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| <b>Full Council</b> | <b>Tuesday, 09<br/>December 2025</b> | <b>Matter for<br/>Information</b> |
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**Report Title:** **Community Safety Partnership Reporting  
(Q1 & 2 2025/26)**

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| <b>Purpose of Report:</b>   | To provide Members with an overview of the actions and work of the Borough's Community Safety Partnership ("The Partnership") in Q1 & Q2 2025/26, and on Crime and Disorder in the Borough for the same period.   |
| <b>Report Summary:</b>  | This report provides updates on the current status of the Borough's Community Safety Partnership, including current expenditure, and work undertaken to address emerging crime trends in the Borough. Crime and Disorder statistics for Q1 and Q2 2025-26 are included, alongside annual trend data.  |
| <b>Recommendation(s):</b>   | <b>That the content of the report be noted.</b>   |
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| <b>Strategic Objectives:</b>  | <p>Our Council (SO1)</p> <p>Our Communities (SO2)</p> <p>Our Economy (SO3)</p> <p>Our Environment (SO4)</p> <p>Our Partners (SO5)</p>   |
| <b>Vision and Values:</b>   | <p>Customer &amp; Community Focused (V1)</p> <p>Proud of Everything We Do (V2)</p> <p>Collaborative &amp; Creative (V3)</p> <p>Resourceful &amp; Resilient (V4)</p>   |
| <b>Report Implications:-</b>  |   |
| Legal:  | There are no implications directly arising from this report.  |
| Financial:  | There are no implications directly arising from this report.  |
| Corporate Risk Management:  | <p>Political Dynamics (CR3)</p> <p>Reputation Damage (CR4)</p>  |

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| Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA): | There are no implications arising from this report.<br>EA not applicable |
| Human Rights:                              | There are no implications directly arising from this report.             |
| Health and Safety:                         | There are no implications directly arising from this report.             |
| <b>Statutory Officers' Comments:-</b>      |  |
| Head of Paid Service:                      | The report is satisfactory.  |
| Chief Finance Officer:                     | The report is satisfactory.  |
| Monitoring Officer:                        | The report is satisfactory.  |
| <b>Consultees:</b>                         | None.  |
| <b>Background Papers:</b>                  | None.  |
| <b>Appendices:</b>                         | <b>1.</b> Community Safety Strategic Plan (2024 – 2027)                  |

## **1. The Community Safety Partnership ("The Partnership")**

- 1.1 The Partnership was formed as a result of the *Crime and Disorder Act 1998* placing a statutory responsibility on named organisations to work together to reduce crime, disorder, and anti-social behaviour ("ASB") within their local authority area and ensure that partners are not working in isolation.
- 1.2 The key role of the Partnership is to identify and prioritise the concerns that affect our community, alongside discharging statutory duties, and develop and delivery plans to reduce the impact of these concerns upon it.
- 1.3 The organisations bound by *Section 5* of the *Crime and Disorder Act*, and subsequent legislation, to be represented within the Partnership are;
  - Oadby & Wigston Borough Council;
  - Leicestershire County Council;
  - Leicestershire Police;
  - Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service;
  - NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board; and
  - National Probation Service Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.
- 1.4 These organisations recognise that by combining resources, experience, and knowledge the Partnership can offer an enhanced approach to tackling issues and concerns in the Borough and offer a greater level of value for money within the work it undertakes or commissions.
- 1.5 The Partnership also engages with other local agencies, voluntary groups, housing providers, and businesses to make certain an inclusive, representative response to crime, disorder and ASB is achieved. This allows for the Partnership's resources to be targeted effectively to where they would have the greatest impact.
- 1.6 Since 2012 the work of the Partnership has taken place under the umbrella of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ("OPCC"). This relationship, legislated in the *Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011*, places a renewed mutual duty upon the OPCC and named organisations to work together to reduce

crime, disorder, and reoffending.

- 1.7 The Partnership benefits from strong and well-established working relationships both within itself and with higher-tier authorities and bodies, allowing for proactive and timely reactive responses to both seasonal trends and emerging issues at local, county and national levels.
- 1.8 The Partnership meets bimonthly in a hybrid model allowing wider attendance from partners and is supported by monthly 'Joint Action Group' ("JAG") subgroup meetings reviewing high and medium-risk ASB cases in the Borough.

## **2. Strategic Plan 2024-2027**

- 2.1 A copy of the Partnership's three-year Strategic Plan for 2024-2027 is included as **Appendix 1** to this report. The Strategic Plan provides a full overview of the Partnership's statutory duties, strategic priorities, structure, analytic approach, and funding and monitoring arrangements.
- 2.2 The Strategic Plan also provides details of the community profile and crime and disorder statistics utilised to develop the Partnership's strategic priorities, highlighting the requirement to balance the public perception of crime and disorder against the picture presented by statistical data.
- 2.3 The Strategic Plan is a public document published on the Council's website and demonstrates the Partnership's desire to show transparency and accountability in its work for the purposes of strengthening partnership working, and increasing the confidence of the community in the component partners.
- 2.4 The duration of the Partnership's Strategic Plan positions it well to see the conclusion of its current strategic priorities before devolution occurs. This will enable a more structured transition into the new local authority landscape, with time afforded to develop a new three-year Strategic Plan for any model of Community Safety Partnership that is adopted by the new authority covering the Borough.
- 2.5 An interim Strategic Plan for 2027-28, the pre-devolution period, will be developed upon further guidance from the PCC regarding where the duties of their office will transfer to at the end of the PCC role and new authority commencement, and on the level of funding and associated criteria to be made available to the Partnership at that time.

## **3. Funding and Expenditure**

- 3.1 The Partnership receives funding from both the Council (**£21,000.00**) and the OPCC (**£32,554.58**) for a total 2025-26 budget of **£53,554.58**.
- 3.2 An additional **£30,000.00** is provided to the Council, as part of its core funding, to provide Domestic Abuse / Domestic Violence services in the Borough. This budget falls under the remit of the Council's Housing Team and is used to employ a Domestic Abuse Link Worker within Housing Options. The work of the Link Worker is reported on to the Partnership as Domestic Abuse forms one of its statutory duties, and the Partnership Chair represents the Borough on the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Domestic Abuse Strategy Board.
- 3.3 For 2025-26 a total of **£19,440.00** is committed, from the Council contribution to the Partnership, to the annual expenditure detailed below;

| Item                                    | Description  | Cost             |
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| <b>Domestic Homicide Review ("DHR")</b> | Oadby & Wigston contribution to the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland DHR budget. Each | <b>£2,500.00</b> |

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| <b>Contribution</b>   | District and Borough contributes the same level of funding to this budget. DHRs are a process where local authorities and organisations examine how they responded to a case where a person died as a result of domestic violence, identifying lessons learned to prevent future homicides.             |                   |
| <b>ASB System Governance and Co-ordination Officer Contribution</b> | Oadby & Wigston contribution to the salary of the named role overseeing the ASB Case Management System ('ECINS') on behalf of the combined Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland District, Borough and County Councils, and Leicestershire Police.  | <b>£2,000.00</b>  |
| <b>CCTV Airtime Renewals</b>  | The Partnership operates 25 redeployable CCTV units across the Borough, accessible by Council and Police officers. These cameras are accessible remotely via a 4G data connection, with an allowance of 150gb of data per month across the 25 units, allowing for footage download and live monitoring. | <b>£14,940.00</b> |

3.4 Through Q1 and Q2 2025-26 the following expenditure has been proposed by partner organisations and committed by the Partnership;

| <b>Item</b>                        | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Cost</b>              |
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| <b>CCTV Structural Testing</b>     | A total of ten lampposts were structurally assessed in June/July to provide additional host locations for redeployable CCTV units, addressing shoplifting, fly-tipping, and racist graffiti in hot-spot locations across the Borough. Six columns passed this testing bringing the total number of available host columns to 48.                           | <b>£3,042.00</b>         |
| <b>CCTV Electrical Conversions</b> | Fitment of commando sockets and associated electrical works to the six lampposts that passed structural testing, enabling the columns to host CCTV units.  | <b>£2,124.00</b>         |
| <b>Graffiti Slush Fund</b>         | The Partnership has made available a slush fund to enable the removal of graffiti in the Borough. The support of the Community Payback Scheme means that this fund is only required to cover the purchase of materials used in the removal, with racist and offensive graffiti in Oadby removed from Windrush Drive in August at a cost of <b>£65.68</b> . | <b>£800.00</b>           |
| <b>Air Tags</b>                    | Leicestershire Police have requested funding to purchase a number of Apple 'Air Tags' to address the theft of high value plant and farm equipment, power tools, and other desirable  | <b>£900.00 (approx.)</b> |

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|                                | items. The Air Tags can be secreted inside of vehicles and objects providing real time tracking capabilities when a theft occurs.  |                |
| <b>CSP Survey Promotion</b>    | A budget has been set aside to support the promotion of the Partnership's Community Safety Survey, planned to run in Q4. This survey provides a benchmark of the public perception of crime and disorder in the Borough, community priorities, and sense of community at Ward levels. A prize draw for Amazon vouchers is associated with this survey to increase participation and promote the Council's Community Safety Newsletter. | <b>£500.00</b> |
| <b>Community Event Support</b> | A 'WellFest' community event will be taking place on Blaby Road Park, South Wigston on 13 September. The Partnership will be represented at the event and has committed funding to the cost of its insurance requirements.   | <b>£300.00</b> |

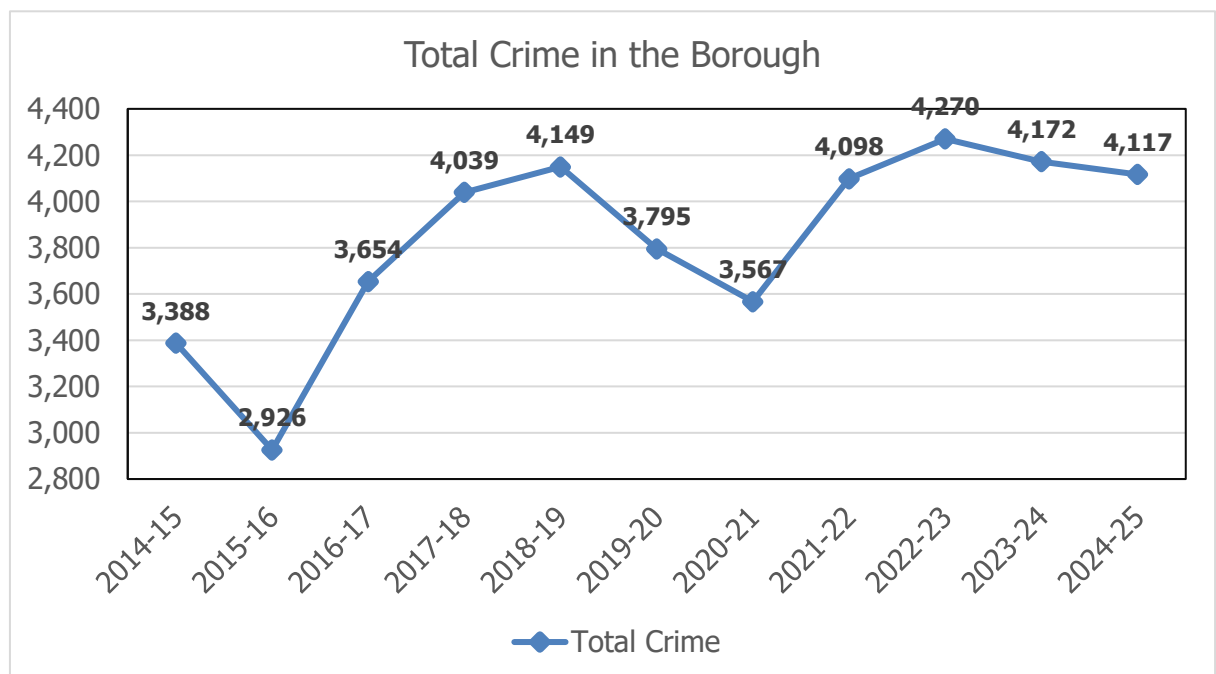
#### 4. Crime and Disorder

- 4.1 The Partnership receives crime data from Leicestershire Police separated into 13 types of crime and disorder.
- 4.2 Crime data is received via three routes; in person at the Partnership's bi-monthly meetings via local Neighbourhood Policing Area ("NPA") Officers, via data packs (now known as 'problem profiles') collated by the OPCC's Data Analysts, and via data downloads from the police.uk website.
- 4.3 Data downloads via the police.uk website are the Partnership's preferred route for data analysis and monitoring, with full data sets for the Borough available within 6-8 weeks of the month's end. The availability of this resource has enabled the creation of an internal crime data tool, utilised to map crime trends across the Borough at both settlement and lower super output area ("LSOA") levels, employing data from 2014 to date in this process.
- 4.4 The mapping of crime trends not only allows for resources to be allocated to address known trends well in advance, such as an annual increase in ASB in the summer months or burglaries during the winter months but also highlights emerging trends enabling proactive responses and early interventions.
- 4.5 The table below compares the Borough's incident data by crime type for Q1 and Q2 2025-26 for the same periods in 2024-25.

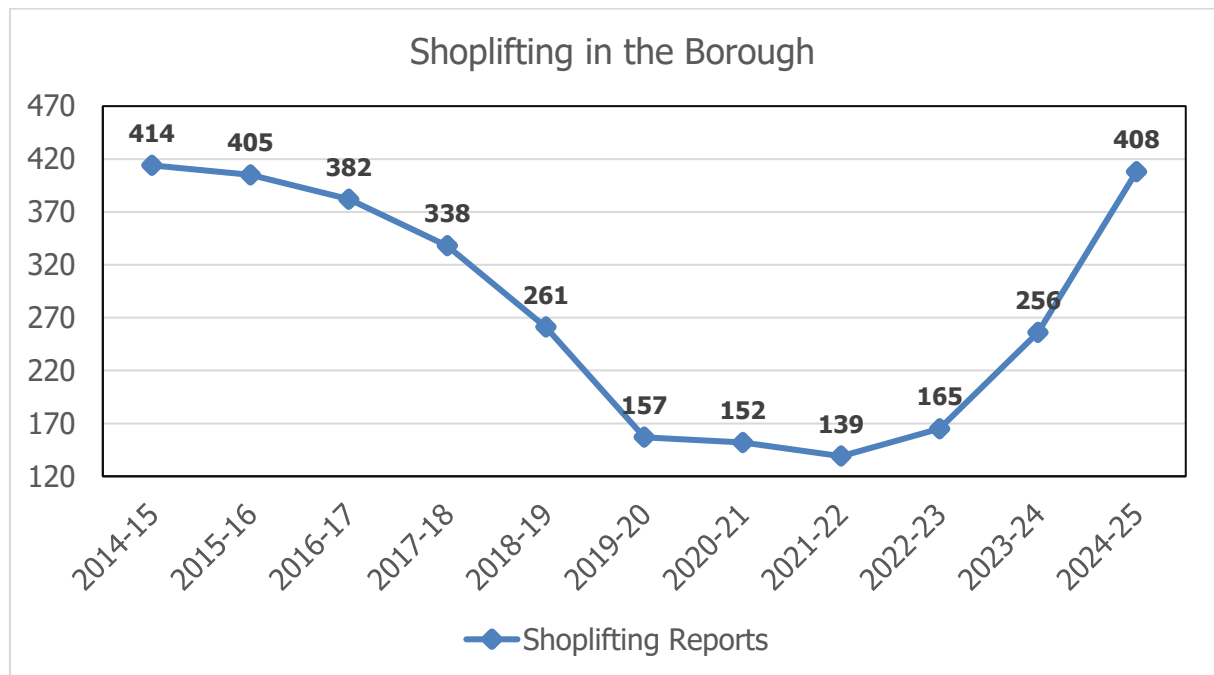
| Crime Type                       | Q1 & Q2 2024-25 | Q1 & Q2 2025-26 | Change (%) |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| <b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b>     | 264             | 248             | -6%        |
| <b>Bicycle Theft</b>             | 19              | 35              | +84%       |
| <b>Burglary</b>                  | 109             | 109             | No Change  |
| <b>Criminal Damage and Arson</b> | 168             | 134             | -20%       |

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| <b>Drugs</b>                        | 31           | 52           | +67%       |
| <b>Other Crime</b>                  | 42           | 26           | -38%       |
| <b>Other Theft</b>                  | 136          | 114          | -16%       |
| <b>Possession of Weapons</b>        | 11           | 10           | -9%        |
| <b>Public Order</b>                 | 211          | 184          | -12%       |
| <b>Robbery</b>                      | 11           | 6            | -45%       |
| <b>Shoplifting</b>                  | 202          | 207          | +2%        |
| <b>Theft from the Person</b>        | 10           | 10           | No Change  |
| <b>Vehicle Crime</b>                | 109          | 83           | -23%       |
| <b>Violence and Sexual Offences</b> | 802          | 727          | -9%        |
| <b>Total Crime</b>                  | <b>2,125</b> | <b>1,945</b> | <b>-8%</b> |

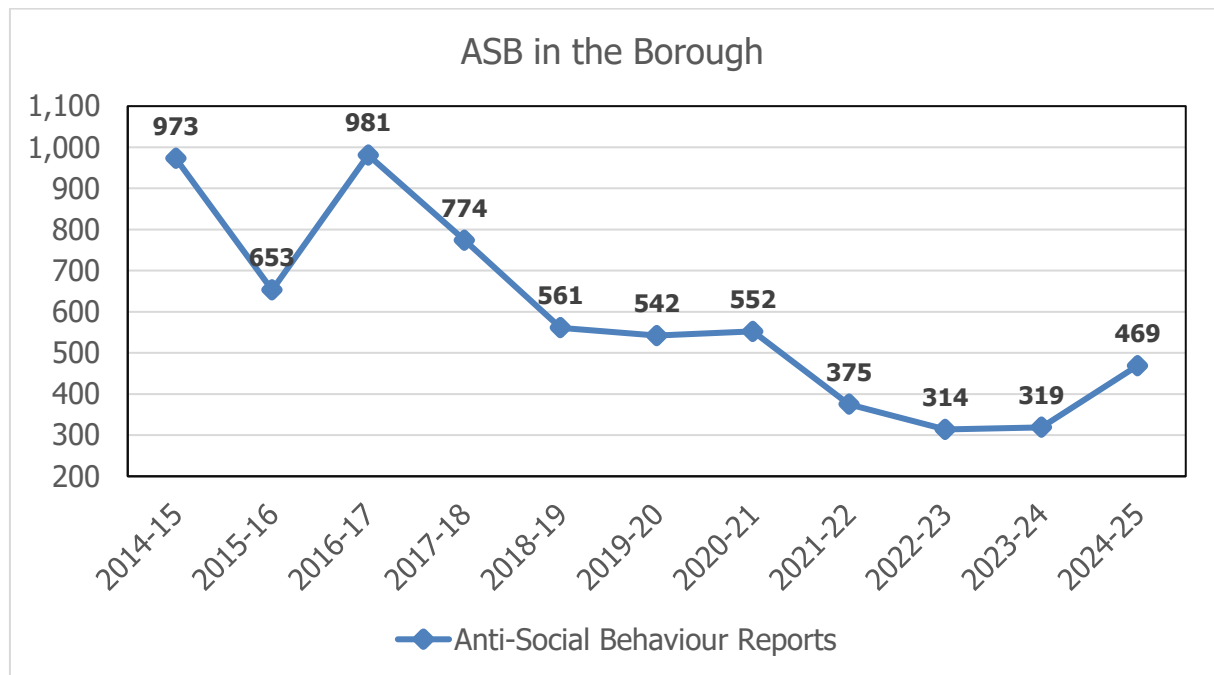
- 4.6 The total level of crime within the Borough has been falling since 2022-23 as shown below, although specific crime types have seen increases within this trend, with shoplifting and ASB being examples of this. The level of total crime in the Borough tends to track with national statistics.



- 4.7 Shoplifting is the most significant emerging crime type in the Borough, with a 59% annual increase between 2023-24 and 2024-25. Current data for 2025-26 shows that shoplifting is continuing to become a more frequent occurrence in the Borough.



- 4.8 The increase in shoplifting has been attributed to increased reporting by businesses and is in line with national trends regarding the cost-of-living increases.
- 4.9 To address shoplifting in the Borough the Police enacted Op Detect, placing a focus on overt and covert detection of shoplifting in the Borough, which saw 3 males charged with 9 offences linked to the One Stop on Gloucester Crescent, South Wigston.
- 4.10 Alongside Op Detect the Partnership liaised closely with the One Stop to deploy CCTV units around the store's location and applied to the Police and Crime Commissioner's shop theft initiative for 10 body worn video ("BWV") units. This bid was successful with the BWV units having been delivered to the Council, and the required software and training for their use being organised in conjunction with the OPCC and other successful authorities.
- 4.11 The BWV units will be made available to smaller retailers in the Borough with a focus, as per the OPCC's bid criteria, on independent retailers across the three settlement areas. Retailers will be identified by crime data analysis weighted against seasonal trends, e.g. where there is a spike in shoplifting in the summer months retailers in afflicted areas will be prioritised to ensure familiarity with the BWV units and their operation.
- 4.12 From year two onwards of their operation the BWV units will be subject to an annual cost of **£114.00** per unit for cloud access and software licensing. Discussions are currently taking place with the OPCC to ascertain whether the Partnership will be responsible for these costs, or if they can be charged to the businesses in receipt of the BWV units. The BWV units will remain the property of the Partnership.
- 4.13 Anti-Social Behaviour reports have also begun to increase following a sustained period of decline in the Borough, as shown on the following graph. Please note that this data is not inclusive of ASB reported to the Council directly at this time due to the transfer from Sentinel to the ECINS Case Management System, with data from the Council's Housing Team and Community Safety and Wellbeing Manager to be incorporated into future reports.



- 4.14 This increase is believed to be due to increased awareness of reporting routes into the Police for ASB, alongside an increase in reports of the anti-social use of e-scooters and similar modes of transport. Media coverage of the actions of Leicestershire Police addressing e-scooters within Leicester city centre is believed to be a driving factor in this.
- 4.15 Promotion of ASB reporting routes will continue across the Partnership which means further increases in ASB reports are expected. Police and Council data will be collated to identify themes and hotspots within these reports, and the resulting information will be used to develop workstreams to address ASB in the Borough further.
- 4.16 Additional analysis of received ASB reports will also be taking place to identify how many incidents are linked to young people in the Borough. This supports the established work of the Partnership to prevent and deter young people from entering the criminal justice system, alongside supporting other workstreams within the Council such as the Community Health and Wellbeing Partnership who have a priority focussing on risky behaviours within young people.

## **5. Rural Crime Considerations**

- 5.1 The PCC has added a new priority to his Police and Crime Plan for 2025-26 addressing rural crime and has instructed Leicestershire's Community Safety Partnership's to incorporate this into their work this financial year.
- 5.2 Rural crime in the Borough is minimal, being predominantly an urban area. Resources made available within other NPA's, such as dedicated vehicles and officer tasking within the Police, are not applicable within the Borough. Both of these factors limit the scope in which the Partnership can address the PCC's priority.
- 5.3 One option that is being explored by the Partnership is the rural crime subheading of heritage crime, with early discussions in place around the Partnership supporting the site security of St. Wistan's Church, Wigston.
- 5.4 The current condition of the building, and its listed status, means that there is an increased risk of individuals gaining access to the grounds, placing themselves at risk from an unsafe structure as well as potentially causing damage to the building itself.
- 5.5 Initial contact has been made by the Community Safety & Youth Officer with the Diocese

and relevant officers within Leicestershire Police and the County Council to explore this workstream. The Partnership financially contributing toward the installation of heras fencing around the site, and potentially new signage, is seen as a viable option at this time.

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 The Community Safety & Youth Officer recommends that the content of this report be noted.