

Report of: North East Locality Safety Partnership

Report to: Inner East Community Committee - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Killingbeck & Seacroft and Gipton & Harehills

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North East Divisional Locality Safety Partnership Annual Report

Purpose of report

1. This report provides the Inner East Community Committee with an overview of the performance of the North East Locality Safety Partnership. The report focuses on the period 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014.
2. Update the Inner East Community Committee on the development of neighbourhood management tasking arrangements and West Yorkshire Police Programme of change.
3. Report on the performance of the North East Locality Safety Partnership including crime statistics, public confidence and user satisfaction.

Main issues

Performance Framework

4. The Locality Community Safety Partnership will continue to develop activity and manage performance against the strategic outcomes of the city as defined by The Safer and Stronger Communities Board Partnership plan 2011-2015, which will focus on delivering the following strategic priorities:
 - Reducing crime levels and its impact across Leeds
 - Effectively Tackle and Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour in our Communities

Safer Leeds have agreed the following six priorities during 2014/15:

- Domestic Violence and Abuse
- Anti-social & Nuisance Behaviour
- Child Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking
- Burglary Dwelling and Acquisitive Crime
- Offender Management

- New & Expanding drug markets

West Yorkshire Police Programme of Change and New Agreed Tasking arrangements

5. A number of partners (60+) came together on 25th March 2014 to discuss the Police programme of change (from three police divisions to one), closer partnership working, including co-location, and tasking arrangements. The East North East area workshop was organised by Safer Leeds and West Yorkshire Police and brought together a number of partners including: Elected Members, Housing Leeds, Youth Offending Service, Leeds ASB Team, West Yorkshire Fire, Environment Locality Team and the Area Support Team amongst others.
6. There are now three partnership working areas in the ENE area of Leeds and eight neighbourhood management tasking meetings in total.
7. We currently have four tasking meetings in the Inner East area and have now amended our tasking schedule from six weekly to three weekly to be more responsive to local issues. The tasking meetings are jointly co-chaired by West Yorkshire Police Sergeants and a co-chair from partner agencies. The main focus of tasking teams is working with local communities and problem solving issues of concern by bringing together partner agencies to reduce crime and disorder in local communities and avoid duplication.

Inner East Tasking Teams

- Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
- Gipton
- Harehills
- Killingbeck & Seacroft

Performance Highlights

Overall Crime

8. Total recorded Crime across Inner East has decreased by 1% with 8754 offences recorded compared with 8806 in the previous year (12/13), which equates to 52 less victims of crime.

Ward Breakdown

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward

9. Across the Inner East area, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Ward had the largest reduction in terms of overall crime

9% reduction in total crime in Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Ward (271 less offences)

20% reduction in criminal damage (98 less offences)

27% Reduction in drug offences (48 less offences)

3% Reduction in robbery offences (2 less offences)

18% Reduction in theft from vehicles (72 less offences)

22% Reduction in theft of motor vehicle (19 less offences)

7% Increase in violent crime (32 more offences)

Gipton & Harehills Ward

10. During 13/14 the Gipton & Harehills Ward had an increase of 4% in total crime compared with the year before (2012/13), which equates to 132 more crimes.

8% Reduction in criminal damage (42 less offences)
24% Reduction in drug offences (58 less offences)
18% increase in Robbery offences (13 more offences)
9% Reduction in theft of vehicle (5 less offences)
16% Increase in violent crime (88 more offences)

Killingbeck & Seacroft Ward

11. During 13/14 the Killingbeck and Seacroft Ward had an increase of 3% in total crime compared with the year before (2012/13), which equates to 87 more crimes.

14% Reduction in criminal damage (77 less offences)
26% Reduction in robbery (26 less offences)
13% Reduction in theft from motor vehicle (15 less offences)
7% Reduction in theft of motor vehicle (6 less offences)
6 % increase in violent crime (24 more offences)

Burglary

12. Burglary dwelling remains a key priority in relation to allocation of resources both staffing and financial. Tackling burglary dwelling remains the key priority within the across the whole of Leeds, and all three Inner East Wards are areas of strategic concern. We are working closely with Safer Leeds Strategic Burglary Group and partner agencies to maximise opportunities for closer working, sharing good practice and we continue to deliver initiatives at a local neighbourhood level.

13. In the 12 months to the end of March 2014 there were 4,499 recorded offences across the whole of Leeds, down 15.2% when compared with the previous year, equating to 806 fewer offences.

14. Leeds improved on last years out-turn and achieved its lowest figure ever recorded.

Ward Breakdown

15. Offences for burglary dwelling across the Inner East area has seen an overall reduction of 12%, a total of 671 offences recorded compared to 761 in the previous year.

16. A significant 43% reduction in burglary offences in the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Ward, resulting in 121 less victims of burglary.

17. Burglary dwellings in Gipton and Harehills have remained the same with a total of 265 offences across the ward.

18. Killingbeck & Seacroft ward has seen a 15% increase in burglary dwelling, 32 more offences than the previous year.

Anti-Social Behaviour

19. A significant 37% reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) calls to west Yorkshire Police in the overall Inner East area, which equates to 1530 less victims of ASB compared to the previous year.

Ward Breakdown

42% reduction in ASB in Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Ward

38% reduction in ASB in Gipton & Harehills Ward

32% reduction in ASB in Killingbeck & Seacroft Ward

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team Performance

20. The two tables below outline the number of enquiries received and new cases opened across all three wards in the Inner East area.

LASBT Enquiries Received 2013/14	
Ward	Grand Total
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	331
Killingbeck & Seacroft	266
Gipton & Harehills	324

LASBT New Cases Opened 2013/14	
Ward	Grand Total
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	111
Killingbeck & Seacroft	140
Gipton & Harehills	103

21. During 2013/14, residents that used the service were asked how satisfied they were with the service they received. The results show the percentage of those that were satisfied or very satisfied:

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Ward- 95.7%

Gipton & Harehills Ward - 100%

Killingbeck & Seacroft Ward - 94.7%

Corporate Consideration

Consultation and Engagement

22. The North East Divisional Safety partnership works in partnership with the voluntary and community sector and when necessary carries out statutory consultation as appropriate.

Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

23. Consideration is given to the equality impact of delivering the Safer Leeds strategy across North East Locality Safety Partnership. Where a negative equality impact is identified action will be taken to mitigate the impact or risk.

Council Policies and City Priorities

24. The North East Locality Safety Partnership delivers directly against The Safer and Stronger Communities Board Partnership plan 2011-2015.

Resource and Value for Money

25. The work undertaken by the North East Locality Safety Partnership is underpinned by maximisation of resources through effective partnership work.

Conclusion

26. Overall a successful year for North East with increased performance and perceptions in dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour. The Locality Safety Partnership will continue to prioritise burglary dwelling during 2014/15 to ensure reductions are sustained and further improvements are made.

27. In terms of current position, total crime across Inner East area at week 22 has 532 less recorded crimes compared with the previous year. Burglary dwelling across the Inner East is also improving with 140 fewer offences at the same time last year.

Recommendations

28. Members are asked to continue supporting the Locality Community Safety Partnership in relation to prioritising and tackling burglary dwelling during 2014/15 through partnership work at neighbourhood level.