



Summary of the meeting held on 18th September 2009
Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre

1. "Being Safe" and links to Children Leeds South

Shaid Mahmood, Locality Enabler for south Leeds gave an update to the meeting about planned changes within Children's Services. The intention is to create better links between the agencies involved in Tasking meetings and preventative/support services for young people. This will mean that a wider range of services will be involved in tackling young people involved in causing crime and anti-social behaviour. It will also mean that support/preventative services can become involved at an earlier stage and hopefully reduce asb in our communities.

A new role of "Integrated Service Leader" is being created. It is hoped that two of these roles will be active in south Leeds by the end of the year.

2. Drugs and alcohol

There is a range of work being done to tackle drugs issues within south Leeds. The police are the lead agency for enforcement and a large amount of their activity is to investigate and make arrests where suspected drug dealing is taking place. The multi agency Tasking meetings also have a role in drugs and alcohol activity. There are clear links between drug taking/under age drinking and reports of anti-social behaviour. So day to day work to tackle nuisance behaviour also helps towards tackling drugs and alcohol problems. Examples include carrying out test purchases in areas where underage drinking is a problem or ensuring youth workers are aware of asb hotspots involving young people. It was agreed that setting up a separate drugs/alcohol group would not be helpful as it would duplicate discussions that are already taking place. Instead, it was suggested that there could be better communication links between the police and other agencies such as the Anti Social Behaviour Unit and Aire Valley Homes. This would help ASBU/AVH to take action against tenants who are involved in possession or supply of drugs.

3. Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 created a new power of civil recovery to allow the government to recover – by a civil action in the high court – the proceeds of criminal activity. The act expands the law on money laundering to cover any crime rather than just drug-related offences. It applies a single set of guidance on money laundering offences and targets the proceeds of any criminal conduct that would be an offence in Britain.

In City and Holbeck Division, a team has been set up to pro-actively identify individuals to target. Monies recovered via use of POCA, can be returned to Divisions in order to demonstrate the benefits of the process. It will also help to undermine the status of "known criminals" as negative role models within the community. As yet, the process

for returning money to the Division has not been agreed. Further updates will be made to the DCSP as the process is developed.

4. Operation Flame

Operation Flame is a multi agency project to address the seasonal increase in secondary fires, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage at this time of year. A guidance document is being produced for circulation to agencies so they know what activity is planned. Broadly it includes pro-active police patrols, diversionary activity for young people during half term, events to take place on Mischief Night, encouraging reporting of potential bonfires and visits to shops to remind them of fireworks legislation. The document can be circulated to members of the Area Committees on request.

5. Updates from Tasking meetings and Thematic Sub Groups

Updates were received from the above groups with no major issues to report.

6. Date of next meeting – Friday 4th December 09.