



Report of the Director of Environments and Neighbourhoods

Outer West Area Committee

Date: 25th March 2011

Subject: Community Safety Issues, Outer West Leeds

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| Electoral Wards Affected: Calverley & Farsley Farnley & Wortley Pudsey Ward Members consulted (referred to in report) <input type="checkbox"/> | Specific Implications For: Ethnic minorities <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled people <input type="checkbox"/> Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/> | |
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Executive Summary

This report provides the opportunity for Gill Hunter and 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 28th January 2011.

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 Outer West Area

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Burglary

There are still concerns in relation to Bradford nominal's committing break-ins in Outer West and Operations Abode and Absinthe have been set up to tackle the issue. Recent arrests have been two culprits from Fagley (committing break-ins in broad daylight on Galloway Lane) and some Bradford HolmeWood estate nominal's operating in Swinnow who were caught by PC Richard Dixon and were charged.

There is planned work and intelligence sharing in relation to Bradford nominal's with Bradford North and South Neighborhood police team.

A significant arrest of a well known 18 year old Bramley nominal has led to him admitting 18 house burglaries across all the wards including 3 committed in the Troydales in Pudsey. This young man will be produced again from prison and is likely to admit further offences. This provides clear illustration of the lifestyle of the young offenders who reside in Leeds and how they contribute to this significant problem.

The arrest of house burglars is without doubt daily business and as I type this report a young man has been arrested for 2 burglaries on the Crimbles in ward 28.

There will be a focus on tackling the handlers/receivers of stolen goods during the months to come.

3.2 Vehicle Crime

At this time there is a rise in the number of cars being broken into in ward 12 Wortley and Farnley. As part of Operation Absinthe officers are working into the early hours targeting a known man who has recently returned to the area having been living in Merseyside. He was recently arrested

The anti-theft screw kits for car registration plates funded from Community Safety are now available. An event has been organized for Saturday 26th February at Owlcotes Centre to promote the kits. This is hoped to have an impact on this crime type and provides a valuable opportunity to engage people in discussion around crime prevention measures.

3.3 Tackling Anti Social Behaviour

3.4 Nutting Grove Farnley

Extensive work (again) regarding Anti Social Behaviour on Nutting grove Terrace / Bawns. A multi-agency action day has been arranged for Thursday 31st March to provide reassurance to the community about what the police and partners are doing to tackle local concerns in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour. It is hoped that the action day will coincide with the gating of the archways on Nutting Grove terrace. Partner will also be working along side Groundwork to support environmental improvements.

Pudsey/Owlcotes

On going work continues on the Owlcotes with the Wateringcoates project aimed at reducing Anti-social Behaviour and engaging with the local community to organise community events. An Easter event is being developed for Friday 15th April 2011.

Tyersal

Concerns have been raised by local residents in relation to loose and tethered horses in the Tyersal and around the Leeds/ Bradford boundary area . An initial

meeting was held inviting all the known horse owners from this area to look at solutions and ways of resolving these issues, and so to inform owners of their responsibilities and action in relation to the law that the police would take if continued to allow loose horses to escape on public land and highways. Following on from this two joint days of action have been agreed with Bradford and Leeds Council, West Yorkshire Police Bradford South and Bradford North Division, and North West Leeds Neighbourhood Police Team on 23rd and 24th March. The action day will focus on three main areas which are:

- Identification of the owners of tethered horses on land around Dick Lane
- Scrap metal / Trade Waste Carriers and scrap dealers
- ANPR (Automatic Number Plate recognition) /Vehicle stop and checks

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.