

Summary of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Servie 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.

## **South Leeds Community Safety Partnership – Core Group**

Summary of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre

### **1. Action Plan Review**

The DCSP discussed the current action plan to review how well it's guiding activity that's being delivered on the ground. Some areas for improvement were identified. It was agreed that the highlight reports from the Thematic Group Chairs and Tasking Chairs need to continue to include an overview of activity. They also need to point out where action is required of the DCSP to deal with blockages. Improvements also need to be made to allow the burglary group to improve the way it operates. The DCSP asked for information to be presented at it's next meeting about the range of work that's being done to tackle burglary. Safer Leeds Executive will be considering how to make better links with DCSPs at it's meeting in February. The DCSP meeting planner was agreed – this will make effective use of the meetings to plan for likely seasonal peaks in crime.

### **2. Media and Communication Plan – calendar of campaigns**

The DCSP considered an outline calendar of campaigns. The aim is to communicate with the public on a range of crime issues and to increase awareness of actions carried out by the police and council to tackle these issues. It was agreed that further work is needed to link the calendar with those of West Yorkshire Police and West Yorkshire Criminal Justice Board. This will be presented at the next meeting.

### **3. Operation Champion**

The DCSP agreed to support a number of changes to the way in which Champion is co-ordinated. These changes are subject to approval by the Inner and Outer South Area Committees. The following changes were agreed:

- Reduce frequency of operations to 7 per year
- Aire Valley Homes to take the lead in organising the Environmental Visual Audits
- NPTs to take the lead in briefing and debriefing each operation and linking in with PACT meetings (to be agreed with Julie Sykes outside the meeting).
- Planning and follow up to be done as part of Tasking meetings.

### **4. Any other business**

None.

### **Date of next meeting:**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> December 09.**