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Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access and Performance)

Report to West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 7th September 2012

Subject: Community safety Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	⊠ Yes	□No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Calverley & Farsley, Farnley & Wortley, Pudsey Wards		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	Yes	⊠ No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	Yes	⊠ No

Summary of main issues

- 1. This report discusses recent crime statistics for Outer West Leeds;
- **2.** Acquisitive crime; Burglary remains a priority for the North West Division and Safer Leeds partnership with additional resource allocated to reduce burglary across the city.
- 3. Partnership Action Days;
- **4.** Targeting partnership actions to tackle concerns around anti-social behaviour in Outer West Leeds.

2. Recommendations

- **2.1** The Area Committee is asked to:
 - note the report and offer comment

3. Purpose of this report

3.1 This report provides the opportunity for Inspector Richard Cawkwell and Gill Hunter 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.

4. Background information

4.1 The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership is responsible for delivering actions to reduce crime and disorder in the West area. It is made up of representatives from key statutory agencies.

5. Main issues

5.1 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

5.4 Burglary

Burglary remains a priority for the North West Division and Safer Leeds partnership with additional resource allocated to reduce burglary across the city.

The chart below shows the ranking of wards for burglary across the city and highlights the localities of concern. Currently there are no wards in Outer West that are localities of concerns. Farnley and Wortley ward sits outside the localities of concern and over the last 3 months burglary has reduced by 4.8 % and over a 12 month period has reduced by 27.5 %. Farsley and Calverley showing downward trends by 33.3% over the last 3 months with Pudsey ward seeing the greatest reduction of 43.9%..

During the last few months there have been a number of targeted operations to tackle burglary and other crime types working with partners via the Outer West multi-agency tasking meetings.

5.2 Operation Optimal

Optimal continues to be delivered across the Division. The Operations focuses patrols to the areas predicted to have burglaries. In addition, all burglary victims and their neighbours receive a visit, offering crime reduction advice and sign up to immobilise.com.

Funding of £1,355.00 has been secured from Community Safety or target hardening vulnerable residents identified by the Crime Prevention officers. CASAC will work with the West Yorkshire Police to identify vulnerable properties deliver the target hardening.

Ward	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	12 Month Total	12 Month % Change	3 Month % Change
Hyde Park & Woodhouse													551	20.6%	-47.2%
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill													397	-33.8%	-8.5%
Armley													375	-26.3%	-14.3%
Headingley													367	-10.0%	-10.1%
Gipton & Harehills													345	-14.4%	-6.9%
Bramley & Stanningley													331	-24.4%	-50.8%
Killingbeck & Seacroft													312	-26.6%	-34.8%
Kirkstall													302	-39.2%	-43.4%
Chapel Allerton													256	-39.3%	-43.9%
Farnley & Wortley													250	-27.5%	-4.8%
Cross Gates & Whinmoor													241	-19.7%	-56.2%
Weetwood													224	-29.8%	-13.8%
Calverley & Farsley													219	-11.3%	-33.3%
Pudsey													207	-14.5%	-43.9%
Moortown													205	-29.6%	-19.5%
Beeston & Holbeck													203	-3.3%	-37.0%
Middleton Park					_								197	-3.9%	3.5%
City & Hunslet													194	-2.5%	-21.7%
Roundhay													191	-37.6%	61.8%
Temple Newsam													174	-56.9%	0.0%
Alwoodley					_								157	-15.6%	-37.0%
Horsforth													142	-38.5%	-13.9%
Morley North													131	-30.5%	-40.0%
Adel & Wharfedale					_								129	-20.1%	-40.0%
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Rothwell	_	-			-			-							
Harewood	_			_	_			_					97	-11.0%	25.0%
Morley South													94	-24.2%	-36.4%
Wetherby	_				_								85	11.8%	4.3%
Garforth & Swillington	_												76	-45.7%	-15.4%
Kippax & Methley													73	-31.1%	-41.7%
Otley & Yeadon		_											70	-53.0%	-40.0%
Ardsley & Robin Hood		_											69	-25.0%	-22.2%
Guiseley & Rawdon													62	-55.4%	-14.3%
Guiseley & Robin Hood Guiseley & Rawdon Colour Key Very High Concern High Concern Some Concern Low Concern Strategic Area													69	-25.0% -55.4%	-22.2% -14.3%

5.3. Immobilise

Radio Tactics is a private company who has created some technology which allows faster and easier access to register your property on immobilise.com and a unique piece of equipment for police officers to access the national property database.

There is a national property database managed by a company on behalf of the Police. The police check stolen retrieved or lost items handed in against the database to repatriate items with their owners. The most common route to add property to the database is via immobilise.com. it is free to join and you can do this via a pc and you need an email to register. Essentially, the process is: you register and then add

property to your account providing details such as serial numbers of your items, make, model, etc if you sell something you remove it from your account, you get a new mobile – you add it.

Hermes is a laptop with a barcade scanner gun – this is designed to create an account on immbolise.com and then add property using the bar-code technology on most items is automatically put in so less chance of errors. Details can also be entered manually. The laptop is fully secure and will transfer data to immobilise.com using an encrypted stream.

Apollo is for police only and allows officers to scan items to check if they are stolen. Serial numbers can also be input if barcodes have been removed. The kit will tell the officer immediately if the item has been reported stolen and who it belongs to, if the item has just been stolen but not reported yet the kit does an auto recheck in 2 days and will tell the officer that the items checked recently have now been reported stolen – so a line of enquiry can be followed. This kit is now being used on warrants executed by the burglary team. In division we have allocated this to property stores and officers also take it out on weekly visit to second hand outlets.

Immbolise.com signup and promotion continues within the division at events such as West Leeds Dog Watch Community event at Farnley Park as well as promotions at local supermarkets in Outer West such as the Owlcotes Centre.

5.3 Anti- Social Behaviour

Operational Analgesic which examined crime and youth related ASB during the summer holidays in 2010 and 20011 will be running during the school holidays.

6.1 Farnley and Wortley Ward - Gamble Hill and Heights

Assault offences have reduced in the Farnley area and there has also been a reduction in other related crime such as criminal damage. In reference to the Leeds Community tension report that highlighted Farnley as an area of concern in the previous period, the June 2012 reported shows a reduction in community issues within the area with only a few reports relating to low level youth nuisance.

There have been some Anti Social Behaviour issues /criminal damage on the Gamble Hill flats. The Police have an opened a problem solving NICHE occurrence which officers are to update regarding all issues/actions taken. This area is become a pilot for the use of NICHE for a partnership approach to solve problems in the area. The police are working closely with and Leeds Anti social Behaviour Team and West North West Homes and information will be shared with youth services to see if any targeted can be done with young people in the Gamble Hill and Heights area.

6.2 Pudsey Ward

There has been some complaints of Anti Social Behaviour around the Pudsey park and Town Centre in relation to youth throwing stones. Operation Anagestic has been focussing additional resources in this area, and also linking in with youth services re activities via the mobile youth bus and Andy's bar. Swinnow has seen a reduction in Anti Social Behaviour complaints. A development officer has been recruited for the area and one of her focuses will be to create a youth forum working along side partner agencies and the police. She is

also looking to develop activities at the centre and will be looking to form a committee in the near future. The revizit programme is going ahead in the area taking place at the Community Centre on a Tuesday.

6.3 Calverley/ Farsley Ward

Following complaints of Antisocial Behaviour Several youths have been issued with Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. There is a problem solving log for Farsley ASB and on going partnership work to reduce and engage with young people in the Farsley area.

7.0 Community Engagement & Reassurance

The Neighbourhood Police Team continue to support local forums and meetings to engage with communities and to inform them of their work, providing crime prevention advice and to feedback on the local priorities for local neighbourhoods. The merging of meeting is beneficial to partners as it is more effective in terms of resources.

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8.0 Corporate Considerations

8.1. Consultation and Engagement

The projects highlighted in this report will include consultation and engagement under the theme of crime and anti social behaviour with the aim of providing crime reduction advice and to increase reporting.

8.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

Engagement events and projects take account of equality and diversity in their delivery. Considerations such as date, time, venue, access all have an impact on equality and diversity in relation to ensuring events are accessible to all members of the community.

8.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

Effectively tackling crime and anti social behaviour is a strategic priority in the Safer Leeds Plan 2011-2015.

8.4 Resources and Value for Money

Projects and work highlighted in this report have been funded through a mixture of Safer Leeds, Area Committee, West North West Homes Leeds, and Positive Activities for Young People. Further opportunities for partnership funding will be explored through the coming year.

8.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

There are no legal implications or access to information issues for this report. This report is not subject for call in.

8.6 Risk Management

Risk implications and mitigation are considered for each project.

9 Conclusions

- 9.1 The report outlines the work and progress of the North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership and multi-agency partner tasking, and projects supported through the Area Committee's Well-Being budget. These are projects which assist in supporting the work programme of the Area Management Team.
 - **10.** Recommendations
 - 10.1 Members of the Inner West Area Committee are requested to:
 - Note the contents of the report and offer comments
 - 11. Background documents¹
 - 11.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.