



Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods Directorate

Inner South Area Committee

Date: Wednesday 22nd September 2010

Subject: South Leeds Divisional Community Safety Partnership (DCSP) Update Report

Electoral Wards Affected:

Beeston and Holbeck
City and Hunslet
Middleton Park

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

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 outlines the community safety issues in Inner South and the actions that are being taken to address them.

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update from the Area Community Safety Co-ordinator on crime levels in Inner South Leeds. It includes information about crime in each ward, satisfaction levels with the Police/Leeds City Council and actions taken or ongoing to tackle those issues. It summarises a range of activities that have taken place over the year including CCTV, Dispersal Orders, Operation Champion, Operation Staysafe, Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings, Preventing Violent Extremism, and the Safer Schools Partnership.
- 1.2 The report describes how the DCSP is delivering the Inner South Area Delivery Plan and the priorities for 2010/11. This report also presents a review of Well-being funded activity from 09/10 and outlines the wellbeing commitments and proposals for 10/11.

2.0 CRIME FIGURES AND RELATED ACTIVITY

2.1 Crime statistics and crime reduction activity for wards in Inner South Leeds

2.1.1 This section of the report provides information about crime levels in each ward. Secondly, it provides an overview of the numbers of reported incidents of ASB, actions to address ASB and the numbers of ASBOs and Injunctions that have been issued. Thirdly, it contains information relating to public perceptions about crime/ASB and levels of satisfaction with the council and police in tackling ASB. Finally it provides information about actions taken to address burglary and drugs issues across the three wards.

2.1.2 The spreadsheet at **Appendix 1** shows the crime figures by ward for all wards in South Leeds. Each ward has a separate sheet: Beeston and Holbeck is appendix 1A and Middleton Park is appendix 1D. City and Hunslet has two appendices one for the whole ward – 1B and one showing “City Centre” and “Not City Centre” – 1C. These appendices contains crime figures for 2009/10, 2008/09 and % change. ASB information for 2009/10 is included but as police incident recording systems underwent a major change in April 2009 there is no comparable data for 2008/09.

2.2 Beeston and Holbeck ward (appendix 1A)

Total crime has reduced in the ward by 3% from 3539 offences in 08/09 to 3429 offences in 09/10. The greatest reductions are in the categories of Theft Of Motor Vehicle which shows a reduction of 34% (from 161 to 106 offences) and Theft Other which shows a reduction of 23% (from 709 to 541 offences). Drugs Offences have reduced by 3% from 95 to 92 offences. Burglary Dwelling has increased by 15% from 353 offences in 08/09 to 406 offences in 09/10. There is a multi agency burglary action plan for Beeston and Holbeck ward that covers a range of activity including focussed offender management and proactive crime reduction in target streets. Since July 2009 however, the monthly totals have fallen steadily with one exception in November. This gradual improvement has continued into 2010 with January and February being lower than in 2009 and the numbers of offences in February were below average for the city.

2.3 City and Hunslet ward (appendix 1B and 1C)

Total crime has reduced in the whole ward by 12%. Burglary dwelling has reduced by 40% from 415 offences in 08/09 to 246 offences in 09/10. Of these 213 were “Not City Centre”. Theft of Motor Vehicle has also reduced by 33% from 240 offences in 08/09 to 160 offences in 09/10 of which 125 were “Not City Centre”. Drugs offences have reduced by 26% from 470 to 344 of which 155 were “Not City Centre”. Theft From Motor Vehicle has reduced by 26% from 1106 to 816 of which 450 were “Not City Centre”. Drugs offences have reduced by 26% from 470 to 344 of which 155 are “Not City Centre”. Robbery has increased by 50% from 151 to 228 offences, however only 71 of these were “Not City Centre”. Violence has increased by 10% from 2249 to 2492 offences of which 866 are “Not City Centre”.

2.4 Middleton Park ward

Total crime in the ward has reduced by 14%. This represents a reduction from 3180 offences in 08/09 to 2713 offences in 09/10. Burglary dwelling has reduced by 22% from 283 to 220 offences. Drugs offences have reduced by 56% from 81 offences in 08/09 to 35 offences in 09/10. Other thefts have reduced by 19% from 525 offences

in 08/09 to 422 offences in 09/10. None of the crime types listed has increased during this period.

2.5 Anti- Social Behaviour

The table below shows the numbers of ASB incidents reported in each ward during 2009/10. As police incident recording systems underwent a major change in April 2009 there is no comparable data for 2008/09.

Ward	No of ASB incidents
Beeston and Holbeck	2099
City and Hunslet	5353 (2233 "Not City Centre")
Middleton Park	2388

A range of multi agency activity has taken place to tackle local issues of ASB. Here is a selection of the range of work that has been delivered through the multi agency Tasking meetings in each ward:

2.6 Beeston and Holbeck ward ASB activity

- 2.6.1 Prostitution within Holbeck - Joint work was conducted with ASBU and the police in an effort to target the prostitutes working in the residential areas of Holbeck. Operation Dairy commenced where joint visits were made with ASBU for the serving of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. Some of these contracts have since been breached and 7 ASBOs have been obtained with a further 3 currently being progressed. Of these 7, 4 of the women were living in the Holbeck area at the time of the ASBOs being issued. Several multi-agency evenings of action have been conducted to target this issue. During the evenings of action we have looked at referring the women involved to support agencies in an effort to help them with their addiction.
- 2.6.2 Action to tackle ASB in the Cardinals and Waincliffes has been ongoing throughout the year. It includes Operation Staysafe and the Dispersal Order that are reported on elsewhere in this report. The Environmental Action Team had a successful prosecution in court against a property in the Cardinals in June 2010 and a significant amount of noise nuisance equipment was seized. ASBU obtained an injunction against the perpetrator in July to prevent any future noise. A problem tenant was evicted from his AVH property and was issued with a built-on ASBO and injunction.
- 2.6.3 Anti Social Behaviour work has been carried out in relation to the ASB issues in Far Beeston. Partners have been involved in looking at problem families and looking at different ways of bringing these to task. A reassurance mapping exercise has been completed on the Parkwood Estate. Youths who are being dispersed are being advised to engage with the work which is ongoing from the Cardinal Youth Club.
- 2.6.4 Partnership working between ASBU, Police and Aire Valley Homes lead to an unsuccessful application for an ASB Closure Order. ASBU are continuing to address this issue and will seeking possession of the property through the courts in the near future.
- 2.6.5 'The Cardinal Project'. Several agencies are working together with elected members and community representatives to trial a six month project within the Cardinal estate starting on August 1st. Weekly walkabouts take place to identify and address issues. The aim is to provide a bespoke service that addresses issues as they arise. This will

be publicised in a monthly news letter encouraging residents to take pride in their estate and report any offenders.

- 2.6.6 Two injunctions were recently obtained in Holbeck (Meynell Heights) due to intimidation and nuisance behaviour. The injunctions have been breached and one of the perpetrators is currently serving a 28 day sentence. ASBU are looking to pursue tenancy action due to the breaches.

2.7 City and Hunslet ward – ASB activity

- 2.7.1 Youth Services continue detached work in the Trentham Park area in an effort to engage with the youths to prevent them from committing crime. A number of families have also been referred through to Signpost to give their parents support and guidance with the upbringing of their children.
- 2.7.2 Sale of alcohol to under 18s at Leasowe Stores in Hunslet and ASB taking place. Test purchasing took place and joint action with ASBU and the Council against the tenants of the store. The wall at the rear of the store was demolished because this is where the youths were sitting and congregating. Funding has been approved by the Area Committee for alleygating. An evaluation of this is currently taking place and will be circulated to Members on request.
- 2.7.3 Targeted patrols of the Hunslet area due to the increase of ASB. This included £20,000 provided by Aire Valley Homes and the Area Committee to provide extra patrols in the vicinity. This led to a 78% drop of ASB on the Leasowe Estate and 26% on the Hemingway Estate. An individual was identified as one of the main trouble causers. Joint action taken against her by the Police and Leeds Federated Housing Association (LFHA). LFHA are continuing to gather evidence for an injunction. This has included a joint surveying exercise carried out by LFHA, ASBU and the Police.
- 2.7.4 Partnership working with St Lukes Cares, Youth Services, ASBU and the Area Management Team following the increase in Anti Social Behaviour in Brett Gardens, Beeston Hill. A funding bid has been submitted to Business In Communities to support detached youth provisions in the area. The Area Committee have allocated funding to keep the Urban bar open on Friday and Saturday nights.

2.8 Middleton ward – ASB activity

- 2.8.1 Omnibus pub (Belle Isle) – Information from housing and the community lead to a successful raid at the pub where three people were arrested for drug offences.
- 2.8.2 Successful Off Road Bike projects in Middleton and Belle Isle involving Police and Council off road bike team.
- 2.8.3 Blakeney Close Ginnel – Police, licensing, BITMO, Environmental cleansing working together to tackle ASB problem in the area that has resulted from alcohol being sold to those underage.
- 2.8.4 There has been a significant increase in racial harassment cases predominately in Middleton, but also Belle Isle area. Ethnic minority families have been targeted on a regular basis. Some of the issues with tackling and recording have been raised with the agencies who attend the tasking meeting as these are largely recorded as ASB cases and not recognised as racially motivated incidents and crimes. Work is ongoing to set up a housing welcome process to ensure that support is offered to

BME families moving into areas that have previously experienced high levels of hate crime.

2.8.5 ASB – Hunslet Cemetery - Reports of thefts from graves and damage to gravestones at the cemetery as well as ASB and drug taking. Covert cameras were installed and regular patrols of the area conducted. No evidence gathered via cameras as incidents had reduced.

2.8.7 ASBU and AVH worked together to take possession of a property in the Helstons in Middleton in April 2010. The possession was obtained due to noise nuisance, threats of violence and intimidation.

2.9 ASBOs and Injunctions

Information from the Anti Social Behaviour Unit confirms that there are 44 current ASBOs and 7 Injunctions in Inner South – the table below shows the number per ward and the total number of ASBOs issued since they were introduced in 2001.

Name of ward	Total number of ASBOs issued since 2001	Number of current ASBOs	Number of ASBOs issued since April 09	Injunctions
Beeston and Holbeck	56	25	9	3
City and Hunslet	36	14	11	0
Middleton Park	41	5	2	4

2.10 Confidence in police and Council's ability to deal with ASB.

West Yorkshire Police and Leeds City Council have a joint target to increase the percentage of residents who are satisfied with the way they are performing to address ASB in their local area. Performance against this target across the division has increased from 40% to 45% (see appendix 2). The information is not available for each ward, however both Holbeck and Rothwell NPTs remain static at 41% and 45% respectively. More detailed information about confidence, crime concerns, ASB concerns and user satisfaction can be found in Appendix 3.

2.11 Burglary

2.11.1 City and Holbeck Division has the lowest rate of acquisitive crime in Leeds and was able to exceed its target during 09/10 to reduce acquisitive crime. Figures were down 9.4% on the previous year with 472 fewer offences (4535 offences against a target of 4827).

2.11.2 In December 2009, the Comprehensive Area Assessment identified that major improvements were needed in dealing with a rising level of burglary across the city and a "red flag" was given to the city. In response partners developed a joint intelligence function and tasking process to support the identification and management of offenders. Burglary action plans have been produced for several strategic localities of concern including one for Beeston and Holbeck ward. This activity helped to contribute to the lower rates of burglary in the city in the latter part of the year. There was a reduction in the number of serious acquisitive crimes in Leeds of 5.8% down from to 19935 offences in 08/09 to 16708 offences in 09/10.

2.11.3 A range of activity to tackle burglary in Inner South has taken place during 2009/10 including:

- Operation Titian introduced – a West Yorkshire wide initiative to tackle burglary through Force wide co-ordination of key burglary offenders and assistance to divisions during the investigative process.
- Joint working with force Automatic Number Plate Recognition team. Officers have been successful in using this enforcement tool designed to deny criminals the use of the roads.
- Increased crime prevention carried out.
- “Capture Houses” have been used and a number of arrests made as a result.
- Operation Decathlon – police operation to tackle burglary dwellings in West and East Granges.
- Continued partnership working with all agencies to target burglary nominals. Details area shared at Tasking meetings so that housing providers are able to take tenancy action and collate information for the application of Bolt on ASBOs. This has proved successful with a number of high profile nominals now having ASBO’s and several more being in the pipe line. ASBO conditions have also been passed to the housing agency so they can report breaches whilst out on visits. This is supported by delivery of ASB leaflets to local residents naming offenders and encouraging them to contact the Police if they breach any of their listed conditions.
- A joint project between Police, Fire Service, Area Management and Leeds Federated Housing Association to target harden premises within the Holbeck NPT area. Funding from Leeds Federated Housing to purchase 235 door chime alarms for their properties within Leeds 11, to combat the increase in the summer months of sneak in burglaries. This was accompanied by crime reduction advice and referrals for Home Fire Safety Checks.
- 1700 U.V. pens have been delivered around the Cardinal estate following an increase in burglaries.
- Proactive target hardening in the Nosters/Cross Flatts area of Beeston.

2.12 Drugs offences

All three wards have seen a reduction in the number of Drugs offences this year. The NPTs have been very proactive in carrying out search warrants under the Misuse of Drugs Act in all areas. The NPTs have also worked closely with colleagues in the Drugs and Offender Management Unit (DOMU) which is the umbrella department for several crime reduction programmes and initiatives. The Leeds DOMU accommodates a multi agency partnership team including personnel from West Yorkshire Police, Probation Service, Youth Offending Team, Prison Service, substance misuse experts, housing advisors and experts to assist with education and training. The programmes managed within DOMU improve community safety and protect members of the public.

3.0 Community Safety Activity

This section of the report describes a range of community safety initiatives/projects that have taken place across one or more wards in Inner South. It includes the following: CCTV schemes, Dispersal Orders, Operation Champion, Operation Staysafe, Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings, Preventing Violent Extremism and the Safer Schools Partnership.

3.1 CCTV

- 3.1.1 A citywide review of CCTV is currently taking place. A strategic lead has been appointed who has consulted with officers and Members to establish a baseline position of current CCTV schemes operating in the city. The review will seek to make recommendations that will guide the development and management of both new and existing schemes. This will lead to clearer guidance being in place for community groups wishing to establish CCTV schemes in their areas. Any new projects involving the use of CCTV have been put on hold until this guidance is in place. It is expected that further details about the future of CCTV will be available for further discussion by the end of the year.

3.2 Dispersal Orders

- 3.2.1 There have been 2 Dispersal Orders in Inner South since April 2009.
- 3.2.2 Rothwell Neighbourhood Policing Team introduced a Dispersal Order across the Brooms area of Belle Isle as part of efforts to tackle anti-social behaviour. It ran from the 18th December 2009 to 11th March 2010. ASB incidents reduced during the period of the Dispersal Order and continued to reduce in the 5 months after the Order finished. In June to Oct 09 (5 months before the Order) there were 58 incidents. During the Order there were 47 incidents and in the five months following the Order there were 32 incidents. It is likely that the Dispersal Order along with other factors (some possibly influenced by the order) such as the continued Police presence in the area, ASB initiatives, Operation Champions and other Partnership work have had a positive impact on Crime and ASB in the area and have been largely responsible for the reductions observed. Considering the continuing downward trends in both crime and ASB levels in the area it is probable that levels of both may continue to decline improving the area for residents still further in the coming months.
- 3.2.3 The Far Beeston Dispersal Order commenced in December 09 to May 2010. It was then extended for a further six months and is now due to expire on 30th November 2010. The Order covers an area of Far Beeston including the Cardinals and is helping to support the Cardinals project (referred to in this report at 2.6.5). It has been enforced by the police with high visibility patrols. Young people who are dispersed by the Order are being guided towards the Cardinal Youth Club. Anti-social behaviour was cut by 15% and crime was cut by 14% in the Far Beeston area during the first five months the Dispersal Order was in place. House burglaries were cut by nearly half, and there were also fewer incidents of criminal damage and assault.

3.3 Operation Champion

- 3.3.1 There were 9 Operation Champions in 2009 and a further 2 have been delivered during 2010. The results of these operations have already been reported to Area Committees via the Area Managers reports.
- 3.3.2 The operation scheduled to take place in Middleton Park ward was cancelled. It was agreed that this work would be of greater benefit to be included as part of the emerging Team Belle Isle. In order to ensure that the ward receives the benefit of a multi agency crime and grime operation, it has been agreed to hold two Action Days on 14th and 15th September in the Westwoods and Manor Farms respectively.
- 3.3.3 Due to a reduction in funding for Leeds Community Safety, there is no longer an allocation for Operation Champion. Previously this funding had been used to produce

newsletters or other publicity material to promote the operations. Wherever possible each operation will continue to provide information to residents about the work that has taken place from within partner resources. Wherever possible attempts are made to publicise on the internet, via existing newsletters or at PACT meetings rather than a bespoke newsletter.

3.4 Operation Staysafe

- 3.4.1 Staysafe was part of the Youth Crime Action Plan, funded by the Youth Task Force to tackle youth crime and ASB. A hotspot based, multi agency approach was taken to identify young people out on the streets who are committing low level ASB and/or "are at risk of significant harm". The officers then have the option to take the young person home or to a place of safety if they could not be safely left at home (i.e. parents not at home or other safeguarding concerns were identified). The place of safety was staffed by Social Care staff that had access to Leeds City Council systems so could identify any ongoing Social Care involvement or safeguarding concerns. The operation was publicised in advance via local media and by information distribution in the local high schools. Deployment on the ground was by mobile police patrols and youth work teams with mobile provision, in regular contact with each other and able to call on each other as required.
- 3.4.2 The first Staysafe in Inner South took place in Far Beeston on 26th June when 27 young people were spoken to and 8 'at risk' young people were taken home. The project was repeated in July in a wider area of Beeston when 24 young people were spoken to by police officers and police community support officers (PCSOs) during high-visibility patrols. Of these, 2 were considered 'at risk' and were taken home to their parents. 5 young people were also stopped and searched.
- 3.4.3 In August the Operation Staysafe was repeated in Beeston Hill (Trenthams area). On this occasion, officers spoke to 24 young people. Of these, only 1 was considered 'at risk' and was taken home to his parents. The operation was officially launched at 9pm at Trentham Park, Trentham Street, Beeston Hill under floodlights, where Inspector Damien Miller led a briefing outlining the evening's activities and gave local people the chance to ask questions, find out more and discuss issues affecting the community. A number of activities were held for local young people throughout the evening, involving representatives from the Youth Service and Youth Offending Service. These included the 'Friday Night Project' at the South Leeds Sports Centre. Signpost & voluntary group St Luke's Cares supplied detached workers to engage with young people during the patrols, and St Luke's Cares also opened the Urban Bar on Malvern Road from 7pm to 11pm, for young people to attend during the evening and take part in activities. Youth Services & St Luke's Cares also hosted mobile youth buses in the area on the evening for young people to speak to youth workers and discuss any issues they have.
- 3.4.4 Although targeted using information from NPT Inspectors and Safer Leeds, there were very few young people actually causing a problem were encountered. Those that were taken home for being "at risk" were well received and not a single follow up referral was deemed necessary, for either young people or parents.
- 3.4.5 Due to the limited impact the above had had in follow up work with young people and parents a revised model was agreed for 2010/11. This involved a multi agency street based team going out for 4 consecutive Friday nights and having a more conventional

Staysafe on week 3. This was run on one occasion in Bramley but did not lead to higher levels of engagement.

- 3.4.6 Due to changes in the way the Youth Crime Action Plan funding is allocated and the low impact of the project, the decision has been taken not to run any more Staysafes.

3.5 PACT meetings

- 3.5.1 A timetable of Partners And Communities Together (PACT) meetings has been established across Inner South. The aims of the meetings are to agree local priorities, at least once a month, giving residents a chance to meet the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and partner agencies. These meetings have built on existing residents groups to make best use of resources. There are 10 PACT meetings in Inner South: 3 in Beeston and Holbeck, 2 in City and Hunslet and 5 in Middleton Park.
- 3.5.2 The Home Secretary has recently announced that the Governments single confidence target and the Policing Pledge would be scrapped. West Yorkshire Police has said that improving public confidence will remain its top priority. With regard to the Policing Pledge, West Yorkshire Police will no longer call it Pledge but the local commitment to provide a high quality local service will continue to be the foundation for how we deliver policing in West Yorkshire.

3.6 Preventing Violent Extremism

- 3.6.1 The national Prevent strategy has five key strands aimed at addressing the factors that can lead to individuals being drawn towards extremism. These are:
- **challenging** the violent extremist ideology and supporting mainstream voices;
 - **disrupting** those who promote violent extremism and supporting the institutions where they are active;
 - **supporting** individuals who are being targeted and recruited to the cause of violent extremism;
 - **increasing** the resilience of communities to violent extremism; and
 - **addressing** the grievances that ideologues are exploiting.
- 3.6.2 In July 2007 the Prime Minister announced that over the next three years the Government would make £70m available for community led work to tackle violent extremism – with £45m available for local authorities from 2008 - 2011. Since then, more resources have been allocated to this agenda through a national Community Leadership Fund and a more recently announced Challenge and Innovation Fund. Leeds was one of the Local Authorities that received some of this funding.
- 3.6.3 Preventing Extremism is a key theme within the Council's cohesion and integration priorities. Building cohesion and integration includes promoting a shared sense of belonging and ensuring that we can build better relationships between people from different cultures and backgrounds. Extremist messages can stem from some of the most cohesive communities which is why we need to undertake a more targeted approach to tackling extremism and building the resilience of individuals and communities. Central government will take forward the national and international aspects of this work but local communities have an integral role to play at a local level.

- 3.6.4 A small dedicated Leeds City Council Prevent team has been recruited to assist in the coordination and delivery of this important work and a city-wide action plan has been produced that outlines the scale of the task ahead. There has also been additional funding available to groups to deliver activity. The Prevent Officer has been working with agencies in Outer South to address issues of extremism.
- 3.6.5 The following projects in Inner South were successful in their applications to the Leeds Prevent programme following an open and transparent commissioning round in June 2009.
- 3.6.6 **Hamara.** The project aims:
- To run awareness courses for frontline workers including police, youth workers and other statutory agency staff to enable them to work effectively with Muslim young people
 - To develop a toolkit to support the above training.
 - To select 20 young people to be developed into community champions who will act as ambassadors within their communities and who will be supported to influence and have contact with key decision makers in the city, particularly around the Prevent agenda.
- 3.6.7 The aim of all the strands would be to develop dialogue between Muslim young people and statutory organisations and individuals within them. Hamara have now formed a steering group to move their project forward and the community champion's element of the project is being delivered. The other elements will be underway in the next few months.
- 3.6.8 **St Lukes Cares**
The funding was secured to work in partnership with Hamara to each work with a core group of their service users to develop them and then bring the groups together to dispel myths, bridge cultures and facilitate discussions between the groups. This was with the aim of negating the influences of the gangs in the area who align themselves to a racial gang. This piece of work is due to start in September.
- 3.6.9 **NACRO/ Middleton Cohesion Partners**
NACRO will lead a project to educate frontline workers, particularly those who work with young people and families, to understand the facts and figures about refugees and asylum seekers in the Leeds area, particularly the South. They will also learn about how far right messages are spread and the way asylum facts are used to support this ideology. This is intended to equip them with the knowledge and skills to have challenging but supportive conversations with their clients. A small project will be run centred in a high school to particularly target young people and families identified as a priority for work in this arena. This piece of work is due to start in September 2010.
- 3.6.10 Prevent funding also paid for 2 World Cup football events which have been held at South Leeds Stadium this year, one at Easter and one this Summer holiday. The first attracted 200 young people between 9 and 16yrs from all areas of South Leeds to train and then compete in mixed teams with the intention of bringing young people from different communities together around sport. A number of partners worked on this event including South Leeds stadium, South Leeds Academy, West Yorkshire Police, BEST and St Lukes. They were supported by Leeds United and Manchester City Football Clubs.

3.7 Safer Schools Partnership

3.7.1 The Safer Schools Partnership (SSP) exists to place a police officer within the school community to assist in achieving the five Every Child Matters outcomes. Dealing with incidents in a restorative manner and therefore not criminalising children unnecessarily. Officers build up positive relationships with pupils, parents and staff and educate pupils on safety through the curriculum. The schools contribute fifty percent of funding for the officers as per their allocation to school.

3.7.2 City and Holbeck has seven high schools engaged in the partnership with officers in the following Inner South schools:

- South Leeds Academy - two full time officers
- Cockburn - one full time officer

3.7.3 Overall, crime has reduced by 10% in the schools that have had Safer Schools Officers. A review of schools which have been assigned Safer Schools Officers since 2008 was commissioned by Safer Leeds to identify any effect the initiative may have had on schools crime and incident totals. The data used is for the period from April 2008 to December 2009, chosen for the stability of police recording systems during this period.

Crime and incident totals

Name of school	2008 total	2009 total	Total change	% change	Change
Cockburn High School	16	7	-9	-56	Decrease
South Leeds Academy	27	14	-13	-48	Decrease

Additionally, officers have carried out a range of work in the schools including talks at assemblies to deliver sneak in burglary messages.

4.0 KEY PRIORITIES FOR 2010/11

4.1 Supporting links between the Area Committee and Divisional Community Safety Partnership (DCSP)

4.1.1 The South Leeds DCSP remains as the key partnership overseeing the delivery of the South Leeds Community Safety plan and community safety elements of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP) for Inner South Leeds. The Area Committee has committed through its ADP 10/11 to support the Safer Leeds Partnership outcomes that form the basis of the DCSP plan. These are: creating safer environments, support for victims, reducing offending, improving community confidence and improving lives by reducing harm caused by substance abuse.

4.1.2 The DCSP has benefited from the involvement of Elected Members with a Community Safety Champion representing the Area Committees on the DCSP. As a result of this involvement, the Area Committee now receives a summary of the minutes of each DCSP and the opportunity to raise issues through the Community Safety Champion. A new Champion has been appointed for 09/10. Proposals are being developed to enhance the role of Community Safety Champion by supporting their involvement in

the Tasking meetings. Further details will be presented at a future meeting of the Area Committee.

4.2 Multi agency review of ASB procedures (Quest)

- 4.2.1 The Quest ASB review was instigated by several partner agencies (West Yorkshire Police, Community Safety – ASBU and ALMOs) in February this year partly in response to the tragic Pilkington case but also in recognition of the disjointed approaches in Leeds with several agencies dealing with ASB at different stages or in isolation.
- 4.2.2 The review team have validated a number of issues identified through consultation with key stakeholders and frontline staff, explored opportunities to resolve those issues resulting in a business case highlighting opportunities for improvement being presented to and approved by the reviews governance board.
- 4.2.3 The review process has looked at early intervention and prevention opportunities including those presented by Safer Schools Partnership officers with the aim of ensuring ASB is tackled in a joined up way.
- 4.2.4 The recommendations of the review are being considered by the Board though no detail has been made available as yet. Members will be updated about the implementation of the process and its impact when final decisions have been made about the review.

5.0 AREA COMMITTEE FUNDED ACTIVITY

- 5.1.1 The Inner South Area Committee has funded the following projects through its wellbeing fund for 2009/10:

Ward	Project	£ Revenue	£ Capital
Beeston and Holbeck	None	Nil	Nil
City and Hunslet	Safer Leeds – future maintenance of Leasowe alleygates; call-outs and maintenance	110	5539
	Police – target hardening of six blocks of garages in Hunslet	1750	
	Police – 400 door and window alarms to homes in Hunslet during Champion.	1020	
	Safer Leeds – provision of alleygates, fencing, letterboxes at the Leasowes		
Middleton Park	Safer Leeds – installation of alleygate and fencing at the Sissons	Nil	710
B&H and C&H wards	Police – diversionary activities on 4 th and 6 th November as part of Operation Flame.	2617	
	Police – Operation CASAC burglary	5000	

	reduction project		
All three wards	Women's Health Matters – provision to support women attending a domestic violence support and education group	8290	

5.2 Wellbeing proposals for 2010/11

- 5.2.1 In June 2010, the Area Committee allocated £15,000 to the Thriving Places pot for activity identified through the Divisional Community Safety Partnership and Neighbourhood Tasking such as reducing crime/fear of crime, tackling ASB crime prevention measures and support for Operation Champions. This was to be shared equally across the three wards.
- 5.2.2 It has since been agreed by Members from Beeston/Holbeck and City/Hunslet wards to allocate their share of this pot to maintain a provision at the Urban bar. Supporting this project will help to reduce ASB and crime by providing diversionary activity and targeted work with young people in the area.
- 5.2.3 The Area Community Safety Co-ordinator is working with partner agencies to develop proposals for the £5000 allocated to Middleton Park ward. This will be circulated to Middleton ward members outside the meeting.

6.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

- 6.1 No specific issues are identified.

7.0 Legal and Resource Implications

- 7.1 No specific issues are identified

8.0 Recommendations

- 8.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

Background Papers