

Castle Point

Castle Point – building on success

Summary from Corporate Plan

We need to stimulate the economy in order to:

- Create more local employment
- Increase the level of affordable housing

We need to raise the skills and knowledge of the local workforce so that:

- Employers are attracted to locate in Castle Point
- Improve life chances of our residents

We need to improve the Borough's ecological footprint, regenerate town centres and improve the quality of the Parks and Open Spaces to be able to:

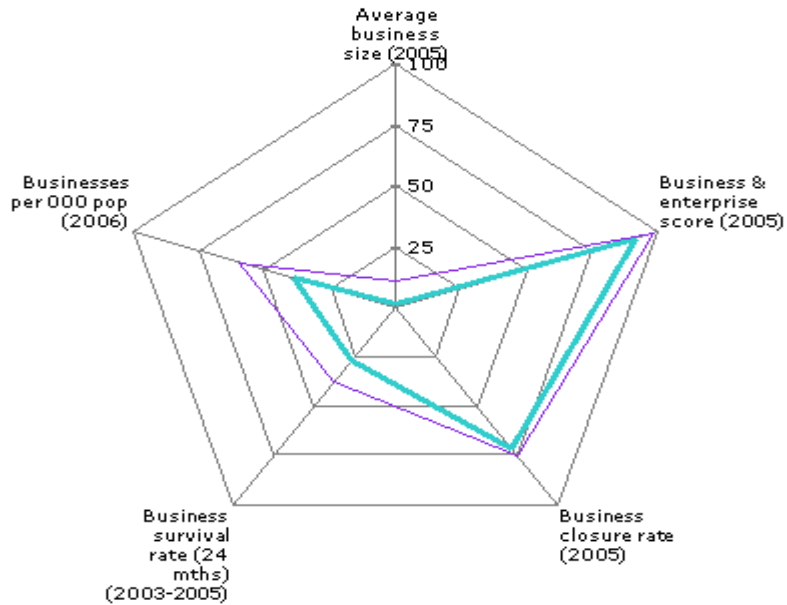
- Make the Borough a place of choice to live and work
- Reduce the fear of crime

We need to ensure that public services for our communities, irrespective of the provider, are accessible, tailored and targeted such that:

- Services are valued by all of the Borough's communities
- There is no social inequality
- Disadvantaged residents are supported appropriately
- Our communities are sustainable

We are currently working to develop a more sustainable borough. This year, the Council and its partners have developed a new sustainable community strategy. As part of our commitments to this, the Council is also developing its own sustainability strategy which will use for future target setting and improvement.

Businesses



— Castle Point — Wandsworth

Earnings mean: (wkpl) (2006)	Percentile	1.97	1.47
£	Value	311.20	296.50
Economic change score (2005)	Percentile	35.63	40.05
GB=100	Value	59.71	72.35
Economic scale (2006)	Percentile	6.39	3.93
GB=100	Value	28.47	23.86
Employment change (L/T) (1998-2005)	Percentile	35.63	40.05
%	Value	5.43	6.57
Productivity score (2006)	Percentile	4.46	1.73
GB=100	Value	67.32	63.31
Share of national employment (2005)	Percentile	5.90	3.93
%	Value	0.07	0.06

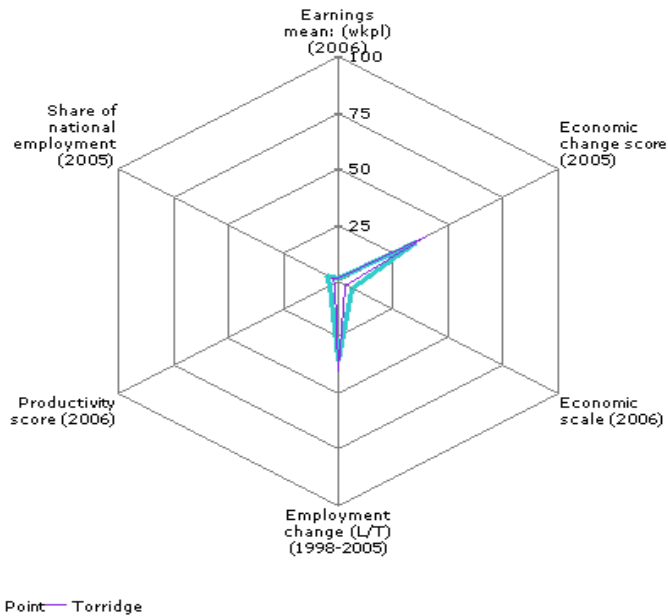
Little provision of large business in Castle Point and businesses tend not to survive for very long. The business closure rate is also high. The two largest employers are public sector namely, Castle Point Borough Council and the local College.

Create more local employment and increase the skill set of borough residents.

Priority: Regeneration & Homes – TRH2

Ambition: Regeneration and local economy

Objectives 2007/08: RH3



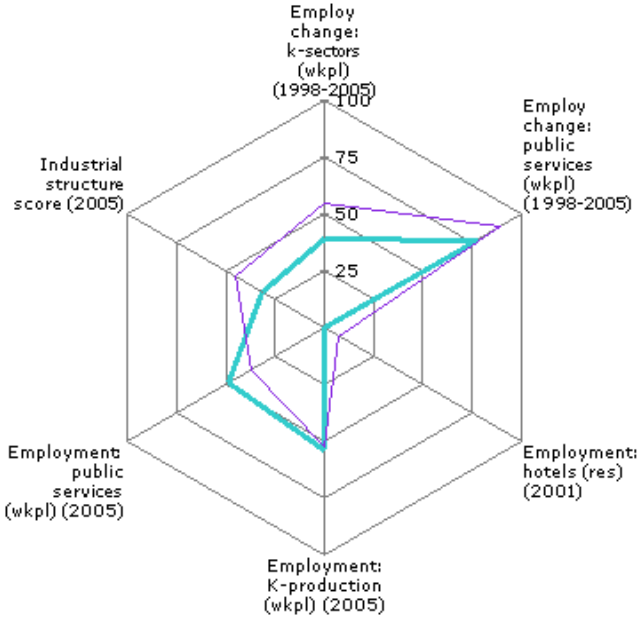
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High lowly skilled jobs within the borough and a low share of national employment. Castle Point needs to work closely with partners to stimulate the economy to create more local employment and build people's skill set.

Priority: Regeneration & Homes – TRH2

Ambition: Regeneration and local economy

Objectives 2007/08: RH1, RH3



— Castle Point — Braintree

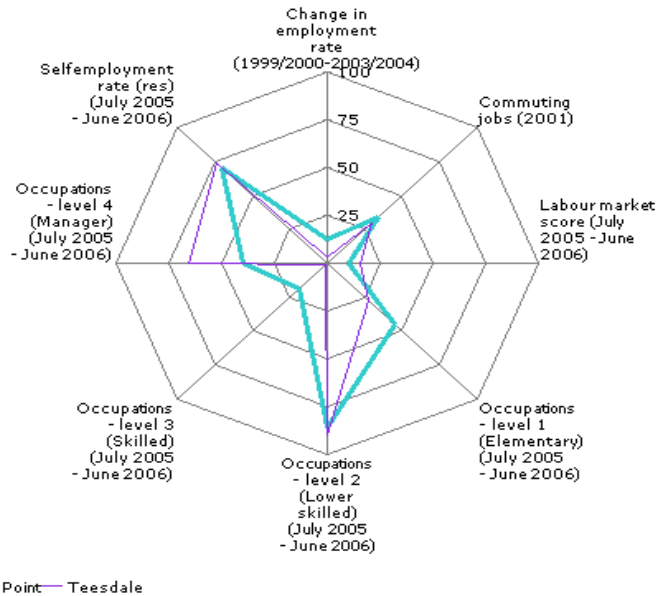
		Castle Point	Braintree
Employ change: k-sectors (wkpl) (1998-2005)	Percentile	39.56	55.28
%	Value	12.32	21.25
Employ change: public services (wkpl) (1998-2005)	Percentile	77.64	89.19
%	Value	38.29	48.11
Employment: hotels (res) (2001)	Percentile	0.25	7.62
%	Value	2.89	3.52
Employment: K-production (wkpl) (2005)	Percentile	54.55	53.07
%	Value	3.12	3.05
Employment: public services (wkpl) (2005)	Percentile	49.14	37.35
%	Value	26.37	24.21
Industrial structure score (2005)	Percentile	31.70	45.95
GB=100	Value	66.68	75.54

There is significant employment in public sector jobs in Castle Point. The Council's priority is to support schemes to enable people living here to work, earning a comparable wage in areas other than public sector creating a multi skilled workforce.

Priority: Regeneration & Homes – TRH2

Ambition: Regeneration and local economy

Objectives 2007/08: RH1, RH3



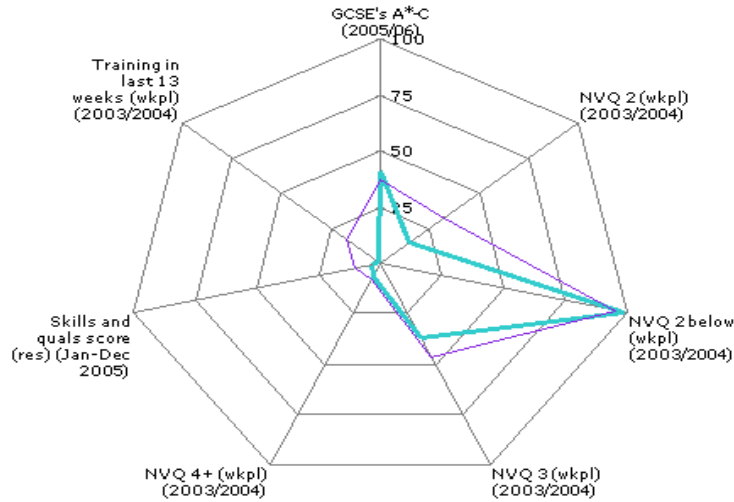
Change in employment rate (1999/2000-2003/2004)	Percentile	12.84	3.46
% points	Value	-5.50	-9.36
Commuting jobs (2001)	Percentile	34.93	29.87
%	Value	28.55	27.13
Labour market score (July 2005 - June 2006)	Percentile	10.34	16.26
GB=100	Value	91.90	94.87
Occupations - level 1 (Elementary) (July 2005 - June 2006)	Percentile	45.43	28.64
%	Value	11.29	9.62
Occupations - level 2 (Lower skilled) (July 2005 - June 2006)	Percentile	86.17	90.37
%	Value	41.40	42.31
Occupations - level 3 (Skilled) (July 2005 - June 2006)	Percentile	19.21	1.72
%	Value	22.58	18.27
Occupations - level 4 (Manager) (July 2005 - June 2006)	Percentile	40.39	65.76
%	Value	24.73	29.81
Self employment rate (res) (July 2005 - June 2006)	Percentile	71.18	74.38
%	Value	11.40	11.70

Castle Point has large levels of self-employment and a high proportion of low or unskilled jobs. People also tend to commute out of the area for work.

Priority: Regeneration & Homes – TRH2

Ambitions: Regeneration and local economy, learning for all

Objectives 2007/08: RH1, RH3



— Castle Point — East Lindsey

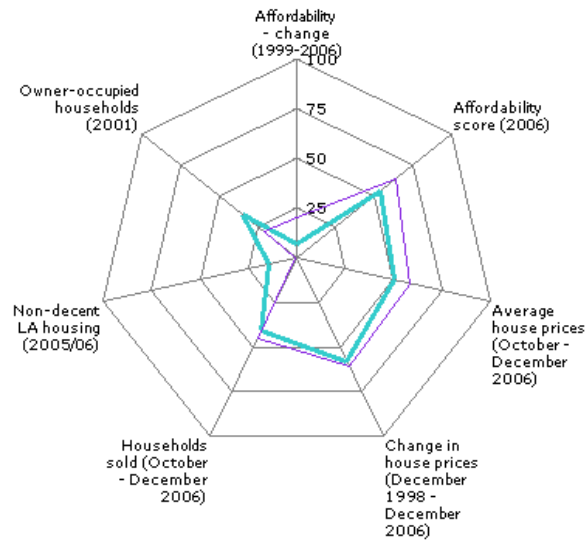
		Castle Point	East Lindsey
GCSE's A*-C (2005/06)	Percentile	41.93	37.39
%	Value	55.90	55.30
NVQ 2 (wkpl) (2003/2004)	Percentile	14.99	32.19
%	Value	19.29	20.94
NVQ 2 below (wkpl) (2003/2004)	Percentile	99.26	95.82
%	Value	45.18	41.39
NVQ 3 (wkpl) (2003/2004)	Percentile	37.84	46.68
%	Value	19.17	19.78
NVQ 4+ (wkpl) (2003/2004)	Percentile	6.88	8.60
%	Value	16.36	17.89
Skills and quals score (res) (Jan-Dec 2005)	Percentile	3.45	10.10
GB=100	Value	87.43	91.23
Training in last 13 weeks (wkpl) (2003/2004)	Percentile	1.02	17.81
%	Value	15.28	25.51

There is generally a lowly skilled workforce, low levels of training occurring regularly and education attainment is low. Castle Point is working towards improving the life chances of **all** its residents.

Priority: Regeneration & Homes – TRH2

Ambitions: Regeneration and local economy, learning for all

Objectives 2007/08: RH1, RH3, IC10



— Castle Point — Ribble Valley

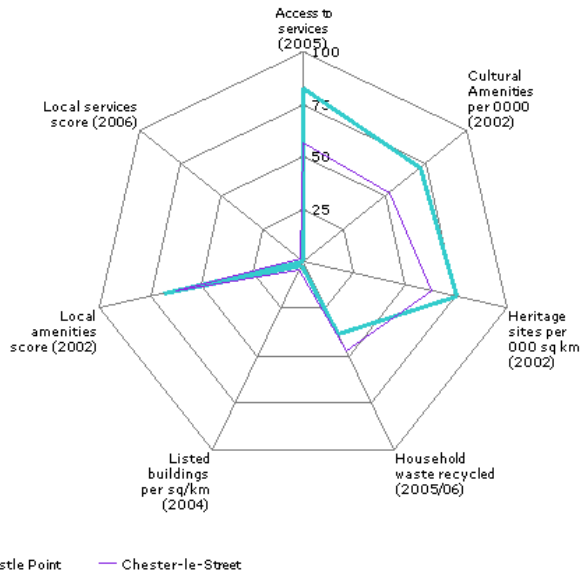
ffordability - change (1999-2006)	Percentile	7.24	20.91
%	Value	32.74	53.91
Affordability score (2006)	Percentile	54.28	64.71
GB=100	Value	101.52	107.77
Average house prices (October - December 2006)	Percentile	51.07	59.36
£	Value	200,273.00	213,114.00
Change in house prices (December 1998 - December 2006)	Percentile	58.33	61.29
%	Value	155.19	157.37
Households sold (October - December 2006)	Percentile	40.91	45.45
%	Value	1.36	1.39
Non-decent LA housing (2005/06)	Percentile	14.81	1.39
%	Value	13.00	2.00
Owner-occupied households (2001)	Percentile	35.38	21.87
%	Value	69.99	65.72

Castle Point boasts one of the highest owner occupier rates in the country and generally a mediocre affordability score. The Council strives to continue to increase the level of affordable housing.

Priority: Regeneration & Homes – TRH2, TRH3

Ambitions: Regeneration and local economy, learning for all

Objectives 2007/08: RH5, RH6, IC10



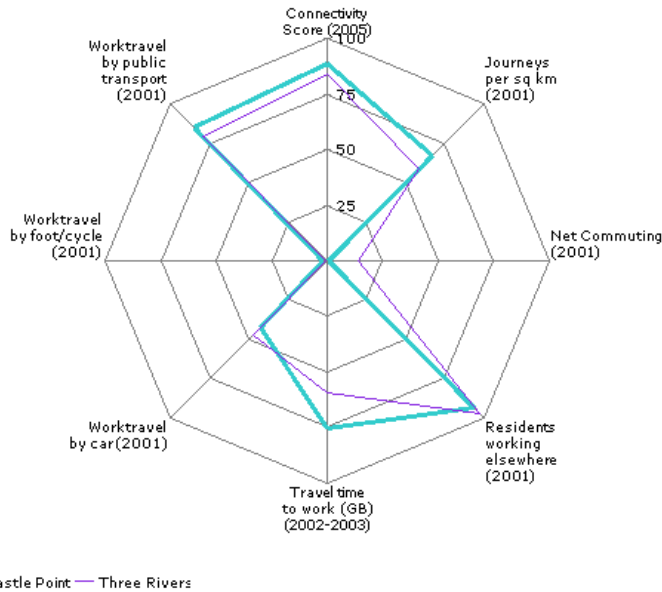
		Castle Point	Chester-le-Street
Access to services (2005)	Percentile	82.72	57.22
GB=100	Value	110.22	100.64
Cultural Amenities per 0000 (2002)	Percentile	72.48	53.07
Number	Value	87.66	36.75
Heritage sites per 000 sq km (2002)	Percentile	75.92	62.90
Number	Value	22.22	16.54
Household waste recycled (2005/06)	Percentile	39.20	47.73
%	Value	15.62	16.87
Listed buildings per sq/km (2004)	Percentile	2.55	5.10
sq km	Value	1.73	2.09
Local amenities score (2002)	Percentile	68.97	62.32
GB=100	Value	61.92	56.75
Local services score (2006)	Percentile	0.57	2.28
GB=100	Value	60.74	66.03

Residents generally have good access to services throughout the borough. However, household waste recycled is comparably low.

Priority: Environment & Civic Pride – TE1, TE2

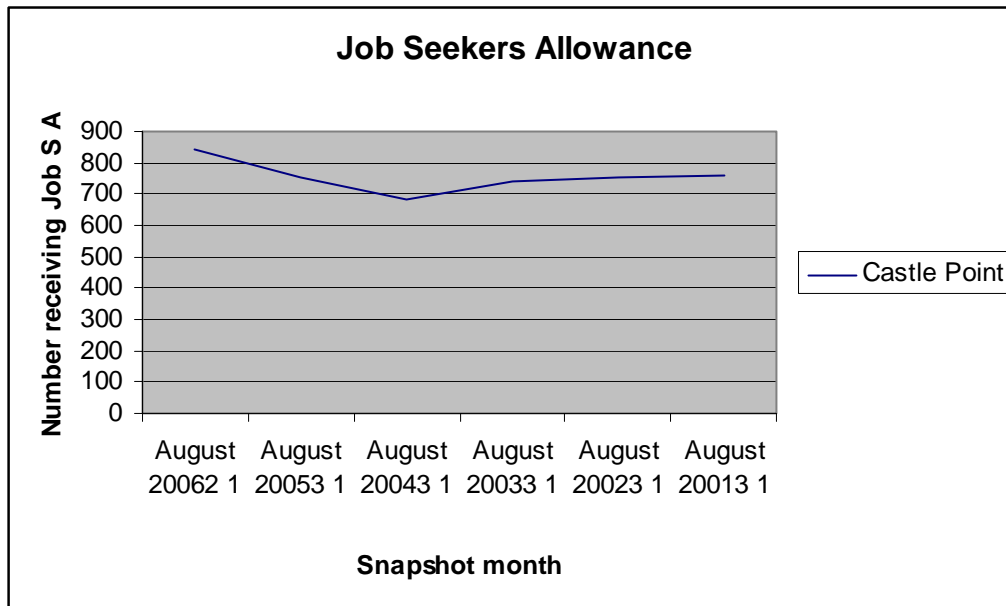
Ambitions: Making our environment greener & cleaner, Getting around

Objectives 2007/08: E1, E3, E5



		Castle Point	Three Rivers
Connectivity Score (2005)	Percentile	88.94	84.28
GB=100	Value	216.52	163.10
Journeys per sq km (2001)	Percentile	67.20	58.93
number	Value	480.73	344.73
Net Commuting (2001)	Percentile	0.74	14.00
GB=100	Value	47.12	70.61
Residents working elsewhere (2001)	Percentile	93.33	97.33
%	Value	62.34	66.28
Travel time to work (GB) (2002-2003)	Percentile	75.86	59.85
Minutes	Value	23.00	21.00
Worktravel by car (2001)	Percentile	42.01	47.67
%	Value	64.39	65.47
Worktravel by foot/cycle (2001)	Percentile	2.21	1.23
%	Value	7.17	6.84
Worktravel by public transport (2001)	Percentile	84.77	79.61
%	Value	18.75	15.44

Castle Point has very high levels of out commuting (trains to London) as the level of jobs people are skilled for cannot be found easily in the borough. Jobs and skill sets need to be improved to support this.
Priority: Regeneration & Homes – TRH2, TRH5
Ambitions: Regenerating our local economy & places, learning for all
Objectives 2007/08: RH3, IC10, IC1

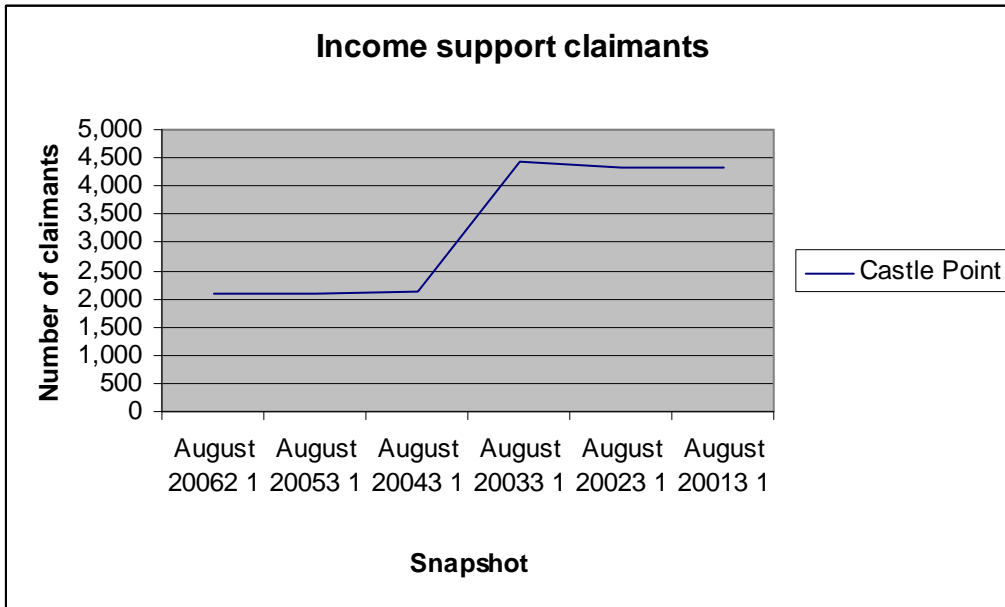


	Castle Point	East of England	England
August 2006 ² ₁	840	66,210	798,470
August 2005 ³ ₁	750	59,150	727,790
August 2004 ³ ₁	680	53,790	668,070
August 2003 ³ ₁	740	57,100	737,830
August 2002 ³ ₁	750	58,210	766,940
August 2001 ³ ₁	760	55,740	777,670

A steady rise in the amount of people claiming job seekers allowance over the last 2 years. The rise has been consistent with both the East of England Council and all England average.

Priority: Regeneration & Homes – TRH2
Ambitions: Developing stronger communities
Objectives 2007/08: RH6

Income support claimants



	Castle Point	East of England	England
August 2006 ^{2 1}	2,080	143,530	1,789,930
August 2005 ^{3 1}	2,100	142,860	1,795,930
August 2004 ^{3 1}	2,120	146,230	1,836,860
August 2003 ^{3 1}	4,420	284,130	3,371,310
August 2002 ^{3 1}	4,330	278,620	3,335,320
August 2001 ^{3 1}	4,320	278,980	3,336,790

Castle Point needs to continue its work to help single parent families. Since 2001, the amount of people claiming income support related benefits has halved.

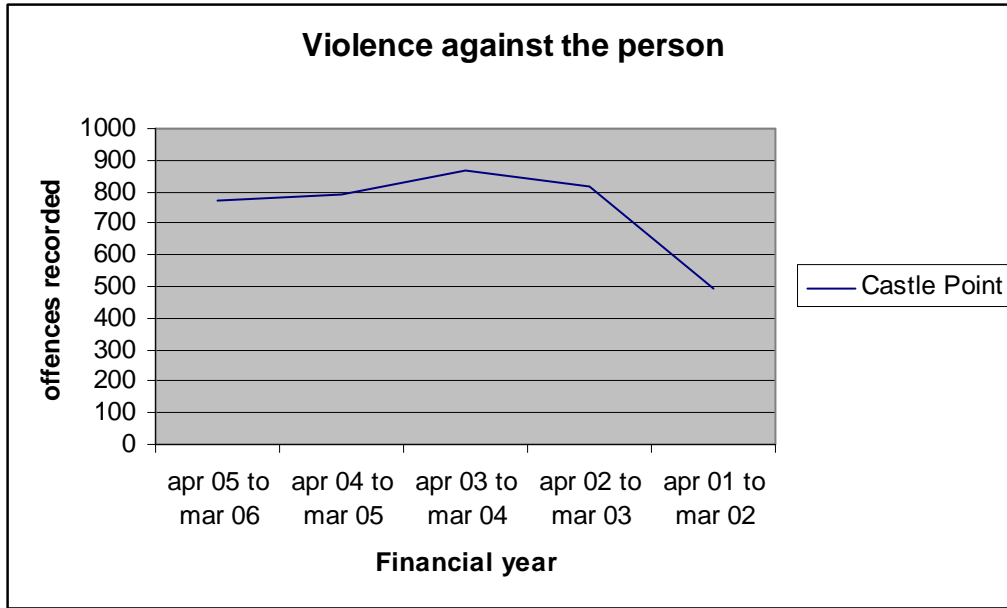
Priority: Regeneration & Homes – TRH2

Ambitions: Developing stronger communities, learning for all

Objectives 2007/08: RH6

Notifiable offences recorded by the police

Violence against the person



	Castle Point	East of England	England
apr 05 to mar 06	773	82,571	992,094
apr 04 to mar 05	792	88,969	981,211
apr 03 to mar 04	867	81,951	902,738
apr 02 to mar 03	815	68,985	781,545
apr 01 to mar 02	495	42,733	613,185

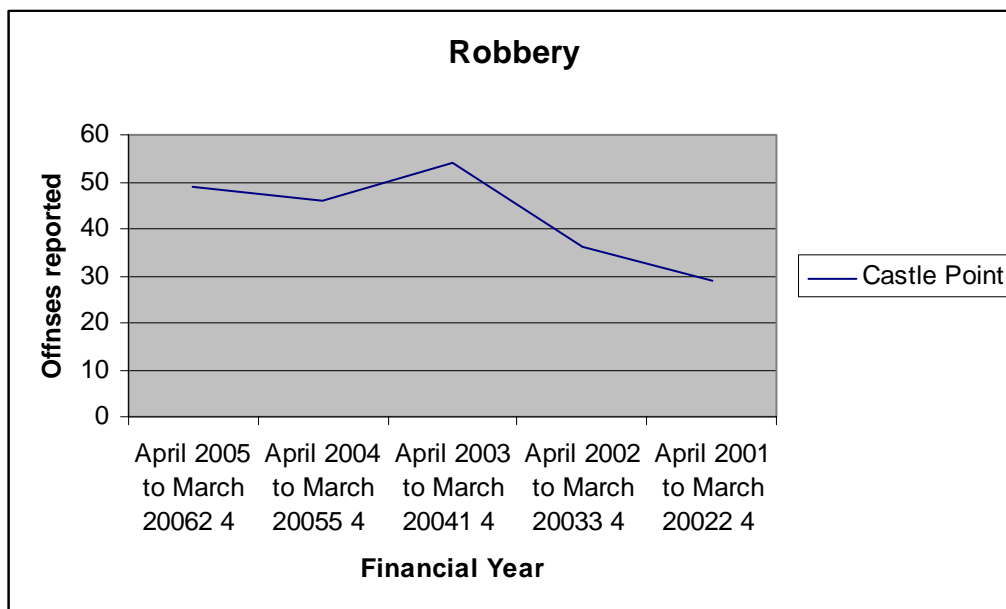
There has been a slight increase in the amount of violent crime reported against the person. This is also reflected in survey results carried out about people's perception of crime and a link with targets to reduce.

Priority: Community safety – TCS1

Ambitions: Feeling safer

Objectives 2007/08: CS1, CS2, CS4

Robbery

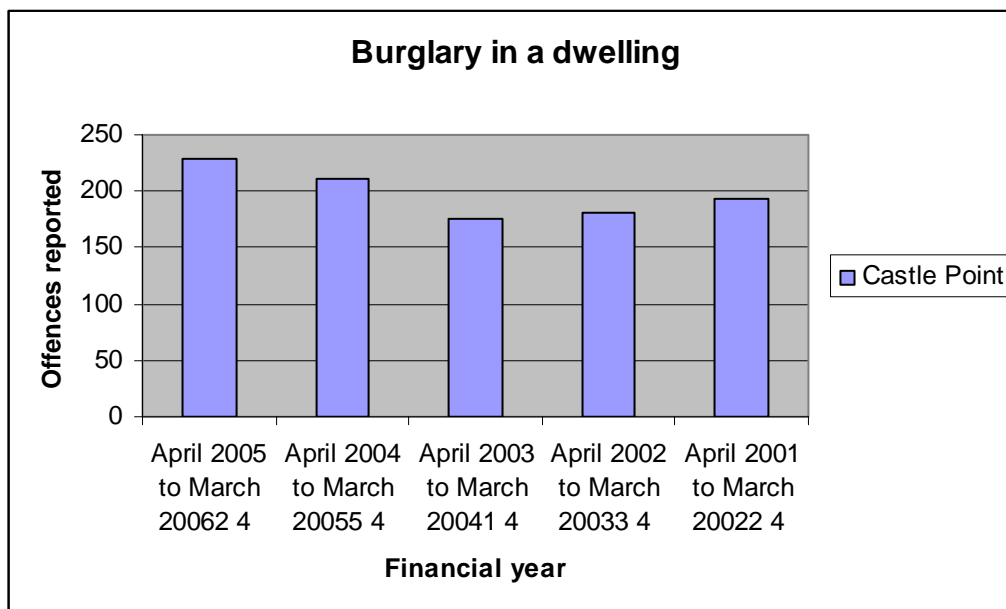


	Castle Point	East of England	England
April 2005 to March 2006 ^{2 4}	49	4,808	94,897
April 2004 to March 2005 ^{5 4}	46	4,547	87,619
April 2003 to March 2004 ^{1 4}	54	4,976	99,915
April 2002 to March 2003 ^{3 4}	36	4,921	106,650
April 2001 to March 2002 ^{2 4}	29	3,924	120,315

There has been a slight increase in the amount of violent crime reported. This is also reflected in survey results carried out about people's perception of crime and a link with targets to reduce this over the next 5 years

Priority: Community safety – TCS1
Ambitions: Feeling safer
Objectives 2007/08: CS1, CS2, CS4

Burglary in a dwelling

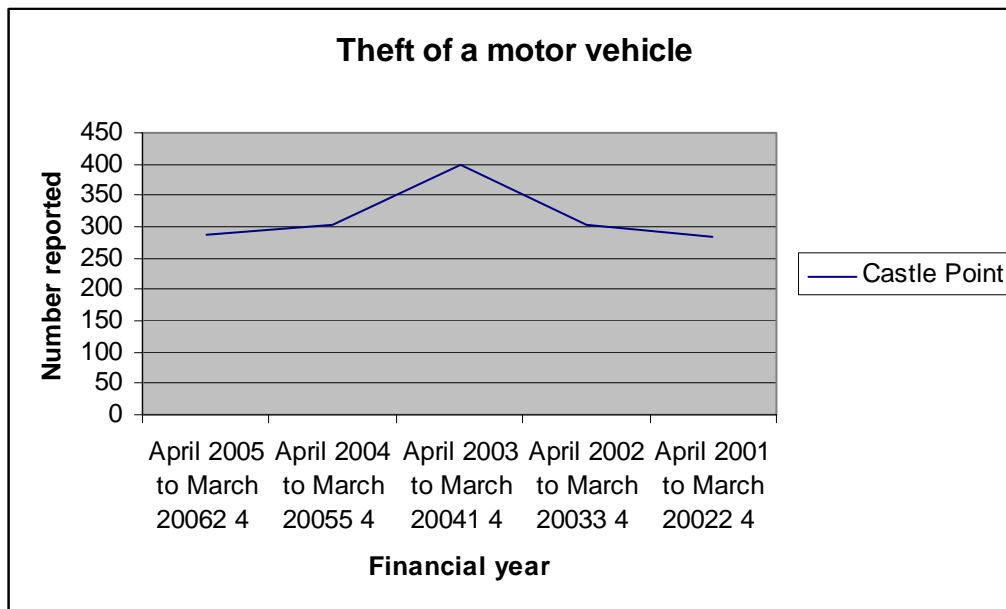


	Castle Point	East of England	England
April 2005 to March 2006 ^{2 4}	228	21,358	290,542
April 2004 to March 2005 ^{5 4}	211	22,043	309,761
April 2003 to March 2004 ^{1 4}	175	27,329	338,431
April 2002 to March 2003 ^{3 4}	180	27,777	422,680
April 2001 to March 2002 ^{2 4}	193	25,007	417,756

There has been a slight increase in the amount of burglaries reported. This is also reflected in survey results carried out about people's perception of crime and a link with targets to reduce this over the next 5 years

Priority: Community safety – TCS1
Ambitions: Feeling safer
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Theft of a motor vehicle

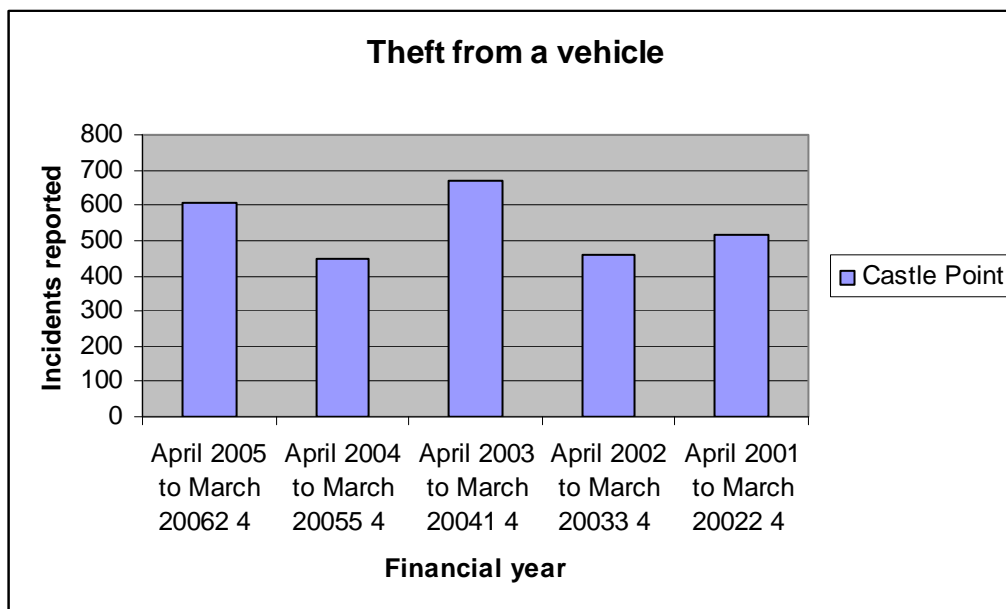


	Castle Point	East of England	England
April 2005 to March 2006 ^{2 4}	288	16,905	201,920
April 2004 to March 2005 ^{5 4}	304	18,045	228,819
April 2003 to March 2004 ^{1 4}	400	21,379	274,524
April 2002 to March 2003 ^{3 4}	302	22,594	299,306
April 2001 to March 2002 ^{2 4}	284	21,710	311,033

There has been a slight decrease in the amount of car thefts reported. It is comparable with the East of England generally and all England averages.

Priority: Community safety – TCS1
Ambitions: Feeling safer
Objectives 2007/08: CS1, CS2, CS4

Theft from a vehicle

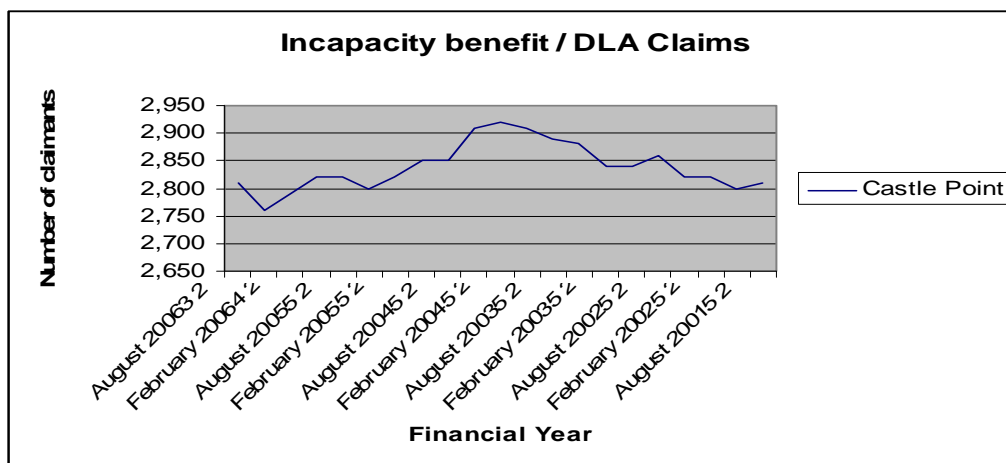


	Castle Point	East of England	England
April 2005 to March 2006 ^{2 4}	607	43,570	476,704
April 2004 to March 2005 ^{5 4}	448	43,153	470,454
April 2003 to March 2004 ^{1 4}	672	50,921	568,704
April 2002 to March 2003 ^{3 4}	457	57,378	627,360
April 2001 to March 2002 ^{2 4}	519	55,596	629,015

There has been a slight increase in the amount of car related crime reported. It is comparable with the East of England generally and all England averages.

Priority: Community safety – TCS1
Ambitions: Feeling safer
Objectives 2007/08: CS1, CS2, CS4

Health

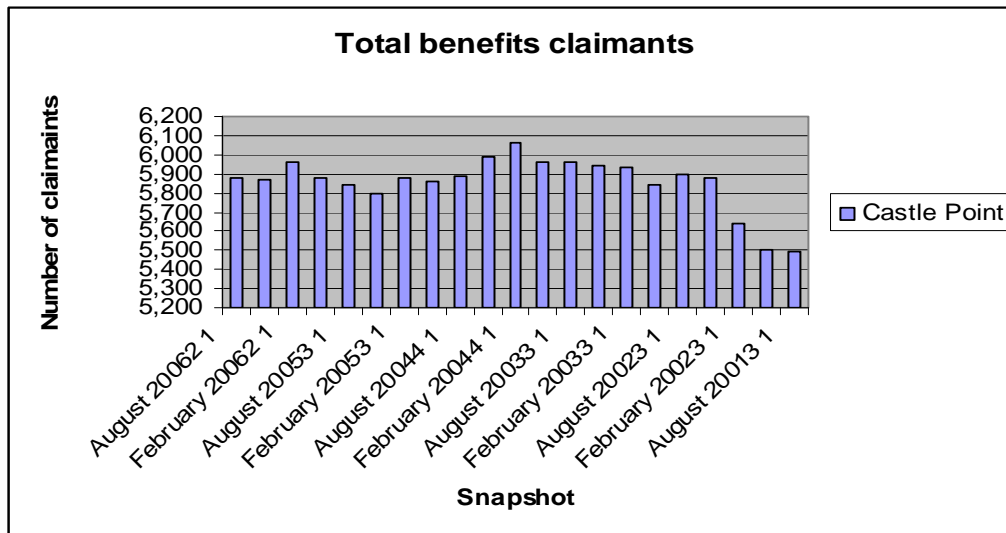


	Castle Point	East of England	England
August 2006 ^{3 2}	2,810	178,890	2,194,660
May 2006 ^{1 2}	2,760	178,400	2,197,720
February 2006 ^{4 2}	2,790	178,790	2,209,710
November 2005 ^{5 2}	2,820	179,300	2,211,600
August 2005 ^{5 2}	2,820	180,250	2,223,210
May 2005 ^{5 2}	2,800	180,300	2,235,070
February 2005 ^{5 2}	2,820	180,690	2,246,460
November 2004 ^{5 2}	2,850	181,060	2,257,580
August 2004 ^{5 2}	2,850	180,870	2,258,170
May 2004 ^{5 2}	2,910	179,660	2,254,100
February 2004 ^{5 2}	2,920	179,050	2,256,210
November 2003 ^{5 2}	2,910	178,230	2,256,890
August 2003 ^{5 2}	2,890	177,110	2,252,730
May 2003 ^{5 2}	2,880	175,780	2,248,170
February 2003 ^{5 2}	2,840	175,110	2,247,980
November 2002 ^{5 2}	2,840	174,590	2,246,080
August 2002 ^{5 2}	2,860	173,850	2,238,710
May 2002 ^{5 2}	2,820	173,380	2,234,800
February 2002 ^{5 2}	2,820	171,690	2,217,260
November 2001 ^{5 2}	2,800	171,170	2,216,880
August 2001 ^{5 2}	2,810	172,040	2,229,820

This measure remains fairly consistent. The indicator also represents an increase in the amount of claimants due to more accurate advice about what people are entitled to claim for.

Priority: Improving the Council – IC5
Ambitions: Becoming healthier, Developing stronger communities
Objectives 2007/08: TIC4

Total benefits claimants



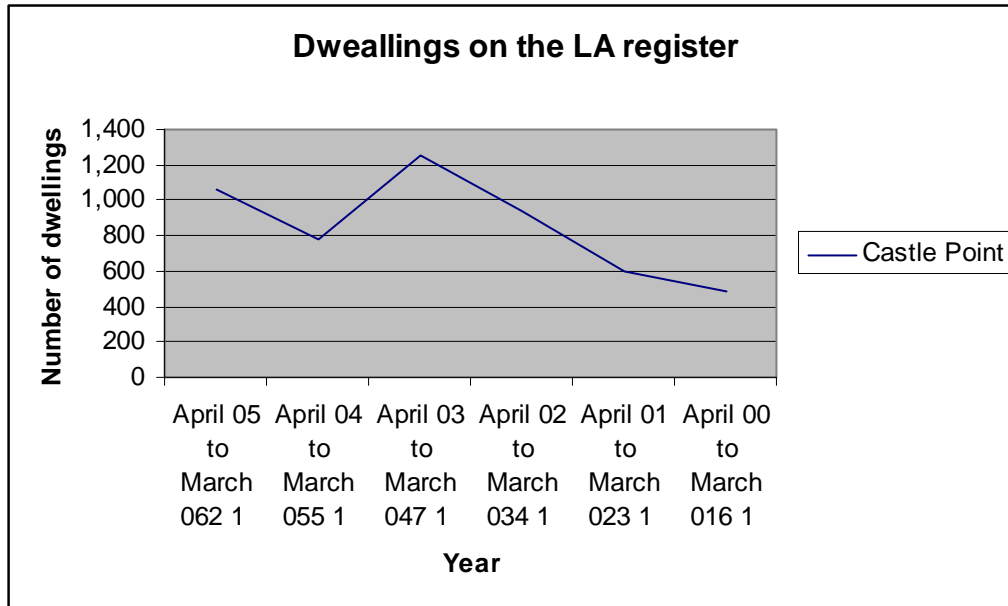
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August 2006 ^{2 1}	5,880	378,930	4,444,500
May 2006 ^{2 1}	5,870	376,760	4,435,160
February 2006 ^{2 1}	5,960	380,950	4,477,400
November 2005 ^{3 1}	5,880	372,080	4,393,920
August 2005 ^{3 1}	5,840	372,140	4,399,990
May 2005 ^{3 1}	5,800	370,220	4,380,930
February 2005 ^{3 1}	5,880	373,590	4,402,830
November 2004 ^{4 1}	5,860	367,120	4,353,190
August 2004 ^{4 1}	5,890	368,990	4,394,020
May 2004 ^{4 1}	5,990	367,910	4,394,800
February 2004 ^{4 1}	6,060	373,920	4,471,250
November 2003 ^{3 1}	5,960	366,630	4,419,750
August 2003 ^{3 1}	5,960	368,660	4,473,780
May 2003 ^{3 1}	5,940	369,840	4,496,720
February 2003 ^{3 1}	5,930	372,390	4,535,070
November 2002 ^{2 1}	5,840	363,640	4,463,490
August 2002 ^{2 1}	5,900	365,630	4,506,790
May 2002 ^{2 1}	5,880	362,560	4,482,070
February 2002 ^{3 1}	5,640	344,020	4,315,200
November 2001 ^{3 1}	5,500	337,690	4,260,950
August 2001 ^{3 1}	5,490	340,640	4,314,780

Social rented Housing – Demand & Supply

This indicator has increased significantly since 2001. Better information, easier access to benefits advice and more help available all help to increase these figures.

Priority: Improving the Council – IC10
Ambitions: Stronger communities, learning for all, meeting housing needs
Objectives 2007/08: TIC4

LA stock



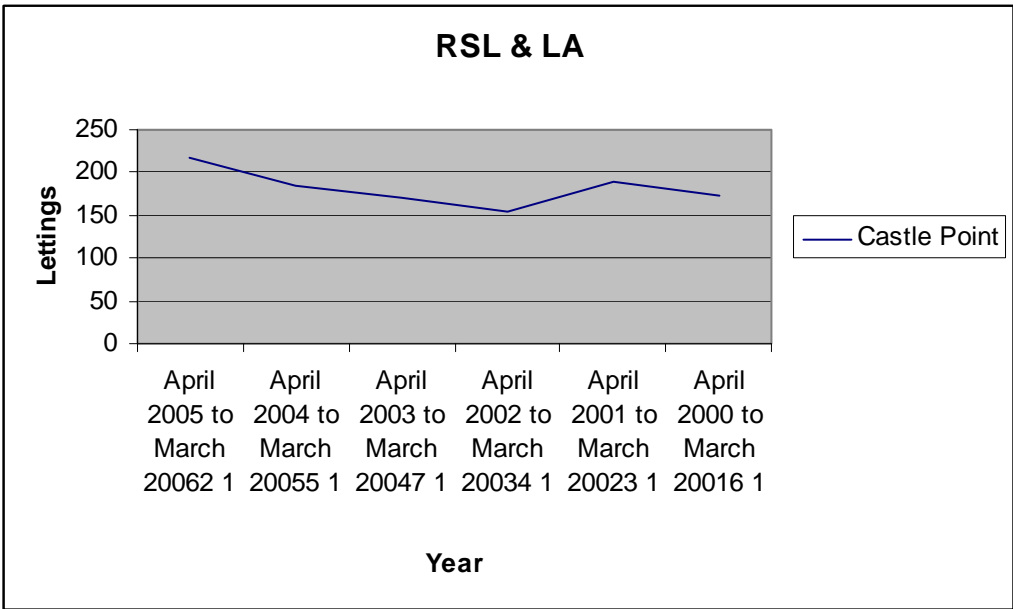
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April 2005 to March 2006 ^{2 1}	1,064	135,444	1,634,301
April 2004 to March 2005 ^{5 1}	782	124,344	1,539,335
April 2003 to March 2004 ^{7 1}	1,255	134,305	1,434,031
April 2002 to March 2003 ^{4 1}	937	110,968	1,263,550
April 2001 to March 2002 ^{3 1}	604	99,492	1,093,342
April 2000 to March 2001 ^{6 1}	481	94,846	1,038,117

Castle Point has a very high owner occupier residency.

Priority: Improving the Council – TRH4

Ambitions: Meeting housing needs

Objectives 2007/08: RH5



	Castle Point	East of England	England
April 2005 to March 2006 ^{2 1}	217	32,752	322,202
April 2004 to March 2005 ^{5 1}	184	31,201	342,936
April 2003 to March 2004 ^{7 1}	171	33,197	370,426
April 2002 to March 2003 ^{4 1}	154	35,462	412,931
April 2001 to March 2002 ^{3 1}	190	38,255	436,169
April 2000 to March 2001 ^{6 1}	172	40,002	461,502

