

**Report of the Director of Environments and Neighbourhoods**

**Outer West Area Committee**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

**Subject: Community Safety Issues, Outer West Leeds**

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b></p> <p><b>Calverley &amp; Farsley</b> <b>Farnley &amp; Wortley</b> <b>Pudsey</b></p> <p>Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Specific Implications For:</b></p> <p>Ethnic minorities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Women <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disabled people <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 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

**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.
- 2.2 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

### **3.0 Main Issues**

#### **3.1 Crime Trends -**

Vehicle Crime - Pudsey has been the hot spot for cars and vans being broken into. There are a number of identified local young men who are suspected of involvement and are subject of disruption tactics. As stated at the last area committee meeting there was a tremendous success in catching 4 men who were involved in stealing from a Police "Capture car". There has recently been a rise in vehicle crime in Calverley which is thought to have been committed by Bradford criminals.

Dwelling house burglary – at the time of writing the numbers of reported house burglaries are down in comparison to last year. As always the area committee will be provided with an accurate picture of crime statistics at the meeting.

Metal theft – this has been prevalent in the Wortley and Farnley wards – Inspector Cawkwell will provide to the councilors details of success stories which relate to 2 young men from Farnley who have been charged with multiple offences of metal theft.

#### **3.2 Initiatives -**

3.3 Operation Champion will be focusing on the Wortley area and will be taking place on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October. Operation Champion is looking to target a number of issues raised through the Partnership and Partners and Communities Together Meetings (PACT) including Anti- Social Behaviour (ASB) on the Fawcett's, Speeding cars on Lower Wortley Road, concerns in relation to metal theft and trade carriers and Community Safety messages focusing on the dark evening and the Light up Campaign.

#### **3.3 Tackling Anti Social Behaviour**

**Owlcotes Project** - The project has been put forward for a West North West Homes Leeds a Community Star award and a further consultation event is being organized for the 30<sup>th</sup> October to look at future development of the project with the local community.

**Community Speedwatch** – this initiative is aimed at targeting locations where the public have stated that there is a speeding problem. A hand held speed recording device is used to record the speed of passing motorists.

**Off road motorbikes** – the success of the off road motorbikes has been relayed to local councilors quoting facts which indicate a definite fall in the number of reported incidents since the motorbikes first started in 2007.

### **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;

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.