



# Safe, clean and active communities

## Ambition

We want to foster safe and resilient communities in neighbourhoods that people are proud and happy to live in. We want everyone to have the opportunity to play an active part in their community. This means working together to build strong, cohesive communities where people get on well and value each other.

Looking after the environment, helping to keep the places we live and work clean and safe, reducing waste, volunteering and getting involved locally will make Bradford District a better place to live. A clean and safe environment will promote a positive image and make the district more attractive to businesses, investors and residents.

## Progress on our success measures for 2020

District Plan 2020 target	Short name	Latest value	Trajectory to 2020 target
5a) Increase the amount of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting to at least 60% and remain significantly above the England average	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting	48.00%	
5b) Reduce the crime rate and bring it in line with the Yorkshire & Humber average	Crime rate per 1,000 population	93	
5c) Reduce perceptions of worsening anti-social behaviour	Percentage of residents who think that over the last 12 months the level of Anti-social behaviour has increased	18.0%	
5d) Increase the proportion of people who agree their local area is a place where people from different backgrounds live together harmoniously	Percentage of people who agree that their local area is the place where people live together harmoniously	62.6%	
5e) Reduce the rate of people killed or seriously injured on our roads, and be well below the England average	Rate of people killed or seriously injured casualties on England's roads (per 100,000 population)	38.9	

- On track to meet target by 2020
- Some concerns/possible delays
- Not on track to be achieved

The recent review of Bradford District partnerships recommended that combining the respective Safer and Stronger Communities Partnerships would enable crime, safety and community issues to be dealt with more effectively resulting in improved outcomes. This resulted in the creation of the new Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership.

There has been a 29.5% increase in recorded crime during April 2015 to January 2016 compared to the same reporting period last year. This signals a slight slowing up of the rate of increase (the increase for April to September was 31.2%). The increase equates to 38,051 more recorded crimes.

The increase in recorded crimes is in part attributed to changes in the way reported crime is now recorded. Re-baselining of key performance measures has taken place and will result in some targets being adjusted.

## Good things are happening here

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The Aire Debris Removal Initiative (AireDRI) is led by Matt Holloway who set up a facebook page and rallied a team of local volunteers to clean up a stretch of river bank at Hirst Wood, close to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Saltaire. The initiative to clear debris was established in less than a month after record amounts of rain caused devastating flooding across the North of England, including on the River Aire in the Bradford District.

Preparations and responses to far right groups from outside Bradford District that have come to demonstrate in the City. Both police and community intelligence has been used to formulate operational plans on the lead up to the events and cool down after the events to ensure our communities remain safe and become stronger.

A Hate Crime Reporting Centre has been set up in the University and College. Training has taken place with frontline service staff to ensure they: Understand Hate Crime; can identify incidents of harassment taking place; and can intervene take incident reports. Further approaches are under consideration by the group such as introducing zero tolerance areas, use of portable CCTV, increasing the Police presence, publicity and awareness raising campaigns.

## Our achievements over the last 12 months

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The Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership leads on the delivery of the Safer and Stronger Communities Plan, Ward and the Communities of interest Plans. Over the last 12 months we have:

1. The Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategic Board's four strategic groups, Prevention, Provision, Protection and Prosecution, are developing action plans to meet priorities around prevention, early intervention, early support for victims, understanding reasons why court cases fail. Work is underway to improve Specialist Domestic Violence Courts as well as mapping the victim's journey through the process.
2. Serious Acquisitive Crime Group coordinates response to vehicle crime, robbery and burglary dwelling. The Partnership Ward Area Inspectors together with crime reduction specialists and investigation team ensure a coordinated plan is implemented across the district with the aims of:
  - Reducing the number of vehicle crime, robbery and burglary dwelling
  - Increasing detections for vehicle crime, robbery and burglary dwelling
  - Preventing offenders from re-offending.
3. The Restorative Justice Hub continues to develop in addressing new and emerging issues. It is nationally recognised that there is limited work being undertaken with CSE perpetrators, both pre court and post court. The RJ Hub is working with services to develop the Insight Programme which will be aimed at those perpetrators involved in CSE. This programme can be used at any point of the Criminal Justice System and is in addition to any disposal or sentence imposed. It is aimed at making perpetrators accept responsibility for their behaviour and recognise the consequences and harm that they have caused.
4. Worked with partners in the Voluntary and Community Sector to encourage, promote and support active communities and volunteering through the development of the People Can campaign, associated supporting resources and interactive website.
5. Human-trafficking and modern day slavery group have put protocols in place to forward intelligence to the CSE Hub, Adults Social Care or the Police as appropriate. They have also set

up and staff a dedicated e-mail which professionals, taxi and bus drivers and landlords can use to submit information.

6. Bradford Safeguarding Children's Board continues to work with partners to co-ordinate and improve work to support victims, reduce rates of and prosecute perpetrators of child sexual exploitation. A range of school based preventative resources are available and being used across education establishments. To date more than 6000 people have seen the play 'Somebody's Sister, Somebody's Daughter' in the district in a number of different settings. Lesson plans and resources, produced in conjunction with Bradford Youth Service, have been provided for pre and post performances in school settings.
7. The Big Sing took place in the Summer of 2015 with more schools taking part and reflecting our diverse communities. The final sing of the event was supported by 600 young voices from across the district.
8. Work in the community has been beneficial for the safety of the District and its people when tension has been heightened through external factors e.g. protests initiated by the English Defence League or when speakers of concern have spoken at events. The positive relationships developed across communities have enabled bespoke policing interventions whilst reassuring the general public at large. This has meant that the negative impact of these potentially damaging incidents upon the District has been minimised
9. All operational fire crews across the district have completed the Dementia Friends course. This enables the Service to better support vulnerable people who are affected by dementia.
10. Victim Support have developed two victim hub's which are now operating from Britannia House in Bradford City Centre. This is a front door approach which provides a free, confidential, victim-centred service which is open to anyone affected by crime, regardless whether or not they have reported the crime to the police. This helps to ensure that no needs, and no victims, are left without support.

## **The challenges facing us over the next 12 months**

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Reductions in funds available within the public sector to support essential work means that new approaches and partnerships need to be developed that make best use of all available resources to deliver what is required.

As a partnership we need to ensure that the voices of our different communities can be heard and that people have opportunities to influence decisions affecting their communities.

We also need to ensure that people continue to be involved in delivering solutions.

Our three main priorities in 206/17 will be:

- Safeguarding the most vulnerable people
- Reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and re-offending
- Building stronger communities

## **Our focus for the next 12 months**

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The Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership, whilst looking to support the continuation of approaches and projects that are helping to make Bradford a safer place where people get along together, continually seeks out new approaches aimed at yielding even better results that are sustainable.

Two examples of new approaches are:

- A new 'Street Watch' pilot scheme will be operating in an area of Bradford shortly. This is where willing community volunteers are trained by the Police and can carry out some Police functions in a specified area. Following evaluation of this pilot later in the year will determine if it will be rolled out to other parts of the District.
- Employer supported policing - a partnership between employers, their staff and Police - is proving effective in supporting and increasing the visibility of Special Constables in Bradford City Centre. Businesses have generated 20 applications to be Special Constables from across their workforces. Negotiations are underway with employers with the aim of each new Special Constable operating for a minimum of eight hours per month.

The Partnership is also keen to involve people in addressing solutions to existing and emerging issues. It will continue to do this through: days of action, the People Can campaign, co-production of services, seeking and reacting to ideas generated from different groups and individuals