

**OUTER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
11th DECEMBER 2023**

**LATE AGENDA ITEM – POLICING PRIORITIES IN
THE OUTER NORTH EAST AREA**

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Report to: Outer North East Community Committee

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To note

Title: Policing Priorities in Outer North East

Purpose of report

1. To form a discussion around policing priorities in the Outer North East area, with Elected Members, partners and members of the public.

Main issues

2. The discussion topic as outlined above is included at the specific request of the Community Committee Chair, to highlight localised issues facing the area/wards in respect to policing priorities.
3. The agenda item provides an opportunity for Elected Members to ask questions with the Police and share ideas relating to the Outer North East area.

Recommendations

4. The Community Committee is asked to note the update from the Police and comment as appropriate.

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West Yorkshire Police
Outer North East Community Committee
Neighbourhood Priorities

North East Neighbourhood Policing

- The resourcing of North East Neighbourhood Policing Team is 4 x PS, 15 x PC and x27 PCSO.
- Each Ward area has three dedicated Ward Managers, working from 07:00 – 00:00 seven days a week. They are supported in their wards by dedicated Police Community Support Officers.
- Outer North East Wards account for 38% of available staffing, with seven full time staff based at Wetherby Police Station covering Wetherby, Harewood and surrounding areas and nine full time staff covering Alwoodley based out of Stainbeck Police Station.
- Wetherby and Harewood Wards account for 20% of all recorded crime in North East Leeds.
- Alwoodley Ward accounts for 17% of all recorded crime in North East Leeds.
- Resourcing is allocated proportionately when taken together.

Alwoodley

Public Priority - Anti-social behaviour - The Moor Allerton Centre is the main hotspot for youth ASB caused by off-road motor cycles, quads and cars along the part of King Lane to the West of The Moor Allerton Centre which is historically an issue which generates calls in the summer months and despite lockdown this appears to be emerging once again. We will address this issue through the use of high visibility, proactive patrols at the key times to reassure the public and be a visible deterrent.

Police Update – *There has been a Problem Solving Approach used in the area, with visibility, engagement and enforcement underpinning. Work with the Local Authority around target hardening options in and around the wider King Lane area – to include the Park and Ride. Reports of vehicular nuisance have not featured highly over the last month.*

Police Priority - Residential Burglary - The residential parts of the ward immediately north of the Ring Road both to the East and West of its junction with Harrogate Road are particular hotspots and it is believed that the main threat is from offenders travelling in from other parts of Leeds and Bradford. We will utilise crime prevention to target harden and deploy intelligence led patrols at the key times to disrupt and deter offences.

Police Update – *Alwoodley has been subject of a significant amount of residential burglaries this year. The Darker Nights operation in place by NPT extends hours of duty for officers to patrol the areas of concern up to the early hours of the morning. Supported by a prevention exercise whereby PCSO have hand delivered crime prevention advice to residential areas across Alwoodley. Police Intelligence supports the investigative strand of the operation, and CID detectives work across Districts to identify travelling criminals and Integrated Offender Management Teams work to identify recent prison releases to support the work*

Harewood

Public Priority - Road Safety - There is public concern about the speed of traffic passing along the A58. Collingham and Bardsey being most notable. We will address this issue through the use of proactive patrols in the area using both the speed indicating device to engage and educate the public around the dangers of excess speed and also the pro-laser device to secure evidence for enforcement action.

Police Update – Several days of action have been held to target excess Speed in and around Harwood and surrounding villages. NPT officers separately have taken out ‘Speed Guns’ to carry out operations in the area. In terms of reports to Police, vehicular nuisance has not featured heavily over the last month.

Police Priority - Residential Burglary - Overnight offences in the villages of Shadwell, Scarcroft, Bardsey and Collingham. The police will tackle this through the use of intelligence led patrols at the key times to disrupt and deter offences and we will utilise crime prevention methods to target harden properties in the area.

Police Update – Harewood has a relatively low offence rate of Burglary Dwelling when compared to other Wards. In line with the Darker Nights operations, NPT officers have worked extended tours into the early hours to provide a visible deterrent in the outer village areas.

Wetherby

Public Priority - Road Safety – speeding has been raised as a concern across the ward. We are currently working with colleagues from Safer Roads, in an initiative funded by local Councillors, and are conducting dedicated days of action targeting excess speed. The local NPT will conduct high visibility patrols and use both the Pro-Laser and a speed indicator device to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding. We will work with the local authority to seek post implementation reviews of 20mph zones to assess the effectiveness of these areas in reducing speed.

Police Update – Several days of action have been held to target excess Speed in and around Harwood and surrounding villages. NPT officers separately have taken out ‘Speed Guns’ to carry out operations in the area. In terms of reports to Police, vehicular nuisance has not featured heavily over the last month.

Antisocial behaviour – we will conduct intelligence led, high profile patrols to deter antisocial behaviour and instances of damage and will be focusing on Wetherby and Stables Lane.

Police Update – Local Officers patrol all known and reported Hot Spot areas for ASB and Damage, there have been several warning notices issued to local young people, and reported damages across Wetherby have more than halved over the last couple of months.

Police Priority - Residential Burglary - In the residential communities in Wetherby itself and the villages of Boston Spa, Clifford and Bramham. Day time offences of opportunity, e.g. sneak in burglaries. We will tackle this through crime prevention to target harden and intelligence led patrols at the key times to disrupt and deter offences.

Police Update – In keeping with Harewood, Wetherby has seen a lower offence rate of Burglary Dwellings than other wards in North East. Crime Reduction Officers have been used to provide key advice on security and work continues with other Districts and North Yorkshire Police to identify any likely travelling criminals who are coming into the area

Address commercial burglaries at Thorp Arch through intelligence led patrols at the key times supported by colleagues from a range of departments.

Police Update – Wetherby Ward has seen a spate of commercial burglaries this year, an Operation to investigate and detect is underway, led by the NPT based at Wetherby. This is supported by intelligence and in line with Burglary Dwelling, the Integrated Offender Management Team are advising on recent prison releases who have this offending

behaviour. Again the Dark Nights operation has been aimed at providing a visible deterrent in the area.

Police Plans for 2024

- Improved Communications through the reinstatement of a Neighbourhood Support Officer
- Improved use of Community Intelligence through Neighbourhood Watch Programmes
- Formalisation of 'Shop Watch' across Outer North East
- Formalisation of 'Farm Watch' across Outer North East
- No reduction in resourcing investment in any Outer North East Ward
- Continued focus on tackling Burglaries
- Continued focus on tackling Speed Issues

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