

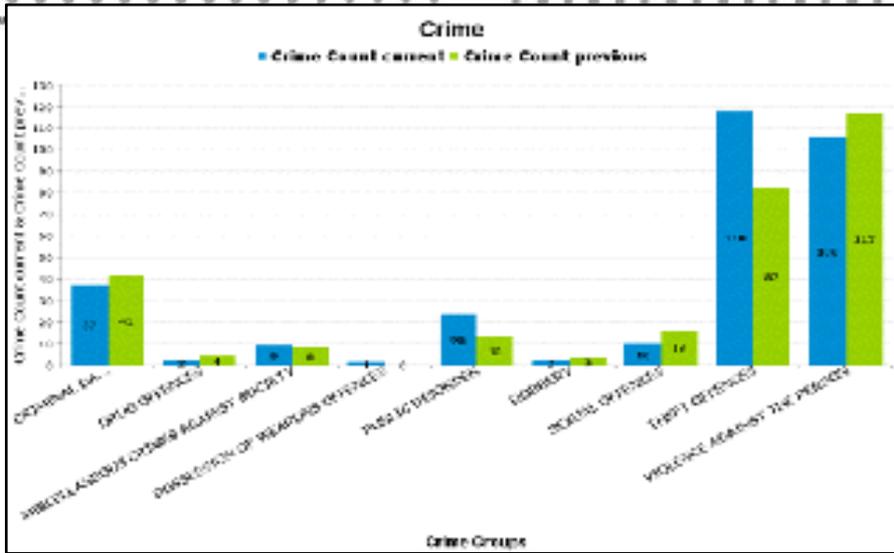
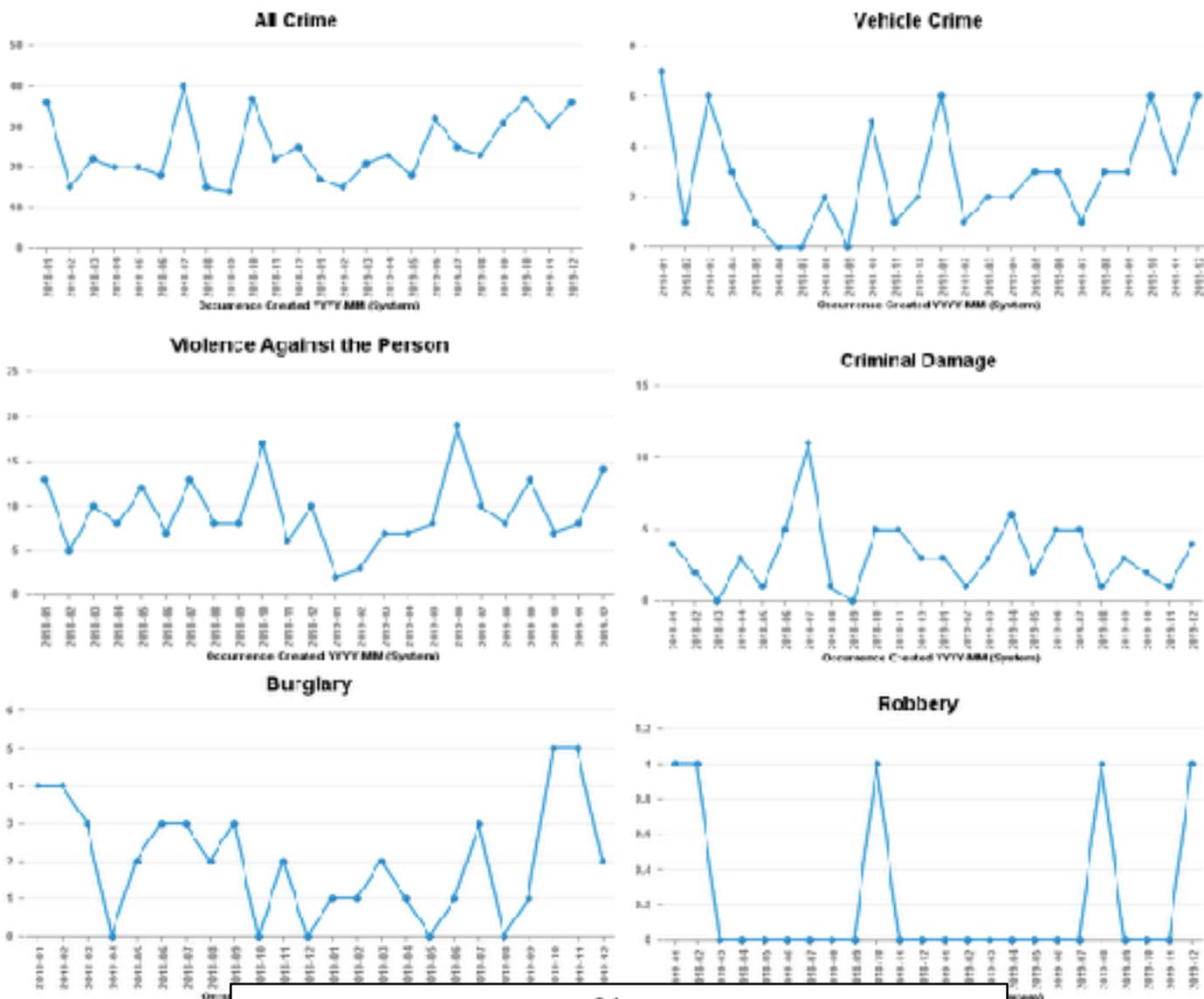
**Supplementary Report**

**AGENDA ITEM**

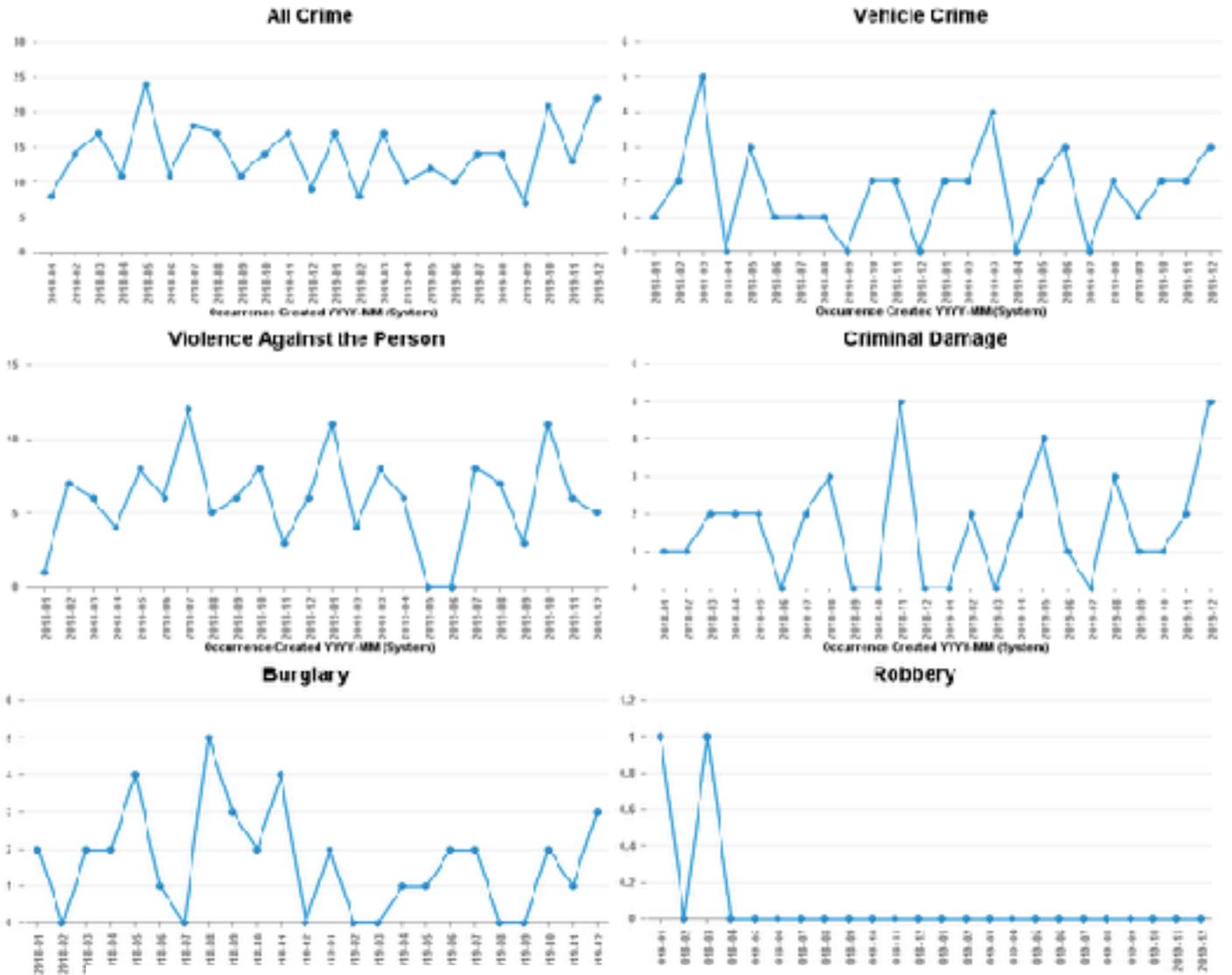
**142./19 POLICE REPORT / CRIME FIGURES**

The latest crime figures for the area have been circulated to Councillors.

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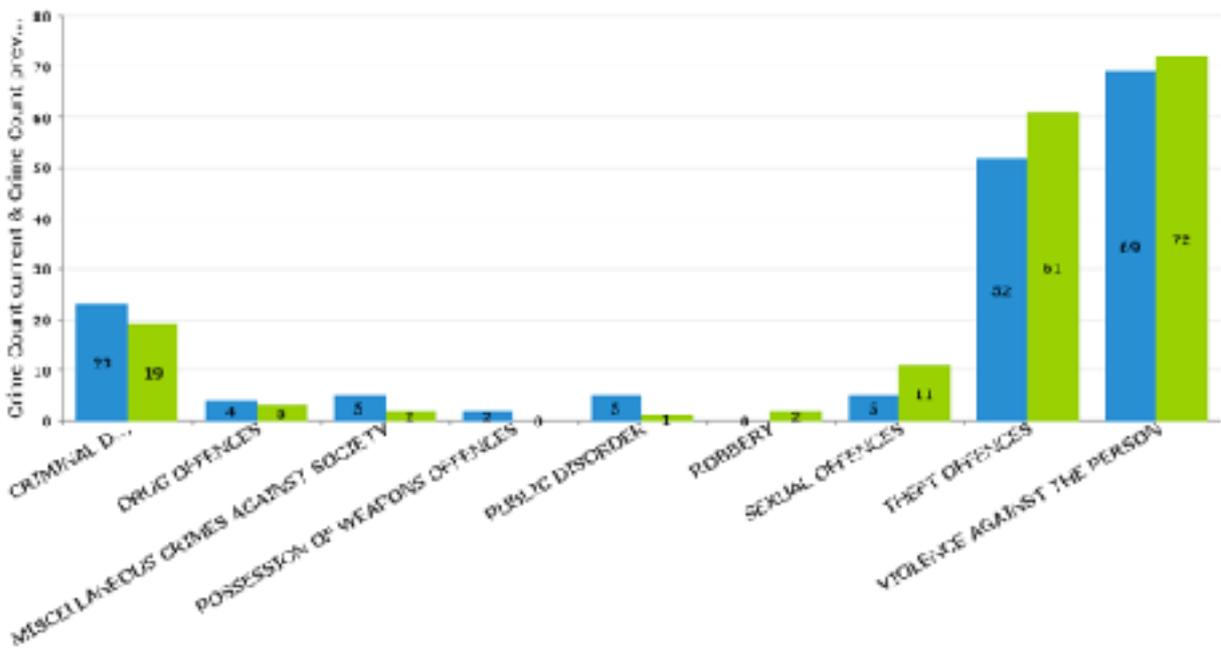


# Desborough St Giles



## Crime

■ Crime Count current ■ Crime Count previous



## Crime Groups

**152./19 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE FINANCE REPORT**

The Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the report at Appendix D.

**153/19 TO CONSIDER AND IF SO RESOLVED TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE THOSE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

The report set out at Appendix E details those invoices and payments for payment, those authorised in accordance with the scheme of delegation, and those where payment is by continuous authority; and the Council is RECOMMENDED to approve payment. Details in the report will be updated before the meeting as information is received.

**154.5./19 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE A REPORT ABOUT THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET CONSULTATION EXERCISE**

The consultation exercise undertaken by the Council has now concluded. A drop-in session was held in the Council's offices on Saturday 4 January 2020 to listen to people's ideas for the coming year and beyond. The Council would like to thank all those who engaged with the process in whatever form: by returning the paper leaflet, by completing the online survey, by speaking with us directly, by email, and by letter.

Responses were received from approximately 65 different streets covering both wards. We received 141 comments by the closing date, broken down as follows:-

Respondent out of area	1
Respondent commented twice	7
No information to identify respondent	6

Over thirty suggestions were made by more than five people (similar suggestions were amalgamated). Twenty-three suggestions had more than ten supporters. Those comments / suggestion receiving support from more than twenty respondents are shown below.

Combined suggestions gaining support of over 10 respondents

	Suggestion	In favour	Against
Transport	Pot holes / road maintenance / drainage	69	
Traffic	Speed signs (smiley face)	53	10
Trees	Tree planting: Greenspace/The Plens/Dunkirk Ave Rec	50	5
Policing	PCSO / Police officers	42	
Transport	Parking	39	
Transport	Parking enforcement (inc at schools)	36	
Transport	Electric vehicle charging points	29	7
Transport	One way system (Gladstone / Nic)	28	4
Transport	One way system (Town centre / High St)	28	3
Business / retail	Retail mix improved	27	
Policing	CCTV	26	
Transport	Cycle path / footpath improvements	24	

**155./19 TO CONSIDER THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/21 AND FUNDS TO BE EARMARKED FOR FUTURE PROJECTS**

The Council has a statutory duty to set a budget each year which should cover the cost of all its duties and any discretionary expenditure it might wish to make. Under normal circumstances, it would be expected that proper estimates (although **not** quotations or tenders) would be available to inform the Council in determining the budget. However, the short period of time between the consultation and the date by which any precept must be submitted to Kettering Borough Council means that not all budgetary processes have been completed.

The views expressed in both the consultation process and the consultation session have been taken into account in preparing the DRAFT items for 2020/21. These are based on the best estimate of costs. Clearly, it has not been possible to cost all of the suggestions and comments made during the consultation, however, many of the matters raised were not financial or were the clear responsibility of the Borough or County Council, or third parties.

As last year, the draft figures cover the main cost centres:-

- Democratic Services (including all staff costs direct and indirect, training, audit, Data Protection, Information Commissioner, publicity, elections/polls)
- Memberships and subscriptions (county and national societies)
- Town Council Office (including rent, rates, connectivity, services)
- Administration (including office expenses, equipment, software, website, emails, insurance, Christmas lights, speed signs, pocket park, legal costs)
- Projects (including many of the suggestions made before and during the consultation)

The DRAFT figures contain a number of contingency sums, provisional items, and some which may not occur in the coming financial year. Further details of these items will be available as identified if approved for priority.

As last year, it is impossible to accurately gauge the impact of local government cuts and Local Government Reorganisation. Councillors are advised to make their own judgements about what services might be lost or cut and whether or not they wish to make provision for them. A cursory glance at other Councils' budgets and cuts might produce items such as: grit bins; grass cutting of verges; and street lighting. Other highway service reductions are due to be considered by the County Council soon and the impact is currently unknown.

Subject to the Council's decisions on projects and expenditure for the coming year, the Responsible Financial Officer would urge the Council to aim to reduce the high level of balances within a three year period, and to earmark funds for items which it considers appropriate for the Town Council to fund (rather than another Local Authority). This would also allow the Council to manage the expenditure adequately, retain a buffer against the impact of the effects of the impending reorganisation of local government in the County, and current national uncertainties.

The Council is REQUESTED to identify those items on which it wishes to proceed from reserves and earmarked amounts; to authorise the Town Clerk to clarify estimates for those items to be considered further and funded from earmarked funds or reserves notwithstanding Financial Regulations; and to approve the budget for 2019/20.

**Finance Report**

**Monthly Bank Reconciliation**

Bank reconciliation	31/12/2010
Barclays Current	£100.00
Barclays business saver	£117,318.12
Unity Current T2	£7,123.26
Unity Deposit	£127,128.73
CCLA	£300,000.00
Reconciled Balance	£551,670.11

Income:

Room hire fees	£31.00
CCLA interest (Dec)	£170.21
CCLA interest (Jan)	£188.78
Unity Bank interest	£138.73
Barclay's Bank Interest	£150.49

Charges:

Unity Bank	£21.45
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**Accounts for payment**

	<b>Cost centre</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
+	Administration	SLCC	Postage for reference book	£0.80	£4.80
+	Administration	Autela Payroll Services	Payroll	£0.00	£47.08
	Administration	Netwise uk	Website and emails	£0.00	£300.00
+	Town Council Office	TalkTalk business	Internet and telephone (Dec, Jan)	£8.97	£53.80
+	Administration	Rural Trader	Consultation meeting advert	£15.04	£90.24
	Administration	Local Leaflet Drop	Delivery of consultation leaflets	£36.21	£217.26
	Administration	Quantum Print	Printing of consultation leaflets	£0.00	£185.00
+	Administration	SurveyMonkey	Online survey	£6.34	£38.00
+	Town Council Office	NCC	Office rent 010120 - 310320	£0.00	£2,000.00
+	Administration	Initial Washroom Services	Hygiene disposal	£16.33	£97.97
	Administration	Pino Plant Hire	Pocket Park drainage	£67.60	£399.60
+	Democratic Services	Mr G Thomson	Salary (December, January) Overtime (November, December) Salary adjustment	£0.00	£4,805.34
+	Democratic Services	LGSS Pensions	Pension (employee's and employer's contributions)	£0.00	£2,189.61

+ Paid in accordance with delegated or continuous authority