



Report of the West Leeds Area Manager

Inner West Leeds Area Committee

Date: 18th September 2008

Subject: Community Safety Issues, Inner West Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected:
Armley
Bramley and Stanningley

Ward Members consulted

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

This report introduces a West Yorkshire Police representative and the Community Safety Co-ordinator to give an update on Community Safety Issues in Inner West Leeds. Members are asked to note the update.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.0 This report enables a West Yorkshire Police representative and Gill Hunter to give an update on Community Safety Issues in West Leeds over the past 10 weeks. The update will include information on Operation Abbreviate, Operation Champion which took place in New Wortley in the Armley ward from 21st 26th July 2008, local initiatives and action days, and what the NPT priorities are over the next few months for Inner West. The police will also provide information following a request to consider a Designated Public Places Order for the Bramley ward.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership is responsible for delivering actions to reduce crime and disorder in the West Wedge. It is made up of representatives from key statutory agencies who also have representation on Inner and Outer West Tasking teams.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 Community Safety is one of the priority areas for the Area Committee. Regular reports are received from West Yorkshire Police on key issues and activity in the Inner West Area.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

- 4.1 Tackling crime and disorder and addressing the fear of crime is a top priority for the citizens of Leeds as evidenced by previous consultation undertaken on a citywide and local level.
- 4.2 The citywide community safety partnership, Safer Leeds, has identified a number of key priority themes for 2008 – 20011. These are:
- Creating safer environments by tackling crime;
 - Improving lives by reducing the harm caused by substance misuse;
 - Supporting victims and reducing the risk of victimisation;
 - Reducing offending and managing offending behaviour;
 - Improving community confidence and public satisfaction

Locally delivered actions will contribute to these priorities. In addition Operation Champion has been rolled out throughout the city and will be targeting hot spot areas by police division.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

- 5.1 The West Area Management Team includes an officer with specific responsibilities for Community Safety who co-ordinates activity and acts as the link officer with West Yorkshire Police.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 Crime and Community Safety is a priority for the Area Committee, and a representative from West Yorkshire Police, North West Division, attends the Inner West Area Committee meetings to provide a regular update on key issues.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 Members are asked to note the update from West Yorkshire Police.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None