance of the project but the need to reduce the impact on Bucks residents and visitors to the county.

The report set out the following recommendation:

Council were asked to:

1. **Endorse Buckinghamshire County Council’s two Holding Objections as a statutory consultee and as a landowner under section 20 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 and section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972 in response to the Transport and Works Act 1992: Application for the Proposed Network Rail (East West Rail Bicester to Bedford Improvements) Order.”**

Members raised and discussed the following points:

- Julia Wassel highlighted that there had been discussions in the opposition group and that they would support the holding objection although recognised the ongoing concerns as set out in the report. Mr N Hussain also noted the lack of co-ordination, for example the inclusion of cycleways
- Mr Tett confirmed that the objection was due to the chosen route and opposed to the construction routes for the chosen route.
- Mr Appleyard raised the issue of increased journey routes for school transport and asked that the Council look to identify areas where travel routes might change. Disruption to businesses was also highlighted.

RESOLVED: the Council ENDORSED Buckinghamshire County Council’s two Holding Objections

8 TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Mr J Chilver, Cabinet Member for Resources presented the Treasury Management report and highlighted the following:

- The report was a six monthly update report
- There was a change to the authorised limit for borrowing within Prudential Indicator 5.1 as set out in the recommendation.
- Mr Chilver gave thanks to Mr R Ambrose, Director of Finance and Procurement and his team and to the Regulatory and Audit Committee for their scrutiny of the report.

In response to Members questions Mr Chilver confirmed that professional expert advice was sought for each investment property acquisition, performance was regularly monitored and a new Capital Strategy was in place to ensure compliance with Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) guidance on acquisitions of property.

The report set out the following recommendation:

Council were asked to:

- 1. Agree the Treasury Management Update Report and the Prudential Indicators for 2018/19 to 2021/22.**
- 2. Agree a change to the authorised limit for borrowing within Prudential Indicator 5.1 to £390m in 2018/19, £435m in 2019/20, £460m in 2020/21 and £380m in 2021/22.**
- 3. Agree a change to the operational boundary for borrowing within Prudential Indicator 5.2 to £360m in 2018/19, £405m in 2019/20, £430m in 2020/21 and £350m in 2021/22.**
- 4. Agree a change to the Upper Limit of Fixed Rate Borrowing within Prudential Indicator 6.3 to £390m in 2018/19, £435m in 2019/20, £460m in 2020/21 and £380m in 2021/22.**
- 5. Agree a change to the gross external borrowing value within Prudential Indicator 4.1 to £390m in 2018/19, £435m in 2019/20, £460m in 2020/21 and £380m in 2021/22**

RESOLVED: Council AGREED the above recommendations.

9 APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

Council received a report seeking the agreement of Council to appoint Ms S Ashmead, Executive Director for Resources as the Returning Officer with immediate effect, and provide the necessary indemnity arrangements.

Recommendations

Council were asked to:

- 1. Agree to appoint Sarah Ashmead as Returning Officer with immediate effect, and to:**
- 2. Indemnify and keep indemnified the Returning Officer against all costs, expenses, actions, charges, claims, damages, proceedings, and other liabilities sustained in or about the proper execution of their office or otherwise in relation thereto (provided that this indemnity shall not affect the liability of the Returning Officer for the consequence of any criminal action or act of wilful default on their part).**

RESOLVED: Council AGREED the recommendations.

10 SELECT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S REPORT

Mrs A Cranmer, Vice Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee, thanked all organisations that had supported recent select committee inquiries including the NHS and the Clinical Commissioning Group.

Mr D Carrol, Chairman of the Transport, Environment and Communities Select Committee raised the need for a representative from HS2 Limited to attend the Select Committee.

RESOLVED: The Council NOTED the report.

11 CABINET MEMBERS' REPORTS

Leader

Mr M Tett highlighted the following updates:

- The Council had received an announcement from the Secretary of State, James Brokenshire, to establish a single unitary council for Buckinghamshire.
- Meetings had been arranged with District Chief Executives and there had also been a meeting held with Leaders of the District Councils
- A decision regarding the number of Members in the new council was still to be made; the business case stated 98 whereas the announcement stated 147. Mr Tett confirmed that this would impact the savings set out in the business case and would mean less money devolved to parish and town councils.
- Mr Tett highlighted that there was also concern regarding the legal structure proposed by Central Government which could add a cost pressure of £2m.
- Representation would be made to the Secretary of State on the Council's behalf.

In response to Member questions, the Leader highlighted the following:

- Any options for the creation of new Town Councils would be for the new council to decide in consultation with Members and residents.
- All Members agreed the importance of retaining the detail in the business case in relation to 98 Members rather than 147 particularly as the higher number would impact savings.
- A Member raised the need for work to help residents understand how accessible the new council would be.
- All stakeholders were urged to work together to ensure the successful implementation of the business case.
- Equal representation on the Implementation Executive was raised. Mr Tett stated that he wanted to work in partnership with district colleagues and learnings from other authorities showed that implementation needed to be clearly led by those wanting to implement the changes.

Cabinet Member for Transportation

Mr M Shaw highlighted the following updates:

- £4.6m budget to be spent on roads and road assets by the end of the financial year. Mr Shaw commented that it was not the most suitable time of the year to be spending money on repairs that would not last the winter weather
- Mr Shaw passed on his thanks to all gritting teams for their hard work
- A recent bid had been submitted for installation of smart data within communities to help grade roads. The presentation was a dragons den style and 10 highway authorities were soon to be knocked down to 6.

In response to Member questions, the Cabinet Member highlighted the following:

- Mr Butcher thanked the Cabinet Member and Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) for the resurfacing and traffic calming on Dean Way.
- Mr Shaw also confirmed that the plane and patch programme would continue into the new year with LATs managing the programme to ensure local needs were met.
- A Member raised measures taken to stop HGVs using Marlow suspension bridge and reassurances were given regarding the implementation of the Freight Strategy and the measures it would take regarding HGV movements. It was

noted that some HGVs were still using the bridge at Marlow and Members would continue to liaise with the council and TVP to ensure it was used correctly.

- Mr Shaw highlighted the strict criteria for using the additional £4.5m road budget and confirmed the £1.5m budget for the footpath and pavement programme.

Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

No further questions were raised.

Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment:

Mr Chapple highlighted the following updates:

- The Council had hosted 60 young engineers from Holland who had cycled and worked around Aylesbury to see how the town could be improved for all modes of transport but particularly bicycles. Their findings were presented to a team of judges and there were a number of ideas to take forward.

In response to Member questions, the Cabinet Member highlighted the following:

- A Member congratulated the Fly tipping Enforcement team for the number of successful convictions. It was noted that it was felt that the penalties imposed by Magistrates were not enough. Mr Chapple highlighted that most fly tipping was carried out by criminals and not the general public and Bucks caught 1 in 38 against the national average of 1 in 638. Mr Chapple stated that he had recently met with the Deputy Prime Minister to discuss.
- Mr Chapple also agreed to write to the Lord Chancellor regarding the matter and would send a copy to all Members.

Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

Mr Appleyard highlighted the following points:

- Mr Appleyard had recently attended the opening of a school extension and the breaking of the earth at another, which collectively would add another 400+ school places in the county.
- In the next five years the Council had to deliver an additional 10k spaces which was why the Capital Programme was £75m a year.

Cabinet Member for Community Engagement and Public Health

Mr Brown highlighted the following points:

- Thanked officers for the work that continued to win awards, improving health and wellbeing of residents.
- Highlighted Mirco:bits now available in libraries
- Fundraising efforts by Alderman Peter Lawrence who was swimming 90 lengths for his 90th birthday to raise money for Bloodwise.

In response to Member questions, the Cabinet Member highlighted the following:

- Mr Brown gave assurances that the wellbeing of officers was being considered as part of the unitary implementation and support was in place.

Cabinet Member for Children's Services.

Mr Whyte highlighted the following points:

- The Early Help consultation continued and would close on 13 December. Over 450 responses had been received so far and more information could be found on the website [here](#).
- Three drop in session had been announced to cover North Bucks, Disraeli Wycombe and the Ivers.
- Paper copies of the consultation were available at libraries and children's centres
- Mr Irwin's Christmas present appeal was underway and Mr Whyte encouraged all to donate.

In response to Member questions, the Cabinet Member highlighted the following:

- Following a Members concern relating to the terminology used and the promotion of the consultation, Mr Whyte urged all Members to speak to residents to help them understand what the consultation covered and additional paper copies would be available on request.
- Following a question regarding the reduction in the number of adoptions, Mr Whyte agreed to check with the team and report back to Mr D Martin.

Cabinet Member for Resources

No further questions were raised.

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

13 MEMBER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS - INFORMATION ONLY

RESOLVED: Council NOTED the update report.

14 CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS TAKEN - INFORMATION ONLY

RESOLVED: Council NOTED the update report.

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21 February 2019

CHAIRMAN

Ser	Date	BCC Rep	Accompanied by	Event	Venue	Host
45	20 September 2018	Chairman		Reception for Social Workers	Judges Lodgings, Aylesbury	Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council
46	25 September 2018	Chairman		Hughenden Gardens Village Opening	Hughenden Gardens	The ExtraCare Charitable Trust
47	29 September 2018	Chairman	Warren Whyte	Sounding the Retreat	Stowe School	The Commanding Officer and Officers of the 1st Battalion The Rifles
48	06 October 2018	Hon Alderman Letheren	Val Letheren and husband represented Netta Glover	Evening of Excellence - Heritage Project Launch	High Wycombe Town Hall	St Vincent and the Grenadines
49	08 October 2018	Chairman	Paul Irwin	Heart of Bucks Annual Reception	The Diary, Waddesdon	Peter Costello, Chief Executive
50	12 October 2018	Chairman	Martin Tett, Mark Shaw, Noel Brown, Steven Lambert and Joe Bradsha	Bucks Sporting Lunch Club	Dorney Lake	
51	14 October 2018	Chairman		Justice Service Church Service	All Saints Church, High Wycombe	The High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Professor Ruth Farwell
52	28 October 2018	Chairman		BCC Church Service	Wing Church	Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council
53	29 October 2018	Chairman		Aylesbury Sea & Marine Cadet Prizegiving	Unit Bessemer Crescent Sea Cadets Aylesbury 1-2 Bes	Denise Summers, Chairman of Aylesbury Sea and Royal Marines Cadets Un
54	06 November 2018	Chairman (absence due to illness)	represented by Vice-Chairman	Countess of Wessex opening new offices at Thames Valley Air Ambulance	Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Stokenchurch House, Oxford Road, Stokenchurch HP14 3SX	
55	10 November 2018	Chairman (absence due to illness)	Bucks Magistrates Association AGM	Bucks Magistrates Association AGM	The Grange School, Aylesbury	Marie Brock JP
56	11 November 2018	Chairman (absence due to illness)		Remembrance Sunday Wing Church	Wing Church, Wing	
57	11 November 2018	Vice-Chairman	Margaret Roberts	Remembrance Day Service and Parade	Market Square, Aylesbury	Chairman of AVDC
58	14 November 2018	Chairman (absence due to illness)		British Empire Medal Investiture Ceremony	Hall Barn, Beaconsfield	Vice Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher
59	16 November 2018	Hon Alderman Clayton	Marion Clayton represented Netta Glover	Chiltern District Council Quiz Night	Little Missenden Village Hall	Chairman of Chiltern District Council
60	22 November 2018	Chairman	Martin Tett, Brian Roberts, Warren Whyte, David Martin	Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Sports Awards	Aylesbury Waterside Theatre	
61	23 November 2018	Chairman	Steven Lambert	Honorary Recorder's Annual Dinner	Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall	Aylesbury Town Mayor, Cllr Mark Willis and Mr Keith Gray JP, Town Clerk
62	30 November 2018	Vice Chairman		Opening of newly refurbished Millbrook Combined School	Millbrook Combined School, High Wycombe	
63	04 December 2018	Chairman		Queens Award for Enterprise Presentations	Great Missenden and High Wycombe	HRH The Duke of Kent
64	17 December 2018	Chairman		BCC Annual Dinner	Hardings Restaurant, Aylesbury College	Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council
65	09 January 2019	Chairman		Cabinet Suppr BCC/AVDC	Judges Lodgings	Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council
66	25 January 2019	Chairman	Steven Lambert	Annual Lieutenancy Dinner	Chilton	
67	23 February 2019			Military Band	Amersham	
68	12 April 2019	Chairman		Chiltern District Council Annual Reception	TBC	Chairman of Chiltern District Council
69	14 May 2019			The Gateway		Dignity & Care Awards



22 November 2018

Matthew Barber
Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner



- **Hold the Chief Constable account for policing**
- **Develop and publish a Police and Crime Plan**
- **Set the policing prece fund local policing**
- **Scrutinise, support and challenge performance**
- **Engage with communities and seek their views on policing and crime**
- **Commission services award grants including services to support victims of crime and Restorative Justice**



2.3
MILLION
POPULATION

18
LOCAL
AUTHORITIES

196
MILES OF
MOTORWAY

6
MILLION
VISITORS EACH
YEAR

2,200
SQUARE
MILES

PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION



- Awarded £120k to organisations to improve knowledge and awareness of FGM
- Grant funding of £94k awarded to eight organisations to deliver cyber-crime prevention activities
- Took over management of a third-party reporting mechanism for hate crime through Victims First

- Working with licensed premises to improve their knowledge in relation to vulnerability.
- Delivered a fraud protection programme in relation to avoiding becoming money mules.
- Each LPA has a Hate Crime action plan featuring engagement with hard to reach and vulnerable groups

Thames Valley Police & Crime Plan 2017-21
Strategic priorities

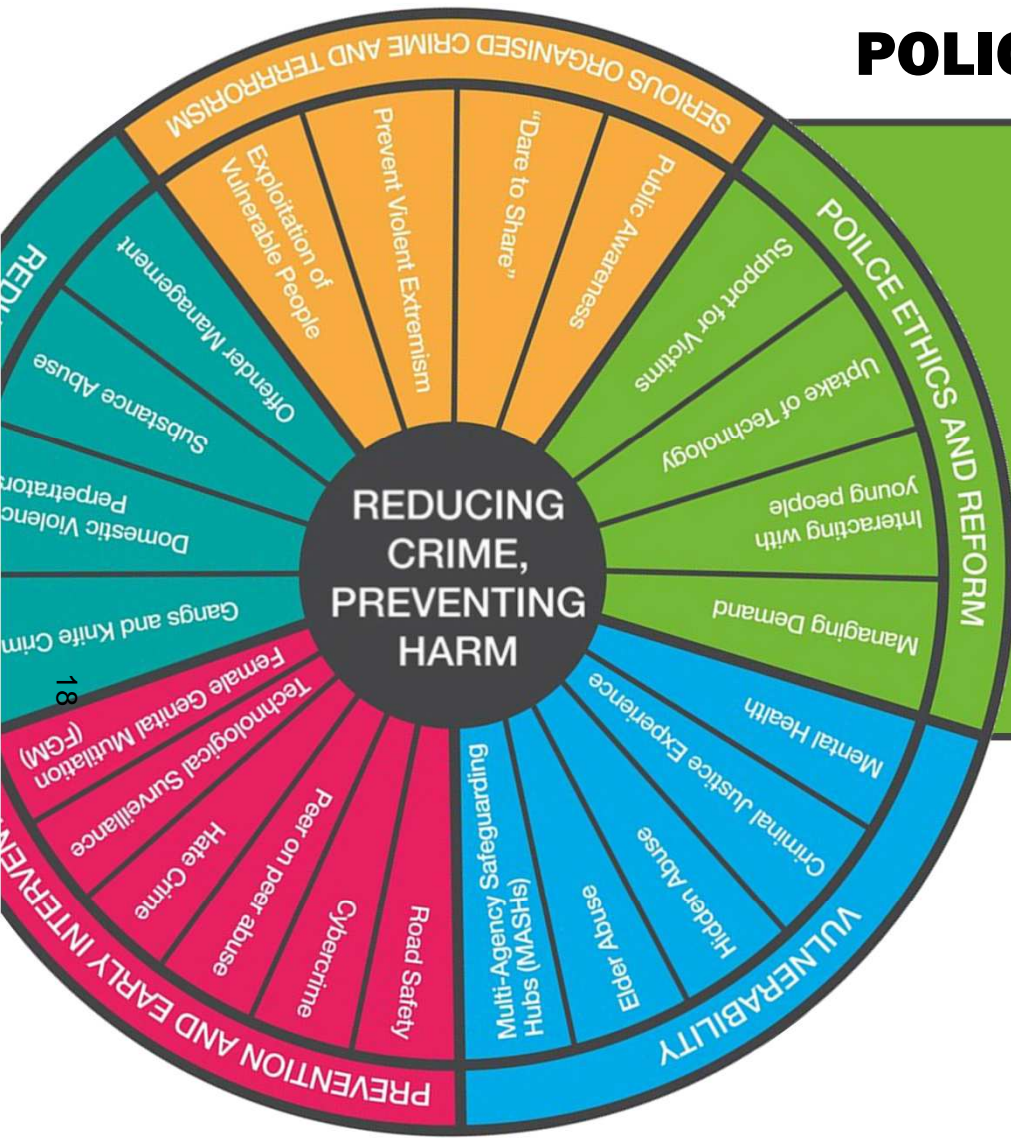
VULNERABILITY



- Created the Victims First Hub
- Funding a strategic framework review of 'County drug dealing activities
- Engaged with key service delivery partners to encourage a more joined-up criminal justice system

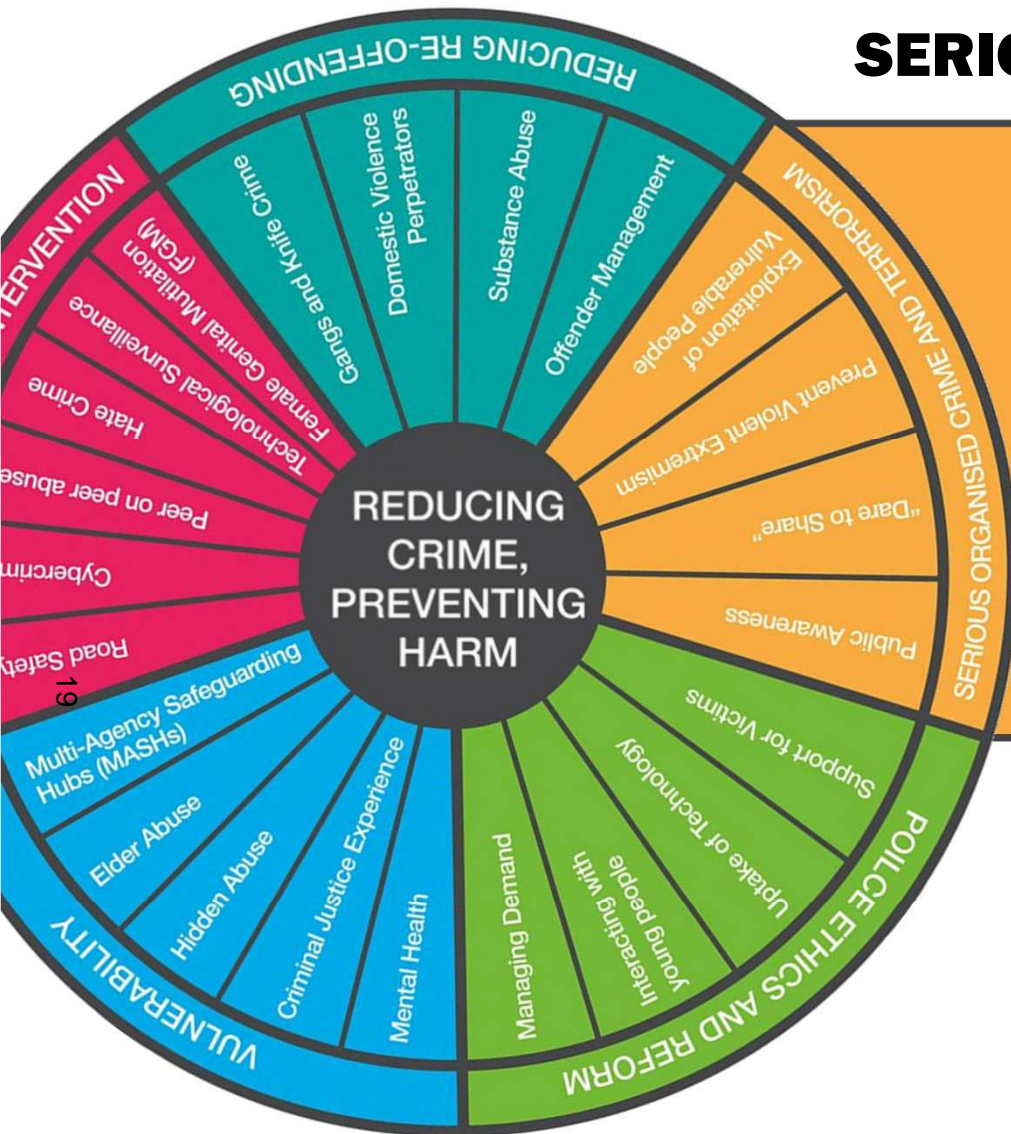
- Increasing compliance with Victim Contact Contracts has risen from 34% (July 2017) to 78% (April 2018)
- Almost 1.4 million people engaged with Hidden Harm messages via social media.
- Reducing repeat Domestic Abuse cases.

POLICE ETHICS & REFORM



- HMICFRS PEEL (Policing Effectiveness, Efficiency, Legitimacy) ‘Efficiency’ inspection – **OUTSTANDING**
- HMICFRS PEEL ‘Effectiveness’ inspection - **GOOD**
- The Force is improving file quality to ensure details are building compelling, strongly evidenced and fit for complete crime prosecution case files
- **The Community Court, a restorative justice pilot scheme has been introduced, aimed at first time offenders between the ages of 10–17. The pilot has engaged volunteers, and its aims include creating closure for victims of crime.**

SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME & TERRORISM



- Undertaken a range of multi-agency problem solving initiatives to both disrupt and prevent organised crime including exploitation and county lines.
- Undertaken a range of activities to enhance overall awareness of activities to prevent violent extremism and promote good practice, and includes: supporting WRAP ('Working to Raise Awareness of PREVENT') training.
- **PVP** are developing a multi-agency database enabling better information sharing and risk assessment for missing persons.
- The web site for public reporting is providing increased notifications resulting in a reduction in **101** calls and increased operational efficiency.

REDUCING RE-OFFENDING



- Commissioned the “Positive Relationships Programme” to reduce repeat victimisation and improving the lives of victims and their children.
- Over £900,000 of Community Safety Funding is allocated to Local Authorities to tackle youth offending, early intervention work and participatory youth crime prevention projects.

- Criminal justice partners are establishing a complementary approaches to diversion and offer aftercare referral.
- Integrated Offender Management (IOM) cohort is at a record 312 offenders, of which almost a quarter are domestic abuse related.

Thames Valley Police & Crime Plan 2017-21
Strategic priorities

**£2.7
MILLION**

21

Community Safety Fund provided councils to help deliver crime reduction, prevention and support services.

**NEARLY
£3
MILLION**

Supporting victims of crime across the Thames Valley.

£93k

Awarded from the Police Property Act Fund in 17/18 to charities and community groups who assist in reducing crime and reoffending.

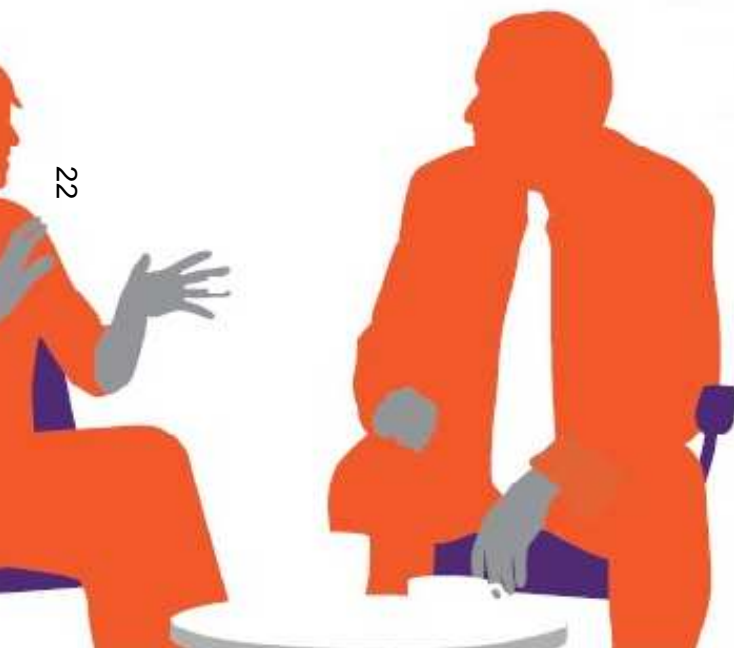
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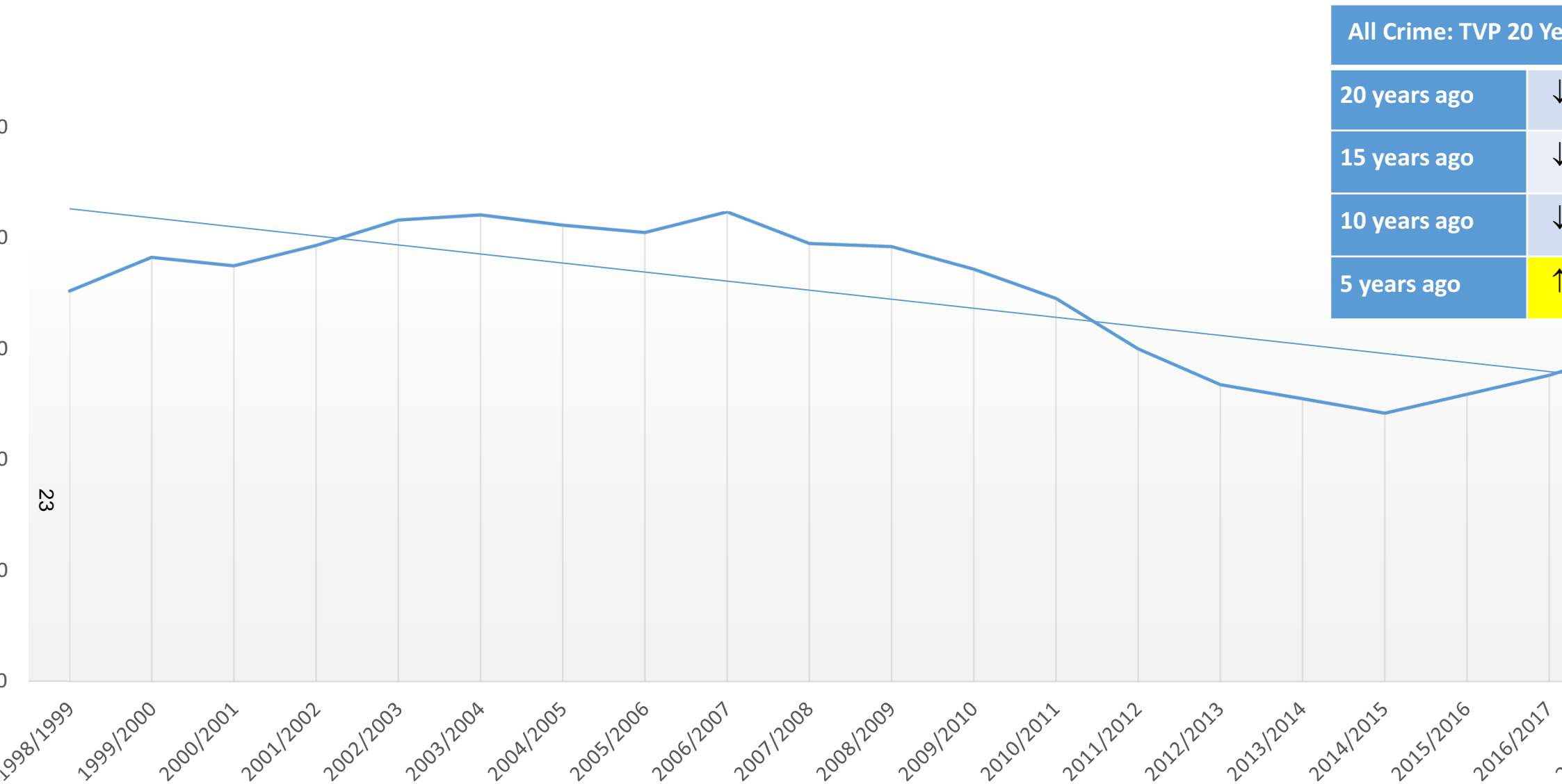
Care | Empower | Recover

Victims First is dedicated to making sure that all victims of crime receive the support they need to cope and recover from the impact of their crime. Victims First provides free emotional and practical support to all victims and witnesses of crime. It is available across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire and can provide help regardless of whether or not the crime has been reported to the police.

Our Services

- **Telephone support**
- **Face to face support**
- **Advocacy, including help to access other services such as sexual health clinics, drug and alcohol or legal services**
- **Support through the criminal justice system**
- **Therapeutic counselling**
- **Specialist services which include help for victims of sex violence and domestic abuse**





Crime remains at historically low levels
All crime in Thames Valley 1998-2018

The overall increase in crime remains low in Thames Valley remains historically low: 7,448 fewer crimes compared to 10 years ago (197,132) and 57,949 fewer offences compared to 15 years ago (207,633)

Thames Valley saw recorded crime increase by 7% (137,914 → 149,875) compared to the national increase of 13%

Recorded offences of violence have risen by 2.5% (compared to a 19% increase nationally).

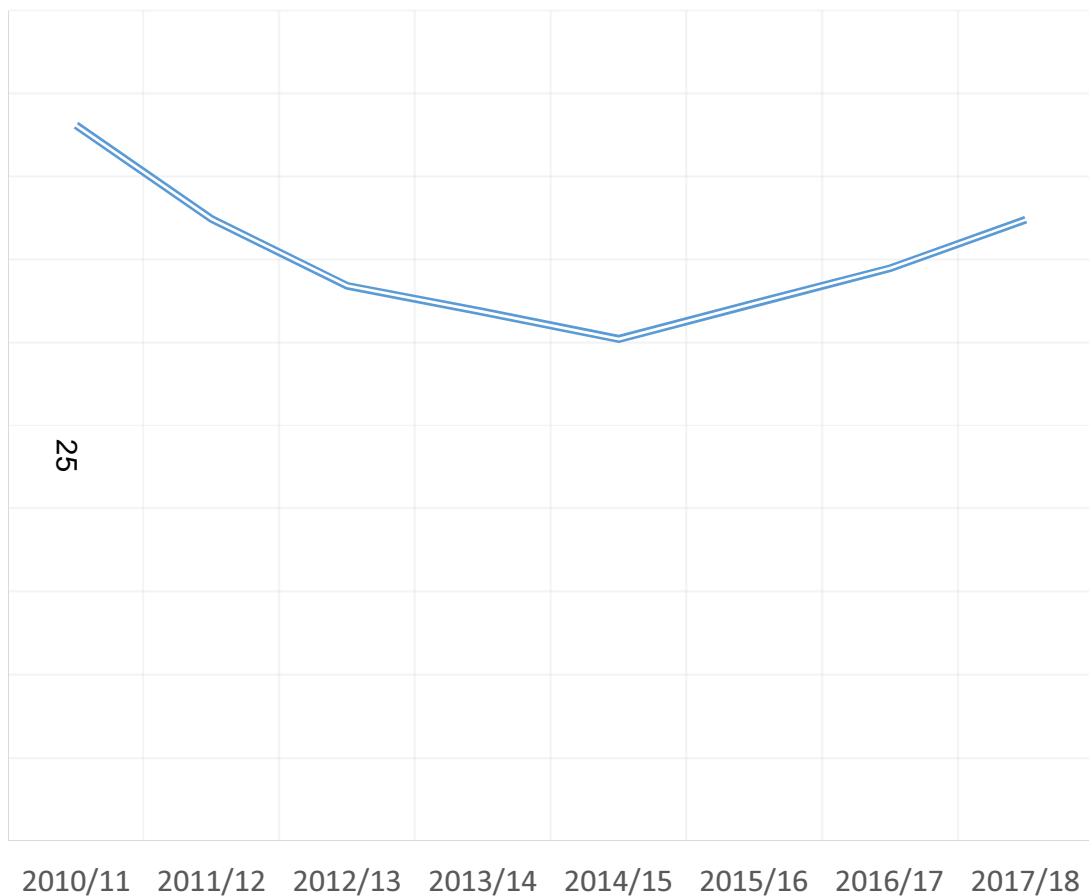
Sexual offences increased by 9.7% over the past year (compared to a 24% increase nationally*).

Burglary increased by 8.8% (6% increase nationally*) and vehicle crime has increased by 5.4%, (12% increase nationally*).

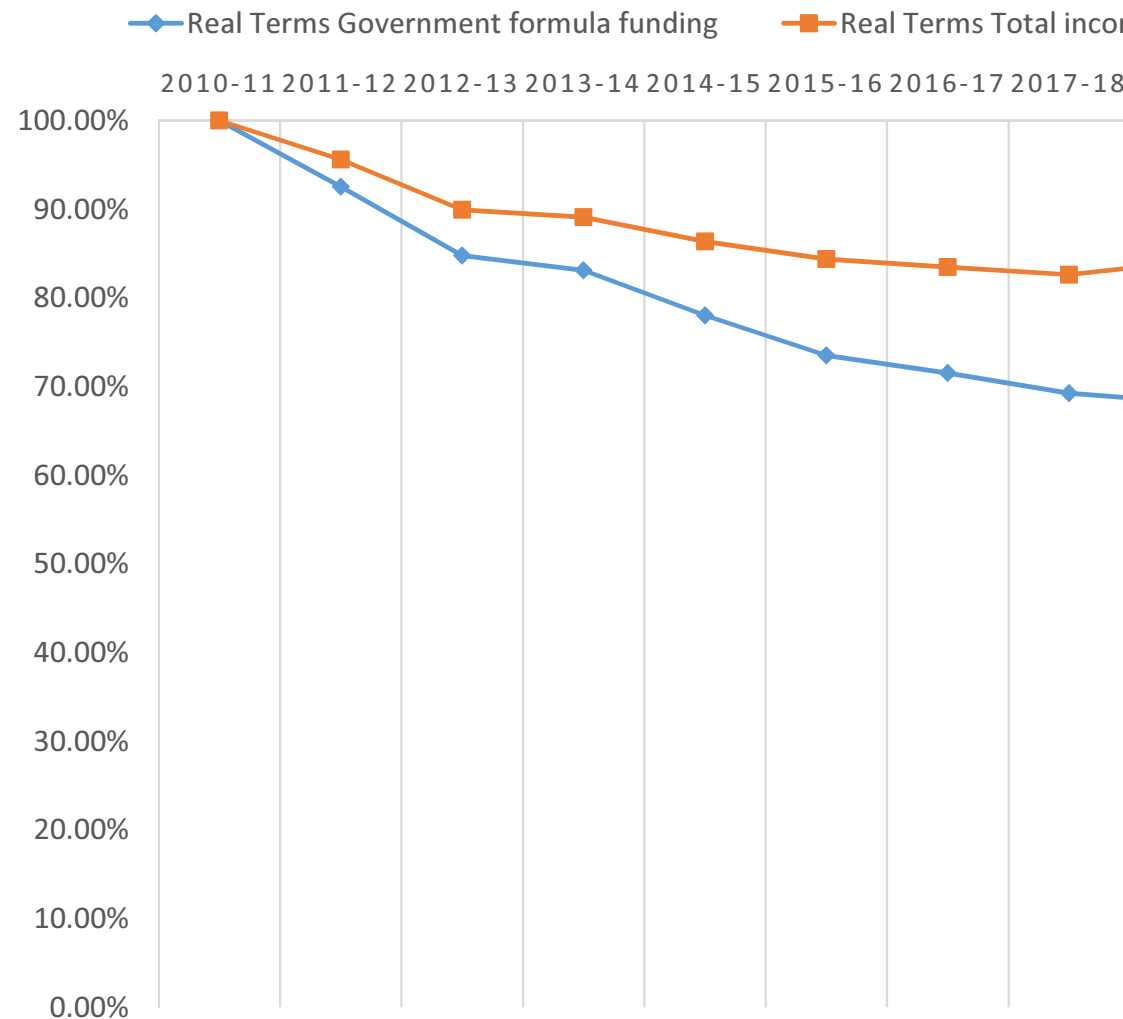
- **Criminal Damage and Arson increased by 4% (compared to a 5% increase nationally*).**
- **Drug offences increased by 2.7% (compared to a 0% reduction nationally*).**
- **Possession of weapons offences increased by 12.8% (compared to a 25% increase nationally*).**
- **Hate crime has increased across all strands (e.g. recorded racist incidents increased by 25%; religious incidents by 116%). Non-Criminal hate incidents have increased across all strands with the exceptions of transphobic incidents where numbers are relatively low.**

All crime in TVP - 8 year trend

TOTAL CRIME IN TVP

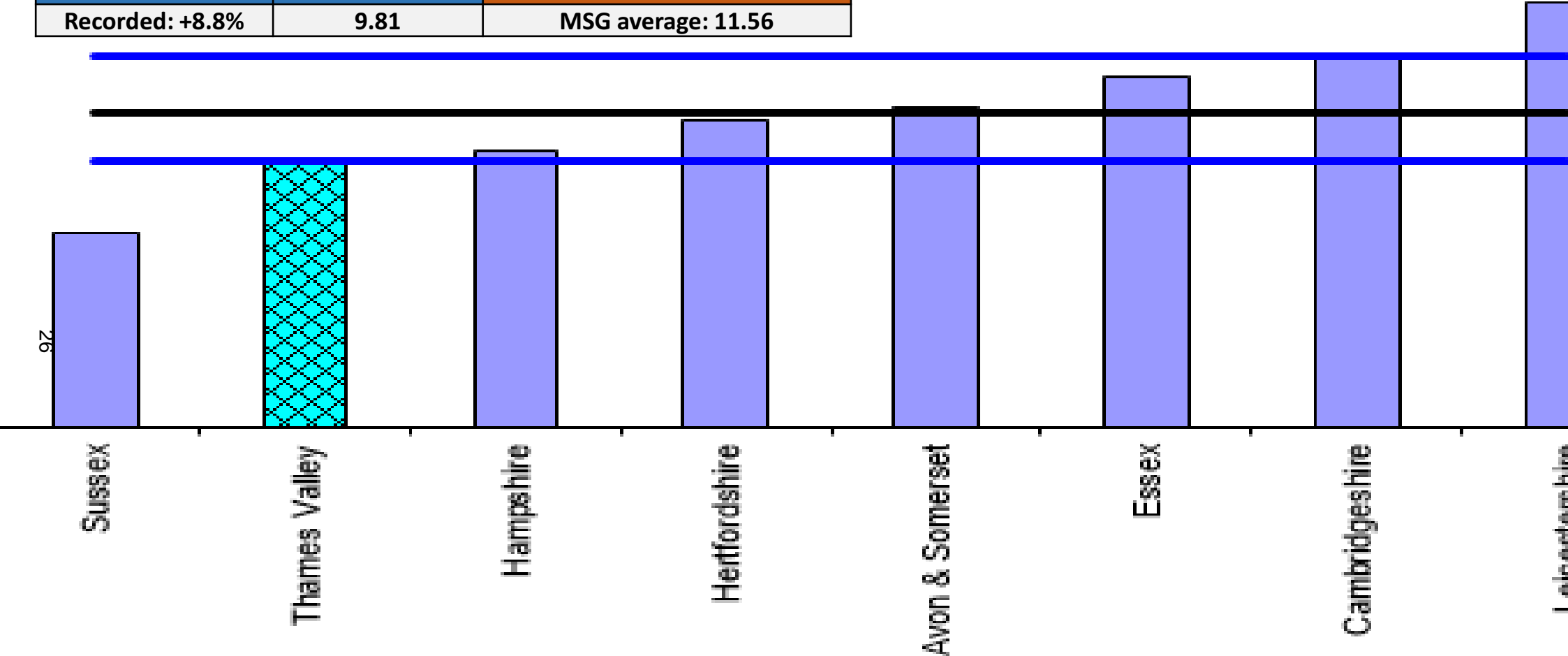


TVP income - 8 year trend



All Burglary in TV 2017/18	Crimes per 1,000 in TV 2017/18 (Residential Burglary)	Crimes per 1,000 Household: Most Similar Group (comparison based on latest available national figures*)
Recorded: +8.8%	9.81	MSG average: 11.56

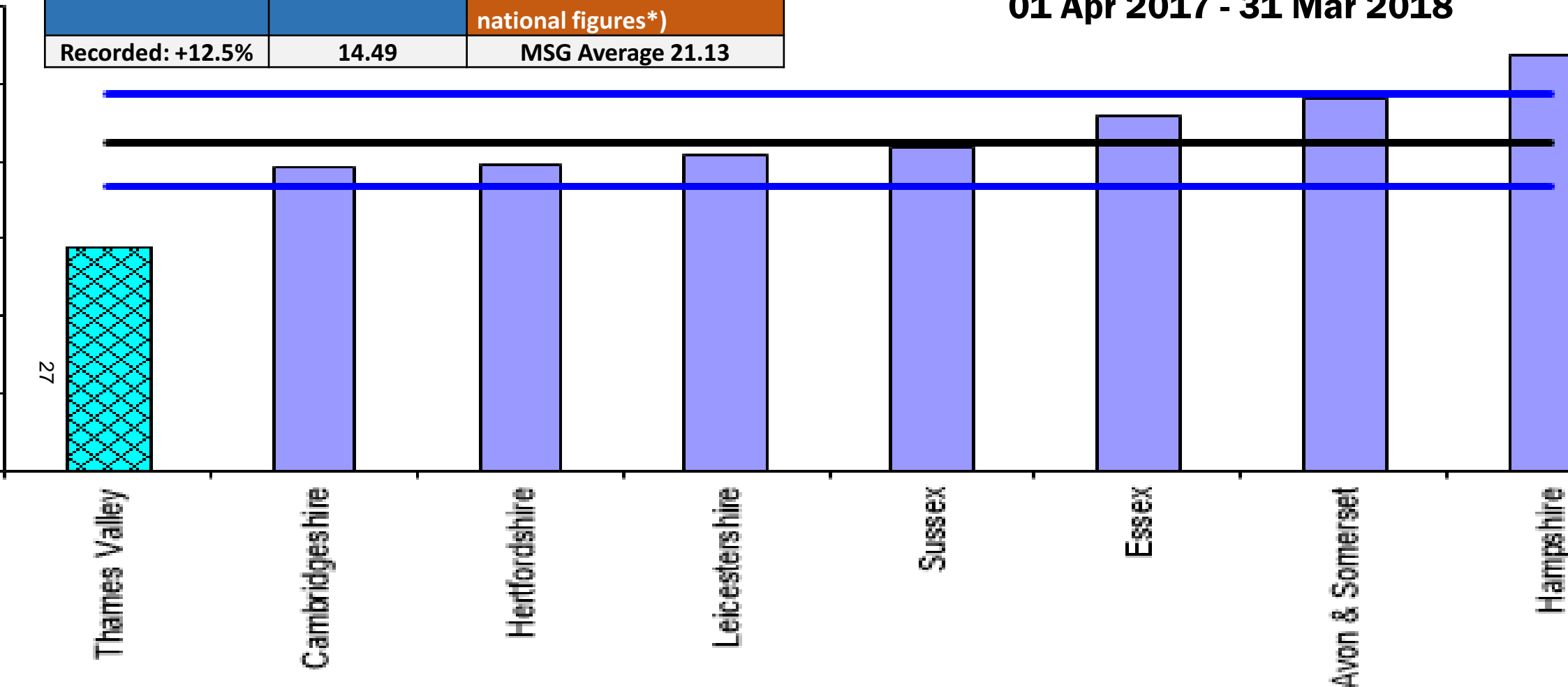
**Residential Burglary in TV
(Crimes per 1000 Households)
01 Apr 2017 - 31 Mar 2018***



Reducing residential burglaries
Burglary in Thames Valley compared to Most Similar Group of Forces

Violence Against the Person in TV 2017/18	Crimes per 1,000 in TV 2017/18	Crimes per 1,000: Most Similar Group (comparison based on latest available national figures*)
Recorded: +12.5%	14.49	MSG Average 21.13

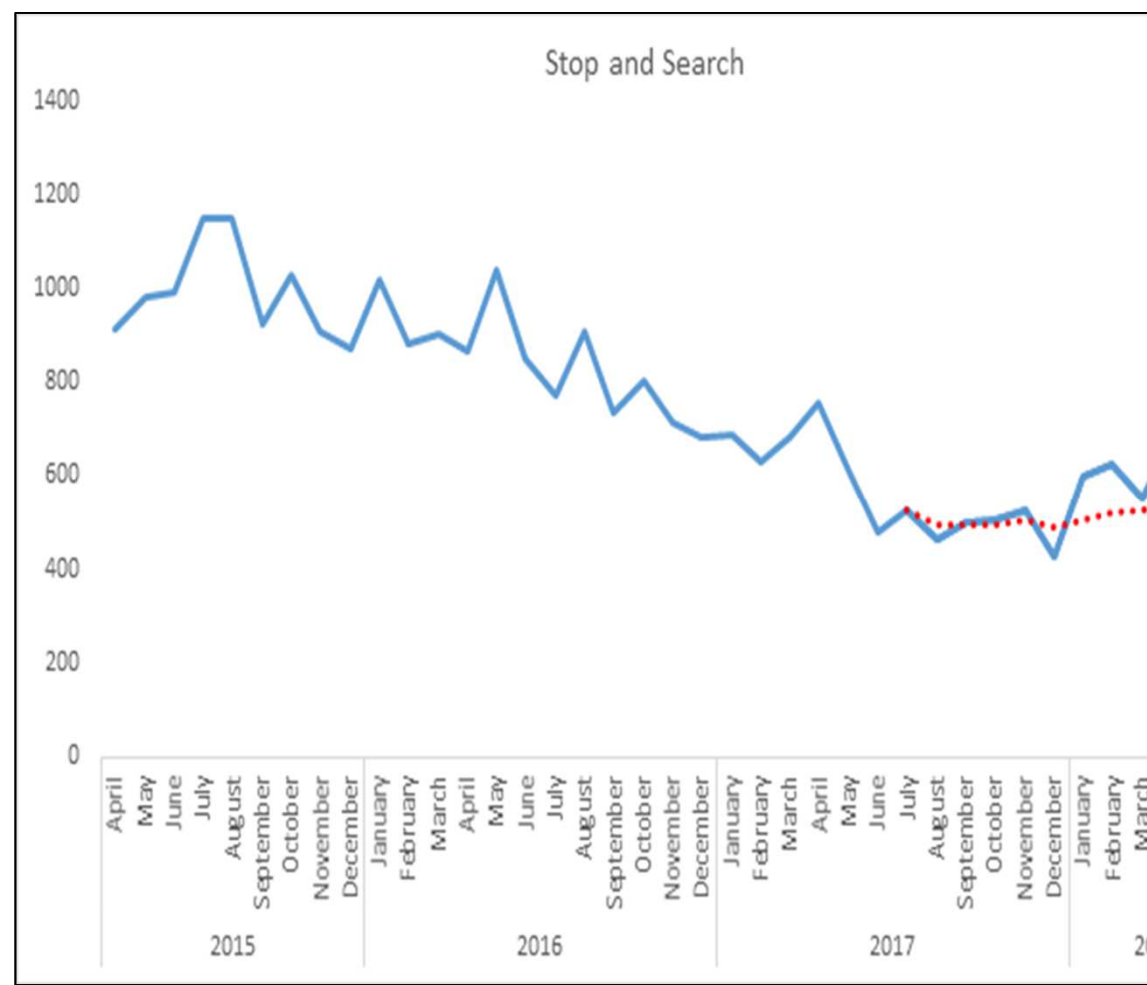
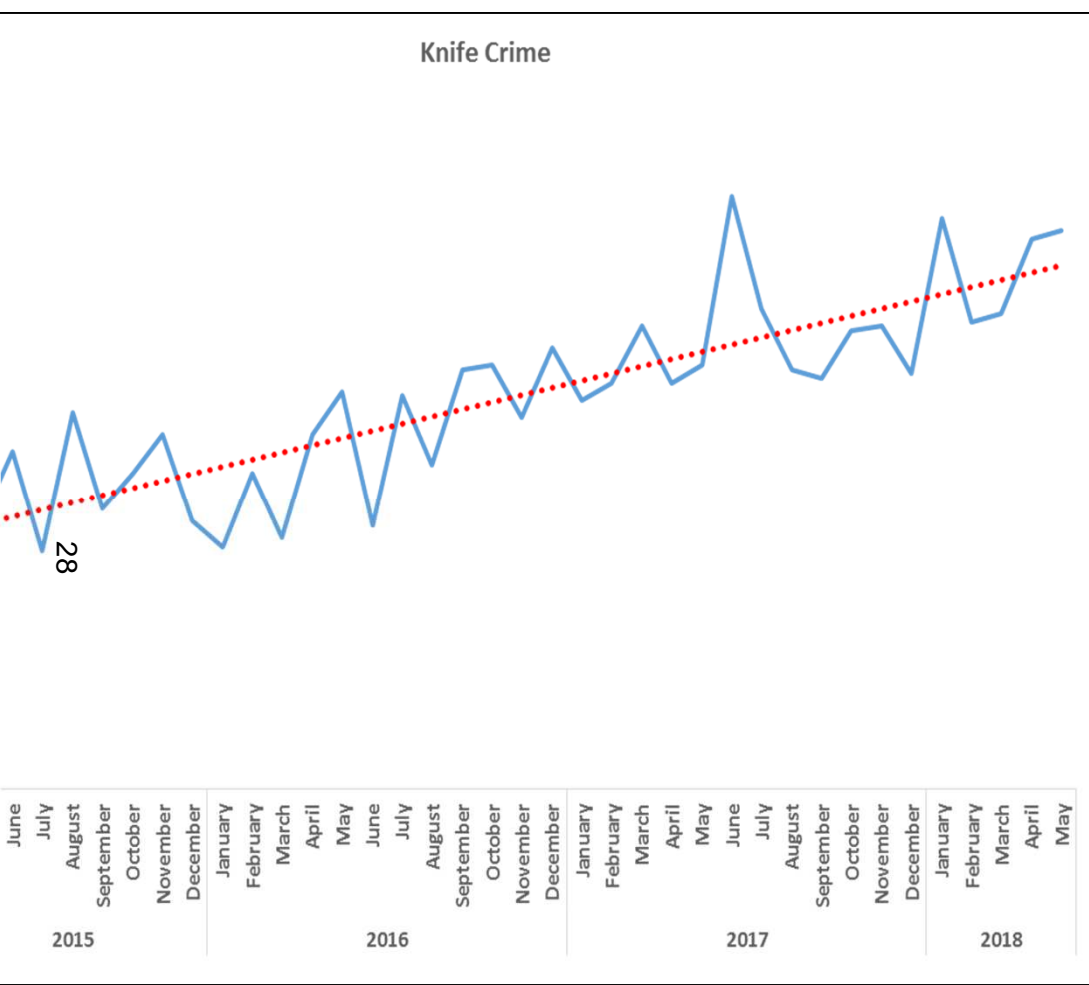
Violence Against the Person in TV (Crimes per 1000 Residents) 01 Apr 2017 - 31 Mar 2018



Reducing violence

Violence in Thames Valley compared to Most Similar Group of Forces

Office defined knife crimes includes any Violent, Sexual or Robbery offence where bladed, pointed item was used in commission of crime.



Stop & search vs knife crime trends April 2015 – May 2018



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Any questions?



Youth Voice

Chair:	Tom Shimony
Deputy Chair:	Eve Clayton
Secretary:	Katie Dance

Youth Voice Overview



The Youth Voice Executive Committee brings young people together with professionals to discuss key issues and share ideas for improving service delivery for children and young people.

Youth Voice has been an area of work within the Council for several years but it has recently changed.

There are 4 key parts to Youth Voice:

- 1) Youth Voice Executive Committee
- 2) Focus Groups and Consultation Work
- 3) Youth Voice Events
- 4) Online Youth Voice Community (on the Youth Voice Webpage and the Youth Voice Instagram page)

Youth Voice Executive Committee



Becoming an Executive Committee Member is an opportunity for us to act as a representative for a number of schools, colleges, youth groups and community groups across Buckinghamshire.

Attending meetings ensures that Buckinghamshire County Council, and other organisations, are able to hear and respond to the issues experienced by young people.

It is also a chance for us to debate issues affecting children and young people and interact with other young people who we may not otherwise cross paths with.

Youth Voice Executive Committee



The Committee consists of 12 members representing the views of young people from the following settings and experiences:

- We Do Care Forum for looked after children and young people
- SEND Forum
- Action4Youth Board
- Aylesbury Youth Action
- Chiltern Youth Project
- Wycombe Youth Action
- Wycombe Youth Council
- Home Education
- Traineeships and Apprenticeships
- Work Experience settings

Our Role



As committee members, our role is as follows:

- To attend 4 committee meetings per year
- To develop and deliver a work plan to ensure that key priorities for young people are summarised and achieved
- To undertake work outside of the meetings with a view to report back to the Committee
- To participate in focus groups and consultation events throughout the year in response to requests received
- To actively promote Youth Voice activities and events to young people in our own local area or youth groups



We were invited here today to talk to you about the issues affecting young people in Buckinghamshire.

The timing of this was really convenient as we have just completed a piece of work on the National Make Your Mark Campaign which gets the views of young people across the Country.

As part of this we then get a breakdown of responses from young people across Bucks so we will use this information as part of our presentation.



Make Your Mark Campaign

Make Your Mark is a National Campaign run by UK Youth Parliament that takes place every year.

This year's Make Your Mark campaign has seen over 1.1 million young people take part across the country, making it one of the largest youth consultations of its kind in UK history, with 1 in 5 of all young people aged 11-18 taking part.

Each young person had the opportunity to vote for 1 priority



Make Your Mark Results

- This year saw 2328 votes in Buckinghamshire
- We are now going to share the Top 5 priorities for young people in Buckinghamshire.
- Please note:
 - 1) This is not necessarily our personal opinion
 - 2) This does not necessarily mean that young people think these are issues in their own local area – more that when reflecting on national priorities, these are the areas they feel are most important.



1) End Knife Crime (634 votes)

'Too many young people's lives are lost to knife crime; the Government need to do more help end the knife crime epidemic'.

Although Buckinghamshire does not have the same issues as some of the big cities, many of our Buckinghamshire Schools as well as targeted and statutory services such as Youth Offending Service, the Youth Service and Exclusions Team educate young people on issues such as safety and the impact and dangers of weapons.

Also in Buckinghamshire we have the Safer Buckinghamshire Plan and Safer and Stronger Buckinghamshire Partnership Board that is made up of BCC and other organisations that aims to continue to see crime reduce and support those most vulnerable to crime.



2) Curriculum for Life (332 votes)

‘Schools should cover topics like finance, sex and relationship education and politics’.

Youth Voice have been part of the PSHE Consultation to inform the developments of the new Curriculum that will be introduced in September 2019 (20)

3) Homelessness (319 votes)

‘Every person should have a place to live and the opportunity to live comfortably. Let's make it happen and put a stop to homelessness’

Under the law local authorities are under a duty to help anyone who is under the age of 18 as they would be considered to be a ‘child in need’.

Buckinghamshire County Council has recently launched Buckinghamshire Community Housing Support Service to prevent vulnerable people in the county from becoming homeless.



4) Equal Pay, Equal Work (304 votes)

'Give young people the same amount of pay, if they are doing the same work as adults in the same job'

Age	Current rate
25 and over	£7.83
21 to 24	£7.38
18 to 20	£5.90
Under 18	£4.20
Apprentice*	£3.70



5) Mental Health (180 votes)

'Mental health services should be improved with young people's help; and should be available in schools'

This is an area we have already been working on by linking in with the Time to Change Hub as Ambassadors and also designing a resource to promote early access to support



Next Steps

- Our next Executive Committee Meeting is Wednesday 5th December
- We have some community based events coming up in February whereby young people will be brought together to explore some of the issues presented today and consider how it relates to their own local area or school. We would welcome you to be part of that!
- We will be continuing our consultation work including work on the Aylesbury Garden Town programme and PSHE development.
- We will continue to raise awareness of Youth Voice and encourage more people to come and work with us



Questions?

Do contact us for more information about what we do and how you can work with us:

Email youthspacebucks@buckscc.gov.uk

Visit the Website

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/youth.page?youthchannel=2>

Follow us on Instagram at [bucks_youth_voice](#)



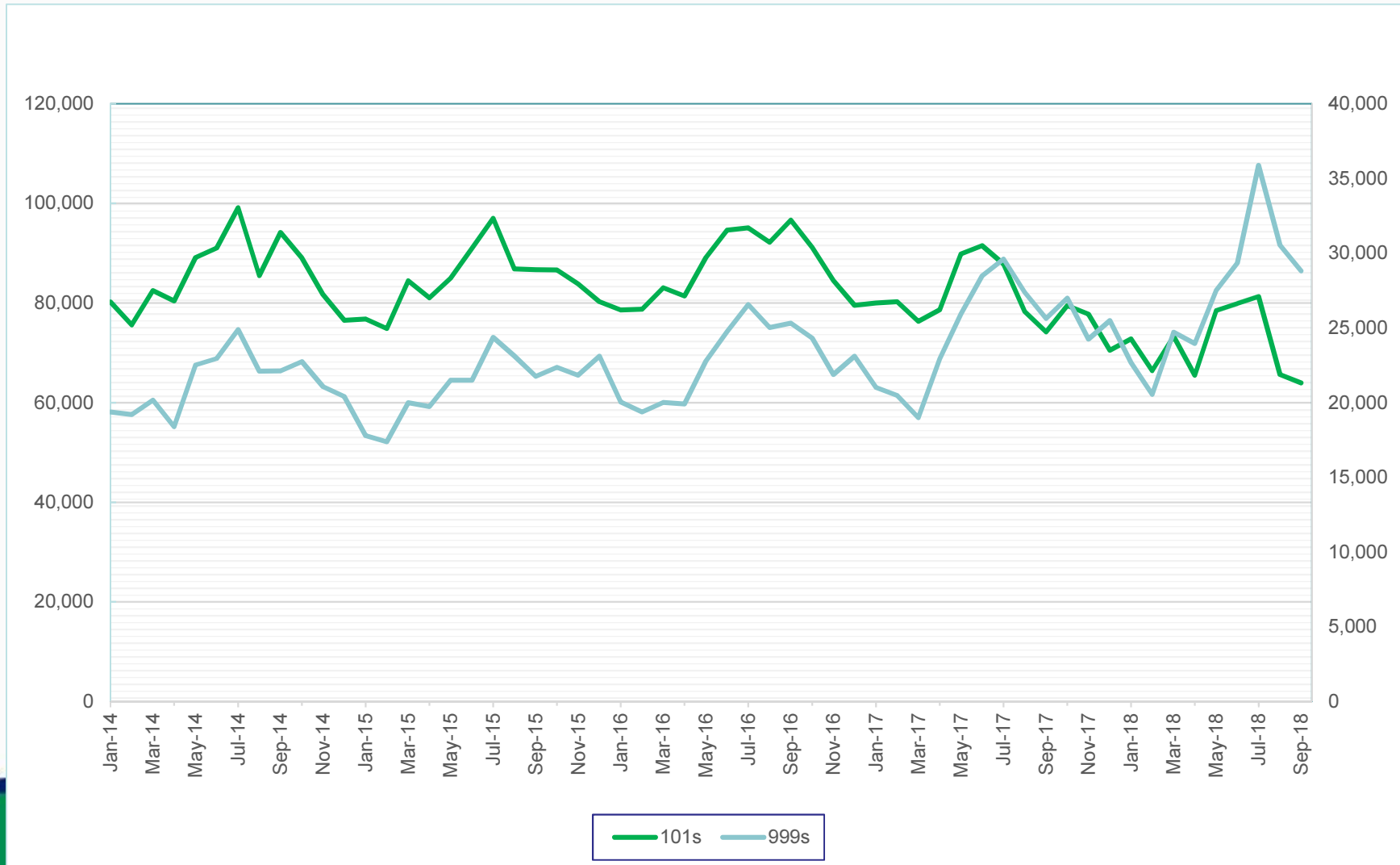
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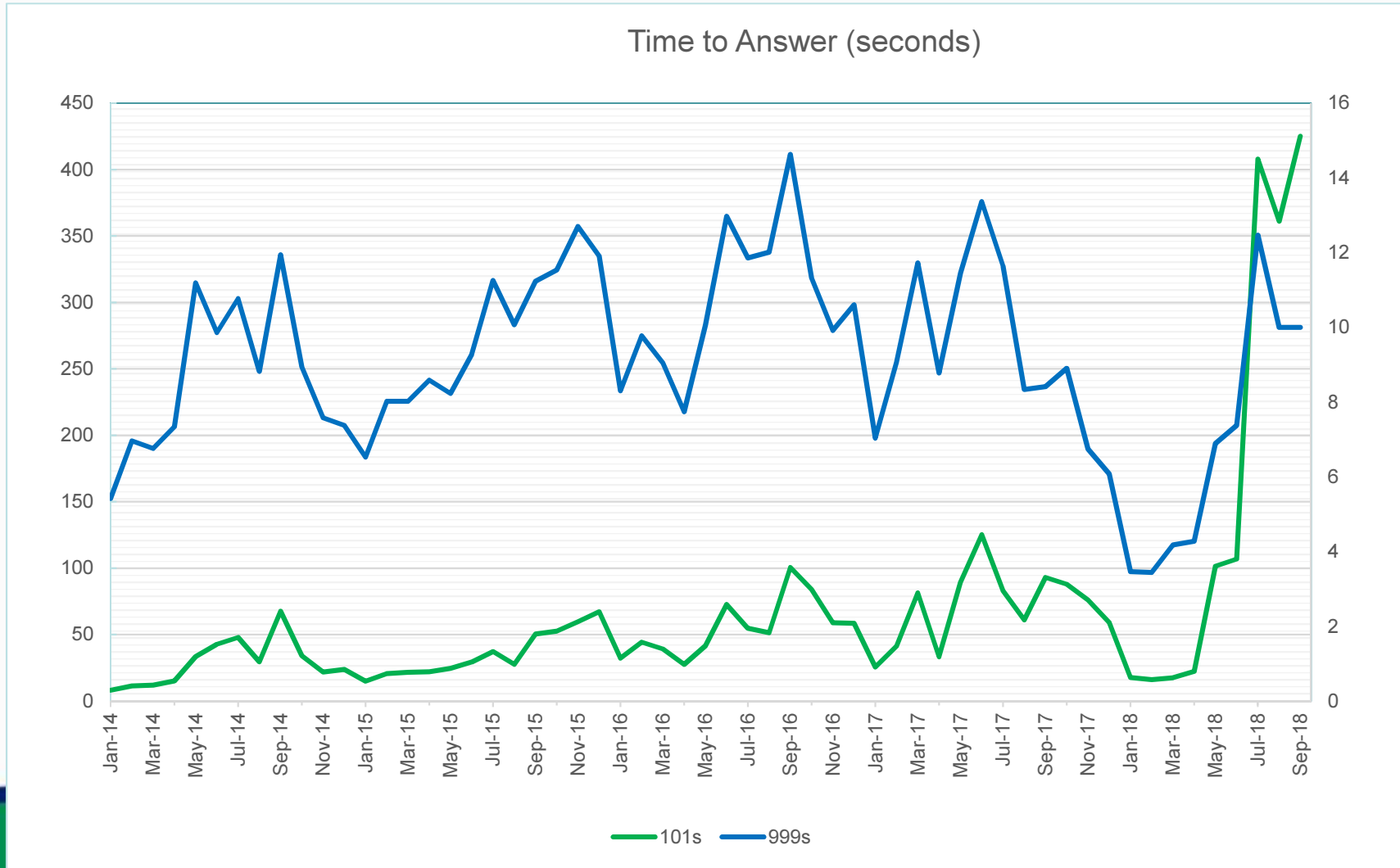
Call volumes



Time to Answer (seconds)

Time to answer 101

Time to answer 999



Performance / Crime trends

Areas of Concern

- Residential Burglary
- Violence Against the Person
- Sexual Offences

Reductions

- Criminal Damage
- Theft

Problem Solving and Demand Reduction

Aylesbury

- Op Armenia: Drugs markets
- Op Advance: Use of Civil Orders to reduce ASB and persistent offenders
- Op Appleton: Theft of tools, approx. 3000 tools recovered and 6 arrests



Problem Solving and Demand Reduction Chiltern and South Bucks

- Amersham Youth ASB and Crime
- Chesham Drug Dealing
- Domestic Abuse Engagement Worker
- Unauthorised Encampments

Problem Solving and Demand Reduction

Wycombe

- Op Goat: Town Centre ASB initiative
- Licensing and CSE test purchase operations
- Op Grotto: winter burglaries
- Op Rogue: tackling OCGs
- New IAG formed
- Safeguarding Team

Hidden Harm Campaign

- **Hidden Harm:** abuse-related crimes that are happening in the heart of our communities that often go undetected or unreported.
- **Aim:** to raise awareness, understanding and increase confidence in reporting abuse across Thames Valley.
- **Key timings:**
 - Modern slavery – October 2017
 - Online child abuse – March 2018
 - Honour based abuse and forced marriage – July 2018
 - Hate crime – October 2018
 - Domestic abuse – January 2019

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