

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – November 2011
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WILTSHIRE POLICE PERFORMANCE

Overall Wiltshire Police have maintained a good performance, comparing figures for the year to August 2011 with the year to August 2010. Comparisons are made at force level with Wiltshire’s Most Similar Forces (MSF).

Overall Crime

- The incidence of Overall Crime has fallen by 7% (2,810 crimes) and Wiltshire is currently performing better than peers for overall crime with 53.6 crimes per 1,000 residents.
- The sanctioned detection rate for overall crime has fallen over the last year with 26.0% detected compared to 27.3%. However, if disposal by Local Resolutions¹ were included this would increase the detection rate by 2.8%.

Violent Crime

- The incidence of Violent Crime has fallen by 20% (1,755 crimes).
- The sanctioned detection rate for Violent Crime over the last year was 47.7% compared to 45.9% in the previous year.

Vehicle Crime and **Criminal Damage** have both experienced an 11% reduction compared to the previous year, and **Dwelling Burglary** a 6% reduction. The combined reduction of the three crime types equates to 1,391 fewer offences.

	Most Similar Force Position*	Previous Year - Most Similar Force Position	Comparison - Current and Previous Year
All Crime	↑	↗	-7% (2810 fewer crimes)
All Detections**	↘	↘	-23% (201 fewer detections)
Violent Crime	↑	↘	-20% (1755 fewer crimes)
Violent Crime Detections**	↘	↘	-17% (708 fewer detections)
Serious Acquisitive Crime	↑	↗	-9% (475 fewer crimes)
Serious Acquisitive Crime Detections**	↘	↘	-23% (201 fewer detections)
Vehicle Crime	↗	↗	-11% (433 fewer crimes)
Dwelling Burglary	↑	↑	-6% (103 fewer crimes)
Criminal Damage	↗	↗	-11% (855 fewer crimes)

* Position for year from Sept 10 - Aug 11

** Includes sanction detections only, comparisons against MSF is not available for Local Resolution

Key	
Better than peers	↑
Inline with peers and better than average	↗
Inline with peers and worse than average	↘
Worse than peers	↓

¹ **Local Resolutions:** Dealing with low level crime and anti-social behaviour by engaging with offenders, victims and witnesses.

Wiltshire Police Performance

Wiltshire continue to compare well nationally with regard to rates of violent crime with the 12 months from September 2010 to August 2011, seeing the force record the 4th lowest rate nationally with 10.9 offences per 1,000 population. This is 25% lower than the national average of 14.6 offences per 1,000 population.

WPA Vision Wiltshire Consultation

Councillors will recall that earlier this year, WPA Members attended Area Board meetings and spoke to those present about the savings WPA was required to make. The views of those attending and the wider public were sought. The report into this consultation has now been published and is available on the WPA website (www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk). The consultation endorsed our strategy to maintain the level of resources in neighbourhood and response policing.

Appointment of Deputy Chief Constable

Members will recall that my May report announced that Pat Geenty had been appointed as Temporary Deputy Chief Constable for a minimum period of six months. WPA is now looking to make a permanent appointment for this position and is currently advertising the post. An appointment is expected to be made in early December.

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act – Police and Crime Commissioners

Councillors will be aware that the Bill received Royal Assent in early September and that elections for Police and Crime Commissioners will be held on 15th November 2012. Work has now commenced on establishing a transition plan to ensure a seamless transition from a Police Authority to a Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Government will be writing to all Councils in due course with regard to the establishment of Police and Crime Panels and hosting events in connection with this. The Police and Crime Commissioner's remit will eventually extend to responsibility for Community Safety Partnerships and they will hold the budget for this, although the date for when this will take effect this has yet to be announced.

Police Authority Meeting Dates

8th December 2011

9th February 2012

19th April 2012

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