

Report of the Director of Environment and Housing

Report to West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 10th July 2013

Subject: Community safety Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Calverley & Farsley, Farnley & Wortley, Pudsey Wards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. This report discusses recent crime statistics for Outer West Leeds;
2. The Safer Leeds Priorities for 2013 - 2014
3. 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.
4. Partnership Action Days;
5. Community Triggers and targeted partnership actions to tackle concerns around anti-social behaviour in Outer West Leeds..

6. Recommendations

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

2. Purpose of this report

- 3.1 This report provides the opportunity for Inspector Marc Adams 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

5.2 Safer Leeds Strategy 2013 -2014

Safer Leeds undertook a Joint Strategic Assessment to assess the scale and nature of crime and disorder in the city and to identify medium to long term issues affecting community safety. This analysis of information and intelligence helps Safer Leeds to inform planning and resource allocation and informs the delivery plans that underpin this overarching strategy. The main priorities for 2013/14 are:

- Continued focus on reducing domestic burglary and acquisitive crime and its impact across Leeds
- Effectively tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour in our communities
- Strengthening the partnership approach to support a reduction in Domestic Abuse
- Reduce re-offending
- Improve our understanding and approach to deal with Child Sexual Exploitation
- Deal with the increased use of legal highs and cannabis in the city.

The Community Safety partnership and the North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership will steer the work to support the priorities through the local partnerships and tasking arrangements across the division.

5.2 Leeds Community Triggers Pilot

Leeds City Council Anti Social Behaviour Team will launch the Community Triggers pilot which will run from 4th July, through to December 2013 at which point an evaluate will to place to consider any further work needed before the trigger is statutory requirement .

5.3 What is a Community Trigger ?

If someone has reported Anti-Social Behaviour but no action has been taken, they will be able tell us about it under the Community Trigger

The reporting threshold is

Three or more complaints relating to the same problem in the past 6 months to the Council, Police or their landlord and no action has been taken

Or

Five complainants have made reports about the same problem in the past 6 months to the council, police or their landlord and no action has been taken

Or

One incident of crime motivated by hate in the last 6 months and no action has been taken.

5.4 What is not suitable for a Community Trigger?

If someone has reported Anti-Social Behaviour and received a service but the problems are ongoing;

They will be advised to contact the agency they are working with to tell them what is happening

If someone has reported Anti-Social Behaviour and received a service but they're unhappy with the service received or action taken;

They will be advised to submit a complaint under the agency's complaints procedures

If the trigger criteria is met, a meeting between those agencies to whom the ASB reports have been made to (this may include Police, Council or Registered Social Landlords) will be arranged at which the agencies will review their responses and consider how the problem could be better resolved.

A response will be sent to the reporting person detailing actions taken and if necessary offering suggestions as to how the multi-agency partnership can attempt to resolve the ASB.

If the customer is unhappy with the 'Community Trigger' response they can request a further review from the Chief Officer of Community Safety.

5.5 Community Trigger Criteria What do we mean by no action taken

- § The reported problems have not been acknowledged – i.e. no one contacted the customer to advise what action would be taken.
- § The reported problems have not been appropriately investigated.
- § The customers vulnerability and/or the potential for harm has not been considered and this has affected potential service delivery.
- § No action has been taken because information has not been shared between partners and this has affected potential service delivery.

5.6 It is anticipated that there will not be large numbers of triggers as a duty already exists on local agencies to deal with every report of anti-social behaviour. Trials undertaken in Manchester have shown, even where a very low threshold is set, the number of triggers received was consistent with

other areas, showing that where there is effective partnership working fewer victims have to resort to activating the trigger. We know it is rare for victims to report the first incident of anti-social behaviour, often waiting for something to happen several times before contacting agencies. The community trigger will build on existing good practice and encourage the police, councils, housing providers and other agencies to work together to tackle anti-social behaviour, particularly where the victim is vulnerable. The community trigger gives victims, regardless of where they live, the confidence that their reports of anti-social behaviour will be dealt with quickly and effectively. It will ensure that no-one has to suffer persistent, targeted anti-social behaviour over a prolonged period. Further information will be available on Community Triggers from Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team .

5.7 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 focus for 2013 will include the following actions to reduce burglary and crime in the Outer West Area .

Target Hardening – Top 10 streets data circulated to all PS's. Streets allocated to PCSO's who have responsibility for visiting houses and offering appropriate advice tailored to individual needs

Maximise Funding - Action days to be carried out throughout the year in hotspot areas. £2000 already been awarded by LCC to support action days. Leaflets to be purchased to back current campaign

Young Offenders – Diversionary work with younger children given the emerging pattern of younger offending behaviour 8 – 18 year olds. Friday night project runs at Pudsey leisure centre. Schools officers and partner agency staff to ensure relevant referrals are made when concerns are raised regarding a child's behaviour. Consultation with Families First list should ensure relevant intervention & support is in place.

Property Marking – Promotion of Immobilise to members of the public via Optimal, at events and during initiatives in key areas

Offender Management – Identification and monitoring of Amber Burglary Nominal's in and around the NPT area. All partners attend 6 weekly meeting. New nominal's are nominated and managed in accordance with their needs.

Volunteers – Maximise the opportunity to deliver crime reduction messages by utilising divisional specials, volunteers and explorers. Use of volunteers and specials as additionally during initiatives/actions days

High Visibility – Operation Optimal is used to highlight potential burglary areas and use of specialist teams such as Operational Support Unit, Roads Policing, Off Road Bikes boosts numbers in key areas during specific

operations/initiatives. Use of partner agency staff as capable guardians adds to the 'uniformed presence' in areas at risk

Media & Marketing - Key messages promoted via publications and electronically via social media. Literature regarding crime prevention and how to contact the police is now available in other languages to promote messages in diverse communities.

5.7 Neighbourhood Police Team Performance Outer West

The tables below show the crime types from week commencing 1st April 12th May for Calverley/ Farsley, Farnley/Wortley and Pudsey wards and compares these figures with the previous 6 weeks.

Figure 1: Priority Crime in the Pudsey NPT area over the last six week period compared with the previous six week period.

Occurrence Type	w/c 01/04/13	w/c 08/04/13	w/c 15/04/13	w/c 22/04/13	w/c 29/04/13	w/c 06/05/13	Current Total	Previous Total	Change +/-
ARSON			1	3		1	5	2	3
ASSAULT	12	16	9	11	8	10	66	41	25
BURGLARY DWELLING	9	9	19	11	4	2	54	57	-3
BURGLARY OTHER	7	9	8	9	5	14	52	59	-7
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - BUILDING NON DWELLING	1	2	2		1	4	10	5	5
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - DWELLING	6	10	2	11	6	2	37	22	15
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - MOTOR VEHICLE	8	9	7	5	7	2	38	44	-6
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - NON SPECIFIC	1	2	2	3	4	2	14	7	7
ROBBERY	1			1	1	2	5	5	0
SERIOUS VIOLENT CRIME				2			2	2	0
THEFT FROM PERSON	3	1	2	3			9	4	5
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	2	18	8	13	6	9	56	78	-22
THEFT NON SPECIFIC	8	12	7	15	8	5	55	53	2
THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLE	1	1	1			2	5	7	-2
TOMV/TWOC	1	3	3	3	2		12	21	-9
Total	60	92	71	90	52	55	420	407	13

*Previous 6 weeks 18/02/2013 – 31/03/2013

6.0 Anti- Social Behaviour (ASB)

The table below shows ASB calls over the last six weeks compared with the previous period week commencing 1st April – 12th May 2013

Ward	WC 01/04/13	WC 08/04/13	WC 15/04/13	WC 22/04/13	WC 29/04/13	WC 06/05/13	Current Total	Previous Total	Change +/-
Farnley & Wortley	22	16	5	13	10	20	86	66	20
Calverley & Farsley	20	13	10	10	15	6	74	54	20
Pudsey	10	11	4	9	8	12	54	47	7
Grand Total	52	40	19	32	33	38	214	167	47

Anti social behaviour is recorded in many different ways. Parking disputes, people playing loud music, kids playing football and a noisy pet are all recorded as anti social behaviour.

6.1 Calverley/ Farsley Ward

There has been 74 ASB related calls; the majority of calls 34 are from the Owlcotes shopping centre and also complaints of nuisance bikes on the Pudsey/Thornbury boarder. The complaints around the Farfield's, the Cotefields and Town Street have reduced following a successful partnership action day on 16th May and through targeted work by the Leeds Anti-social Behaviour Team on a problem address which was the source of high volume calls in this area. The off Road bike team along side LCC Parkswatch are looking at some action days in Black Carr Wood, Calverley and Ravenscliffe woods during June tackle the ASB caused by Nuisance bikes and quads We are still waiting for an operational date for the Farsley CCTV camera, But I have been informed that the problem with the BT line will be resolved by 18th June

The focus for the work will be on further cross bordering working with Bradford with a view to gaining/sharing info on cross-border/travelling nominal's and to organise/lead an operation aimed at targeting travelling nominal's involved in acquisitive crime (Calverly/Apperley Bridge) with support of internal departments and partner agencies.

Plain clothed work and utilisation of new specialised bikes in targeted areas. Use of anti-theft screws (subject to availability/applying for external funding) to Combat rise in theft of number plates.

6.2 Farnley and Wortley Ward

In Farnley there were 86 ASB related calls; There was clusters on the Tong estate and Cottingley Springs in relation to repeat calls for service from known addresses. There was a cluster around the McDonalds area on Butt Lane and complaints of ASB and criminal damage around the Butterbowl and Cobden area. An action day is being organised for 4th July targeting issues identified in these areas with partners. A further action day is being organised on the Gamble Hills Heights area for the 25th July.

On going work includes :

Putting in place a Traffic Operation with Vosa, DVLA, Taxi Licensing, Traffic, Off Road Bikers, Council and NPT. (A day of Action) – Still in planning stage by PCSO Yas Mulla.

Routine patrols on the Police Bikes and also have the off road bikers to assist.

Routine patrols along with optimal. Recently 3 arrested for Burglary and 1 for theft in the area of Wortley.

Heights & Gambles;

Low level drug dealing on Heights & Gambles Estates;

Neighbourhood Police Team have conducted a number of warrants under S23 at various addresses on both the Heights & Gambles. Intelligence regarding drug dealing on the Ward is constantly being monitored and where intelligence permits search warrants have been executed.

As a result of 2 drug warrants conducted at same address on Heights Way in 2012 local male is currently serving 15 month prison sentence for possession with intent to sell Class A

ASB in high rise flats - Heights East, Heights West, Gamble Hill Grange, Gamble Hill Croft; Local residents have complained about general ASB within the flats. A number of number of tenancy sweeps have been conducted with colleagues from LASBT and West North West Homes where ASB / crime surveys completed by residents and intelligence gathered.

Parking issues outside Greenhill Primary School;

Problems include vehicles parking on double yellow lines and parking in inconsiderate manner at start and end of school day. PCSO's have been coming in early to conduct high visibility patrols outside the school and advising road users where appropriate.

6.3 Pudsey Ward

There were 47 ASB related calls during this period. Complaints around Pudsey Park/Town Centre have reduced but the police are continuing to concentrate on the park/bus station location. The Outer West tasking partnership had a successful Environmental Action day on the Swinnow area on 22nd April 2013, with police delivering crime prevention advice in preparation of the lighter nights campaign. A further action day in planned for July.

Current issues include: nuisance youths Pudsey Park/Bowling green, youths have been identified and the NPT have liaised with LASBT and we have opened Anti Social Behaviour cases on all the youths with 2 being issued with ASBO warnings. Extra Patrols in the area.

Nuisance youths youths/possible drug dealing South Parade. Monthly neighbourhood watch meetings are held with residents on South Parade in which police attend to establish if any further problems have occurred that

have not been reported. Extra Patrols in area by PCSO's are being conducted and recorded on the occurrence. Details of the youths that are involved in the Anti Social Behaviour have been passed to Anti Social Behaviour Unit. Intelligence is being gathered to gain a possible drugs warrant at the problem address on the street.

Nuisance youths Sunshine Club Swinnow Lane, (open occurrence for this) Youths have been identified and spoken to with their parents. Their details have been forwarded to ASBU for ABC warnings to be issued. Nuisance motorbikes Phoenix Park, Tyersal off road bikes team are aware and are paying passing attention when they can.

6.5 School Parking

West Yorkshire Police North West Leeds Division have been working with Community Safety and the Cluster of schools to raise awareness of parking issues across all schools in North West Leeds, particularly at drop off and collections times. A large banner with the message " No Parking No waiting No Excuses " are now outside 45 schools and are part of a joint campaign to raise awareness to parents/carers of the dangers of inconsiderate parking. The partnership has also purchased 15,000 leaflets to support the campaign. Whilst inconsiderate parking at schools is not a police priority, the local PCSO's will be working with Leeds City Council and the schools to educate people about the impact this has both in terms of children's safety and complaints to the police from the local community around parking issues.

6.6 Stop And Search Initiatives

There has been 1 partnership stop and search initiative during April – May . Part of the Farsley action day focussed on stop and search on 16th May which resulted in

- 69 x residential properties visited
- 25 x home security assessments conducted
- 7 x residences Immobilised
- 4 x Nominated Neighbour referrals
- 4 x Intelligence submissions
- 1 x ASB referral
- 5 x speeding advice letters (pro-laser equipment utilised)
- 6 x Endorsable Traffic Offence Reports (no seat belt)
- 1 x VDRS
- 1 x taxi taken off the road (no insurance documents/fire extinguisher)
- 12 x cars stopped
- 7 x vans stopped
- 8 x taxis stopped

Further Stop and Search days will be organised over the coming months These checks will continue in order to disrupt and deter offenders.

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.

The local Neighbourhood Police team have support local events such as Pudsey Carnival on 18th May , Farsley Festival on 27th May and crime prevention road show on the Towlers in Rodley, as well as divisional events such as the Family Police open day at Headingley Stadium on the 9th June. Currently we are working with Leeds Gate, the Gypsy Travellers Service and Partners to help coordinate a community event on Cottingley Springs Traveller site for 2nd August focussing on fun and educational activities to further build on positive relationships with the travelling community. A dogwatch events is also being developed for 11th August at Farnley park.

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 documents

- 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.