



## LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

# Press Information

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### **Police chiefs welcome performance figures that show the force is delivering its aims**

Police in Leicestershire are on track to meet many of the targets set out in their Policing Plan to make the county safer, it has been revealed.

Performance figures presented to members of Leicestershire Police Authority show total recorded crime in the 12 months up to August 2011 fell by 8.4%. This represents 2,726 fewer offences and is significantly better than the 5% target agreed within 2011/12 Policing Plan.

Most categories of crime saw large reductions during the period, with burglary in commercial premises falling 13.3% (114 offences), theft of vehicles by -16.4% (107 offences) and theft from vehicles -15% (309 offences) – all of which were better than the target set by the Authority. Other offences such as burglary in people's homes narrowly missed out on targets, falling 9.4% (165 offences) against a target of 10%.

The force improved its satisfaction rate among victims of vehicle crime at 82.9% in the 12 months to August 2011 compared to 71.4% in the 12 months up to July 13 2011 as well as the number of serious violent crimes detected ( 61.2% compared to 59.6% at the last reported position).

It also saw the percentage increase in serious violent crime offences slow to 26.7% (31 offences) up to the end of August 2011 from 50.8% (40 offences) in the 12 months up to July 13.

Barrie Roper, chairman of Leicestershire Police Authority, said: "I'm very encouraged by these latest figures which show Leicestershire Constabulary is already making huge inroads in crime reduction and meeting many of the pledges it spelt out in the 2011-2015 Policing Plan.

"This strategy was very much influenced by the public's concerns and priorities which is why it is so important that we work so hard to achieve them because it

will inevitably go some way to increasing their experience with our service and increasing confidence.

“While we are facing challenging times financially, residents can rest assured there will be no let up in our pursuit of improvement and the Police Authority will continue to challenge for further success to deliver the best outcome for our communities.”

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