

Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Outer West Area Committee

Date: 11th September 2009

Subject: Community Safety Issues, Outer West Leeds

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Calverley & Farsley Farnley & Wortley Pudsey</p> <p>Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p> <input type="checkbox"/>		<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
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Executive Summary

This report provides the opportunity for Inspector Richard Cawkwell to provide the Outer West Area Committee with information on crime trends, partnership initiatives and future joint projects between Leeds City Council and West Yorkshire Police in Outer West.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

This report introduces Inspector Richard Cawkwell from West Yorkshire Police who will give an update on Crime and Community Safety Issues in Outer West Leeds since the previous Area Committee on 10th July 2009 .

- 1.1 Inspector Cawkwell and Gill Hunter will provide an update on the proposed Designated Public Places Order for the Farsley area, the proposed area within New Farnley for Operation Champion which is scheduled for 24th -25th September 2009. There has been a continued drive to address the priority crime issues of dwelling house burglary and vehicle crime. This has taken the form of pro active policing in all the ward areas but in particular in Pudsey which has seen the largest rise in offences in the summer of 2009. Tackling anti social behaviour continues to be a priority with the Nutting Groves estate at Farnley and the Farfield estate at Farsley being subject of positive Policing. Community intelligence has also resulted in the execution of drugs warrants across the West Outer.

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.

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 by Safer Leeds and West Yorkshire Police 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 – 2011 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;

4.3 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

No background papers were used in writing this report.