

Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal
Inner West Area Committee

Appendix 9

Project Name: Capture House Project

Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police

Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project): The project will be delivered by West Yorkshire Police based on most recent evidence of criminal activities.

Project Summary (include a brief description of the main activities, why the project is needed and links to key priorities):

North West Leeds and in particular West Inner NPT area has one of the highest burglary rates in West Yorkshire. Criminals are well aware that in an area that has a dense housing population there will be a high number of attractive consumer goods to steal including flat screen TV's, laptops, mobile phones, PDA etc. This project will help reduce burglary by targeting the criminal. Other tactics used by West Yorkshire Police and partners are awareness campaigns, target hardening, using The Crime Opportunity Profiling of Streets initiative to provide crime prevention advice and property marking.

This project is intended to make criminals wary about coming into the West Inner NPT area of North West Leeds area to commit burglary. The intention is to increase the likelihood of criminals getting caught, additionally intelligence will be gathered about where stolen items are being sold and investigations undertaken on these locations. Part of the media strategy for this project will be to publicise widely the successes of this initiative.

This project will require:

- an asset (laptop or other such desirable item),
- tracking device and laptop to track the asset
- furniture to make the house look occupied,
- cameras and lighting to ensure that good quality evidence is gathered
- smart water to assist in evidence gathering

Once the capture house is activated it will then be moved to another location as it is likely that this house will not be breached again as the burglar caught will tell other criminals where this capture house is.

Where possible items will be recycled and reused, however, eventually criminals will come to identify the furniture and set up so items will have to be renewed or swapped with other divisions.

This initiative has already been piloted in the Division and has secured a number of successes.

The cost of setting up one capture house is approximately £4,000 (made up of the cost of

furniture, smart water, cameras, trackable asset). This project will aim to have 2 capture houses set up in West Inner NPT area of North West Leeds Division and funding is sought for 1 at a cost of £4,000. West Yorkshire Police will secure a further £4,000 from it's own funds, partner agencies and private sponsors.

Outcomes (summarise the main outcome/output/benefit the project will achieve):

- The establishment of a capture house project
- An increased conviction rate for burglaries in Inner West

Project Cost. Please indicate

How much the project will cost? (List all partners and their contributions)

£4,000 Well Being capital funding from Inner West Area Committee

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:

Bramley and Stanningley and Armley

How much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue)

£4,000 capital

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Date

Not Approved
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