

**Report of The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership**

**Report to Inner West Area Committee**

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Subject: Community Safety**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley and Bramley & Stanningley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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**Summary of main issues**

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1. Crime Trends – Overall performance figures show West Inner Neighbourhood Police Team is performing well, especially in Armley Ward which has seen a substantially reduction in offences compared to last year, however the main concerns is burglary dwelling which is around the same level as it was last year.
2. Burglary Reduction Plan - The Burglary reduction Plan for Armley has been in operation since June 2011 and a number of initiatives have been coordinated with partners. These include the development of a monthly offender management case conference meeting, a full environmental and visual audit of the target area, and a reassurance mapping exercise. The results of the environmental audit and the reassurance exercise are currently being collated, and will be analysed with partners to in identifying the resources and actions required to make improvements to the area.
3. Action Days - These have included Operation Albumin targeting travelling nominals within the Armley/ Bramley boarder, Reassurance day on the Raynville estate to raise awareness of issues in relation to Hate Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour, an open day event at Armley mosque, and operation Acrobatic focussing on the Dunkirk Hill area near to Armley Mills which has seen a number of anti- social behaviour /sexual offences.

4. Metal Theft and the Stolen Goods Market - Operation Bulleye is a city-wide initiative to tackle the stolen goods market and work within the Inner West Neighbourhood Police Team have been focussing on the scrap metal dealers and cash converters type premises.

## **Recommendations**

5. Members are asked to note the update from West Yorkshire Police and Community Safety, Environments and Neighbourhoods.

### **1. Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 This report provides the opportunity for West Yorkshire Police and Community Safety to provide the Inner West Area Committee with information on crime trends, partnership initiatives and future joint projects between Leeds City Council and West Yorkshire Police in West.

### **2 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.

### **3 Main issues**

#### Crime Trends

- 3.1 Community Safety is one of the priority areas for the Area Committee. Regular reports are received from Community Safety and West Yorkshire Police on key issues and activity in the Inner West Area.
- 3.2 Overall performance figures show West Inner Neighbourhood Police Team is doing well, especially the Armley Ward 4 area, which has a substantially less recorded offences compared to last year.
- 3.3 The cumulative detection rate is also above the divisional average at 27%. This is the second highest detection rate across the NPT's.
- 3.4 The main concern is Burglary Dwelling which is around the same level as it was last year; however there has been a noticeable increase in the Bramley area with the majority of burglaries in the NPT being committed in this area. There are no identified tight clusters of offences. Work is on going in the area into the early hours to combat the rise in burglaries. Officers from the Criminal Investigation Department, Neighbourhood Police Team, Operational Support Department, which includes mounted and roads policing officers, working on the operation in plainclothes and high visibility patrols.
- 3.5 The Neighbourhood Police Team is performing well in the other areas when compared to last year. There has been particularly good reductions in Burglary others, damage and Theft From Motor Vehicle offences. The capture car has been used and proved successful in both Bramley and Armley wards. A capture house is

currently up and running in Armley and two locations in Bramley have been identified when sufficient equipment is available to run both.

### Burglary Reduction Plan

- 3.6 As part of the Offender Management strand of the Burglary Reduction Plan for Armley a Multi-agency Offender Management case conferencing meeting has been established targeting offenders who are impacting on burglary in the Armley and Bramley area. The aim is to case manage 12 individuals that have been identified by the Divisional Intelligence Unit /Youth Offending Service and other partners agencies who pose a higher level of risk of offending /committing burglary but are not at the level of offending for the Intensive Offender Management Programme . A profile of each individual identified and action plan has been drawn with agreed actions and outcomes.
- 3.7 From the first few meeting 12 Individuals have been identified, with an extra nominal identified by the safer schools officer. From the 13 individuals 3 have failed to engage with support agencies and have continues to offend so have been referred for scoring to the Intensive Offender Management (IOM). These will be managed by the IOM officers. One nominal has been removed, due to positive engagement with partner agencies. A further 3 nominal's will be reviewed at the September meeting and if there are no further criminal activity and they continue to engage, they will be removed. The Youth Offending Service have been asked to supply details of up and coming offenders that have received final warnings or reprimands to add onto next months meeting.
- 3.8 An Environmental Audit has now been completed for the 3 target areas in Armley, Little Scotland's, Aviary's and Cedars. These areas have been visited by police officers and a reassurance exercise has taken place to find out from local communities what their priorities are in relation to crime and environment. The results will be evaluated by West Yorkshire Police and the Crime Reduction Officers and circulated to police and partners In September .to incorporate actions into the Burglary Plan.
- 3.9 This will be followed with fortnightly walkabouts with police, fire service and EAT to progress actions identified from the Environment and Visual Audit in the target area and any concerns about Housing in Multiple Occupation or conditions will be forwarded to the private rented team to visit/investigate via referral form. A total of 365 properties have been target harden in Armley. To identify further opportunities re standards of security, 257 West North West Homes Leeds properties have been visited by Police Community Support Officers and checked for security issues. Results have been forwarded to the West North West Homes Leeds for them to take action. Thirty Lo Jack computrace licences have been identified during the Environmental Visual Audit for lap top computers.
- 3.10 Police are arranging a briefing with Environmental Action Team staff within the next month. This will then be rolled out to street scene staff. Also a dog watch through local vets and the Dogs Trust is being developed with Leeds City Council and West Yorkshire Police. Diving Instructors are to be approach with same briefing given to EAT. This is to provide eyes and ears in the localities due to a poor neighbourhood watch up take by the residents. A crime prevention campaign is being run on

evenings giving advice to people who leave their premises insecure and property in their vehicles on show.

- 3.11 An alley gating project on conference Road is being explored and consultation has commenced with local house owners to support closure.
- 3.12 The Armley Burglary Plan is discussed, reviewed and updated monthly with partners at the Inner West multi-agency tasking meeting. With some amendments, additional priorities and actions the plan can be utilised to further develop, manage, monitor and review progress in Armley to reduce burglary.

#### Action Days /Operations/Events

- 3.13 Operation Albumin - This operation took place in July targeting travelling nominals with in the Kirkstall Bramley/Armley boarder focussing on stop and search.

In total there was 40 vehicles stopped and 13 of these were tested by HMRC for red diesel. They were extremely pleased when they got a hit on a vehicle as it contained red diesel. The owner had his van seized and a fine of £500. There was over 58 people checked through the systems and majority of these were checked by Civilian warrants. However nobody came back as wanted. Officers issued 13 tickets for no insurance, no seatbelts and vehicle defects. VOSA also conducted checks on nearly every car and was able to issue 15 tickets for vehicle defects. There were also 2 cars seized and numerous drug searches conducted. The next round of Op Albumin is to run in September, linking in with City and Holbeck as a joint operation.

- 3.14 A reassurance day took place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 3 PM – 7 PM targeting the Raynville area. The focus of the action day focussed on speaking to residents about local issues in particular around Anti Social Behaviour, Hate Crime and also crime prevention advice. In total over 100 properties were leafleted and 4 victims of Hate Crime visited by the Hate Crime coordinators.
- 3.15 An open day took place at Armley Mosque with the support of the Inner West Neighbourhood Police team on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 2 PM – 5 PM. The event was well attended, by over 300 hundred people from multi faiths and a large cross section of Armley's diverse community. There was a large range of stalls information and engagement with the local community to foster positive relationships in Armley.
- 3.16 Operation Arcrabatic - Operation Acrobatic is an intelligence led multi agency based initiative that aims to reduce the levels of sexual activity in the woodland / picnic area of Canal Road, Leeds Liverpool canal and the Armley Mills museum and the associated anti social behaviour.
- 3.17 The Leeds Anti-social Behaviour Team are still working with the Police with some excellent results. Over 75 males, not from the Armley area have been stopped and warned regarding cruising. Several warning letters have been served on persistent attendee's. A number of further actions have been identified to address this problem which include work with Parks and Countryside to cut back some of the over grown foliage and work with MESMAC to dissuade people from using this site.

- 3.18 MESMAC have been asked to patrol with LASBT and NPT staff, but at the present time they don't have sufficient staff to facilitate this. Plain clothes and high visibility patrols will continue in the area throughout summer. Several positions within the area have been identified for warning signs which are being priced and hopefully funded and erected within the next few weeks.

#### Metal Theft and the Stolen goods Market

- 3.19 Operation Bulleye is a city wide city-wide initiative to tackle the stolen good market. The local cash converters type premises, and jewellery shops are regularly targeted and books checked by the PCSO's in Armley. Scrap metal dealers have been visited and all owners attend a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July at Pudsey Police Station. Out of 10 scrap metal dealer invited 3 turned up and they were given a briefing and a pack of photo to identify people who are selling stolen goods and to deter them from purchasing stolen metal. The remaining 7 will be visited during the next few weeks and provided with the same information and guidance.
- 3.20 A campaign is being run to advise the Asian community, this is in the Mosque and Sikh temple about crime prevention around the safe storing of their gold. This is in line with the rise in gold prices and also during the fourth coming months the Asian community have numerous religious festivals where the gold is worn when attending them. A letter has been produced which will be delivered to the Asian community and also rolled out to the other Mosques and Temples across the division.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 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 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 4.2.1 The Stronger Leeds element of the City Priority Plan will focus on the key priorities around making Leeds a clean and welcoming city where communities feel empowered, valued and engaged and get on well together.
- 4.2.2 Over the next four years we will focus on delivering the following strategic priorities:
- Ensure that Local Neighbourhoods are Clean
  - Increase a Sense of Belonging that Builds Cohesive and Harmonious Communities

### **4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

- 4.3.1 The Safer and Stronger Communities Board has been established, bringing together the six responsible authorities of the Community Safety Partnership with

other key strategic partners to deliver the key outcomes agreed for both safer and stronger communities.

4.3.2 This plan details the city-wide priorities that will enable the city to move towards fulfilling its ambition. The Board will be supported by key groups focused on the key themes safer, stronger and environmental cleanliness. These in turn will be supported by delivery structures that focus on key identified themes, locality working and community engagement in the delivery of priorities.

4.3.3 Over the next four years we will focus on delivering the following strategic priorities:

- Reducing Crime levels and its impact across Leeds
- Effectively Tackle and Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour in our Communities

#### **4.4 Resources and Value for Money**

4.4.1 The Divisional Community Safety Partnership , and Multi-agency Tasking meetings utilises police and partner intelligence to assist in determining priority areas and hotspots to focus resources in Inner West. Throughout the process the emphasis is on looking at opportunities for joint funding and resources to deliver operations to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and also look at wherever possible low cost/no cost initiatives. To support the Armley Burglary Reduction plan and the Outcome Based Accountability process £7,500 has been allocated from the City-wide Burglary Reduction funding.

#### **4.4.2 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.4.3 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. This report is not eligible for call in as it is a Council function.

#### **4.5 Risk Management**

4.5.1 The police have a risk management process for operations and action days undertaken within the North West Police Division.

### **5 Conclusions**

5.1 The main focus of the Divisional Community Safety Partnership is to reduce burglary in inner west, tackling the hot spots and displacement issues.

### **6 Recommendations**

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### **7 Background documents**

7.1 Reducing Reported Burglary in Leeds, Executive Board (June 2011)