6.3 MONASH CRIME AND OFFENCE STATISTIC UPDATE

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ΜΟΤΙΟΝ

That Council notes the below statistics recently reported by the Victorian Crime Statistics Agency and other data.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Victorian Crime Statistics Agency reports on statistics every quarter. The latest statistics from September have been released. The below table compares the crime statistics for the City of Monash to neighbouring Councils.

Crime Stat	tistics - O	ffenses LGA D	ashboard								
City of Mo	nash Co	mparison vs N	eighboring	Cities							
As of Sept	2017										
		Offences per 100,000 population									
			Burglary		Breaches	Property	Assault		Sept 2017	Sept 2013	Growth
		Theft	Break In	Deception	of Orders	Damage	Related	Other	Total	Total	Rate
Monash		2,254.5	779.3	593.7	415.5	394.6		1,405.4	5,843.0	4,803.6	22%
Booroond	ara	1,858.5	612.4	340.0	261.8	343.3		973.7	4,389.7	4,141.9	6%
Glen Eira		1,679.0	592.9		354.3	444.0	364.3	1,259.6	4,694.1	4,178.1	12%
Whitehorse		1,953.0	602.6	413.5	363.0		355.9	1,209.4	4,897.4	4,412.0	11%

This table highlights that over the last four years the City of Monash has had a higher growth rate in crime vs these neighbouring Councils in addition to a substantially higher overall rate of crime (per capita).

	Police Resource	Resource per capita
City of Monash	103.1 FTE	1816
City of Boroondara	99.0 FTE	1765
City of Glen Eira	100.6 FTE	1454

SUMMARY

These statistics show that the City of Monash has a 19-33% higher offence rate that three of our closest neighbouring Councils. It also shows that the rate of offence has been growing faster in Monash over the past four years than these neighbouring Councils.

Finally, despite this statistical evidence showing a requirement, the Police resource in the City of Monash has not yet been augmented to counteract the higher level of crime / offences in the City of Monash. To get to a resource per capita similar to Glen Eira, Monash would need about an extra 20 FTE police resources.