



Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing

Outer South Area Committee

Date: Monday 2nd July 2007

Subject: Well being Budget – West Yorkshire Police Community Safety Proposals

Electoral Wards Affected: Ardsley & Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell	Specific Implications For: Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/> Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	
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Executive Summary

This report provides the overview of five proposals put forward by West Yorkshire Police for Community Safety Schemes which seek Area Committee Well being funding support.

Members are asked to note the proposals, discuss the proposals for approval and indicate the level of funding support which should be provided for each scheme.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 Propose five community safety projects to be commissioned.
- 1.2 To allocate Well being funds to deliver targets outlined in the Safer Neighbourhoods section of the Outer South Area Committee Delivery Plan.
- 1.3 Identify the resource allocation between Morley and Rothwell

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Each Area Committee has been allocated a Well being Budget which it is responsible for administering. The aim of this budget is to support social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area by using the funding to support projects that contribute towards the delivery of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP).
- 2.2 The Well Being Budget for the Outer South is comprised of a capital and revenue

allocation. The capital allocation for 2007/08 is £106,735. The revenue allocation for 2006/07 financial year has now been confirmed as £199,880.

- 2.3 Following April's Area Committee meeting, £256,267 revenue has been allocated and a balance of £152,973 remains.
- 2.4 At its last meeting the Area Committee agreed to commission £20,000 of Community Safety work for the whole of the Outer South.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 The Morley and Rothwell Neighbourhood Policing Teams have put together the following proposals for community safety schemes to be commissioned that will operate in the Outer South Area. Detailed synopses for the project proposals are outlined below.
- 3.2 The proposals compliment the work being undertaken by the Neighbourhood Policing Teams in Morley and Rothwell and the key targets of the City and Holbeck Police Division.
- 3.3 Members are asked to consider the provision of resources to both the Rothwell and Morley areas so that the residents of the respective wards receive proportional funding in relation to the needs of the communities.

3.4 The Morley Pubwatch and Licensing Project

- 3.4.1 In 2006, Pubwatch areas were created in Morley and Churwell, Gildersome and Drighlington, and Tingley and Ardsley to tackle underage drinking. Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team wishes to continue to support the Pubwatch scheme following its success in 2006/07 to reduce drink related offences.
- 3.4.2 The aim of the proposal is to reduce crime, the fear of crime, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the community. A large proportion of violent crime and anti-social behaviour is known to be committed by young persons who are under the influence of drink. One of the methods to tackle this problem is to target sales and supply of alcohol to juveniles from licensed premises. The proposal has two phases, firstly the patrol and visiting of licensed premises and secondly, 3 test purchasing operations.
- 3.4.3 Officers from the Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team will visit licensed premises to ensure licensing laws and regulations are being complied with and the licensed premises are being run in an orderly manner. The officers will patrol on Friday and Saturday evenings between 6pm and 2am and will prosecute any offences within licensed premises and arrest individuals who are behaving in a drunk and disorderly manner in public places.
- 3.4.4 Officers will complete three test operations over an eight month period, one every four months, where an under age young person will attempt to purchase alcohol at Off Licenses. Court appearances, fines and license reviews would all result from this

action. Over the last 18 months, one Morley licensee was fined £4000 and 12 penalty tickets were issued as a result of test operations.

- 3.4.5 Funding will extend this project to 31st March 2008.
- 3.4.6 The proposal submitted meets the following Safer Neighbourhoods Area Delivery Plan objectives:
- Action to tackle anti-social behaviour
 - Target under age drinking.
 - Increase the visibility of Neighbourhood Policing Teams.
- 3.4.7 On commissioning, an Action Plan would be created which would be updated after each operation with details of the officers deployed, premises visited, actions, arrests and results.
- 3.4.8 In September 2006, the Outer Area Committee commissioned £10,152 for the Morley Pubwatch and Licensing Scheme which was completed by the end of 2006/07 financial year. West Yorkshire Police have reported a reduction in damage offences from 765 to 690 and a reduction in assault offences from 220 to 165 comparing the same period last year, 1st November 2006 – 31st March 2007.
- 3.5 Smartwater – Operation CASAC, Operation SHEDACHE, Morley & District**
- 3.5.1 Over the last two and a half years Morley Neighbourhood Policing Teams have been revisiting all domestic burglaries as part of operation CASAC and visiting victims of shed burglaries as part of operation SHEDACRE. Domestic burglaries are assessed and graded to receive “follow up” visits from PCSO’s over a four week period. Victims of shed burglaries receive a visit where they receive advice and reassurance on crime prevention.
- 3.5.2 This proposal aims to reduce offences of burglaries and repeat offences in the Wards of Morley North, Morley South and Tingley and Ardsley in Ardsley and Robin Hood. The “follow up” visits provide support, advice, reassurance and physical presence to the victims. They also provide an opportunity for the PCSO’s to engage with the community and residents to try and identify offenders and provide advice on target hardening to reduce the risk of repeat offences. The proposal outlines supporting this initiative by providing Smartwater Kits for the burglary victims.
- 3.5.3 A Smartwater kit allows the victim to property mark all valuable belongings. Door chimes and timer switches funded by the Morley & District Community Safety Panel, are offered and fitted at incidents involving insecure doors. Where appropriate, target hardening referrals will be submitted to the Morley and District Community Safety Panel for a free home security service.
- 3.5.4 The funding will extend this project to 31st March 2008.
- 3.5.5 The proposal submitted meets the following Safer Neighbourhoods Area Delivery Plan objectives:
- Increase the visibility of Neighbourhood Policing Teams
 - Burglary and Crime prevention through target hardening.

- Supporting a programme to improve security of sheds in high risk areas.

3.5.6 An Action Plan has already been created which would be updated after each operation with details of the officers deployed, premises visited, actions, arrests and results.

3.5.7 The Morley & District Community Safety Panel have charitable status and limited amounts of funding. They rely on partners to contribute towards the scheme. The £2,000 commissioned at the September 2007 Area Committee for the Smartwater project to be delivered in Morley was not used. The project costs of £7,500 outlined in this proposal are for 500 burglary victims in the Morley NPT area.

3.6 **Smartwater – Operation CASAC, Operation SHEDACHE, Morley & District**

3.6.1 The Morley & District Community Safety Panel pro-actively provide a free Home Security Service to vulnerable members of the community i.e. the elderly, disabled, single parents. Where appropriate they supply and fit door locks, window locks, door viewers and door chains, utilising their own van and volunteer fitter. Complimenting this crime prevention initiative, Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team has been visiting victims of shed burglaries as part of operation SHEDACRE. Victims of shed burglaries receive a visit where they receive advice and reassurance on crime prevention and the free supply and fitting of shed bars. Community members meeting the free home security service criteria also receive free supply and fit of shed bars. The local community is also made aware of additional security items available for purchase at discounted prices from Morley Police Station, as supplied by the Morley and District Community Safety Panel.

3.6.2 The proposal aims to reduce offences of burglaries and repeat offences in the wards of Morley North, Morley South and Tingley and Ardsley section of the Ardsley and Robin Hood by increasing premises security through target hardening. The proposal outlines match funding the Morley Town Council contribution to purchasing target hardening hardware e.g. chains, locks, subsidising cost of shed bars and contributing towards the fitting vehicles running costs.

3.6.3 The proposal submitted meet following Safer Neighbourhoods Area Delivery Plan objectives:

- Increase the visibility of Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- Burglary and Crime prevention through target hardening. Reassures vulnerable members of the community and helps reduce the fear of crime.
- Supporting programme to security of sheds in high risk area.

3.6.4 An Action Plan has already been created which would be updated after each operation with details of the officers deployed, premises visited, actions, arrests and results.

3.6.5 The proposal outlines supporting the CASAC and SHEDACRE operations by providing funding for 80 properties to be target hardened. The remaining costs to deliver this proposal will be part funded by other income to Morley & District Community Safety Panel.

3.7 Smartwater – Operation CASAC, Rothwell

- 3.7.1 Over the last two and a half years Rothwell Neighbourhood Policing Teams have been revisiting all domestic burglaries as part of operation CASAC. Domestic Burglaries are assessed and graded to receive “follow up” visits from PCSO’s over a four week period.
- 3.7.2 The proposal aims to reduce offences of burglaries and repeat offences in the wards of Rothwell and the Robin Hood section of Robin Hood and Ardsley Ward. The “follow up” visits provide support, advice, reassurance and physical presence to the victims. They also provide an opportunity for the PCSO’s to engage with the community and residents to try and identify offenders and provide advice on target hardening to reduce the risk of repeat offences. The proposal outlines supporting this initiative by funding Smartwater Kits for the burglary victims.
- 3.7.3 A Smartwater kit allows the victim to property mark all valuable belongings. The Rothwell Neighbourhood Policing Team would provide Smartwater to all victims of domestic burglary.
- 3.7.4 The funding will extend this project to 31st March 2008.
- 3.7.5 The proposal submitted meet the following Safer Neighbourhoods Area Delivery Plan objectives:
- Increase the visibility of Neighbourhood Policing Teams
 - Burglary and Crime prevention through target hardening.
 - Supporting programme to security of sheds in high risk area.
- 3.7.6 An Action Plan has already been created which would be updated after each operation with details of the officers deployed, premises visited, actions, arrests and results.
- 3.7.7 £2,000 commissioned at the September 2006 Area Committee for the Smartwater project to be delivered in both Rothwell was not used.

3.8 Rothwell Licensing and Pubwatch Scheme

- 3.8.2 Following the success of the Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team project in 2006/07 to reduce drink related offences, the Rothwell Neighbourhood Policing Team launched a parallel scheme on the 14th June 2007. The Rothwell Neighbourhood Policing Team aim to maintain close links and support the Rothwell Pubwatch scheme throughout 2007/2008.
- 3.8.3 The aim of the proposal is to reduce crime, the fear of crime, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the community. A large proportion of violent crime and anti-social behaviour is known to be committed by young persons who are under the influence of drink. One of the methods to tackle this problem is to target sales and supply of alcohol to juveniles from licensed premises. The proposal has three phases, firstly a publicity campaign, followed by patrolling and visiting licensed premises and finally, 2 test purchasing operations.

- 3.8.4 An initial poster campaign will publicise and communicate the existence of a Rothwell Pubwatch scheme. After this, officers from the Rothwell Neighbourhood Policing Team will visit licensed premises to ensure licensing laws and regulations are being complied with and the licensed premises are being run in an orderly manner. The officers will patrol on Friday and Saturday evenings between 6pm and 2am and will prosecute any offences within licensed premises and arrest individuals who are behaving in a drunk and disorderly manner in public places. Officers will be supported in their role by Leeds Watch staff who will monitor CCTV cameras in Rothwell town centre.
- 3.8.5 Officers will complete two test operations over a nine month period, where an under age young person will attempt to purchase alcohol at Off Licenses. Court appearances, fines and license reviews would all result from this action.
- 3.8.6 Funding will extend this project to 31st March 2008.
- 3.8.7 The proposal submitted meet the following Safer Neighbourhoods Area Delivery Plan objectives:
- Action to tackle anti-social behaviour
 - Target under age drinking.
 - Increase the visibility of Neighbourhood Policing Teams.
- 3.8.8 On commissioning, an Action Plan would be created which would be updated after each operation with details of the officers deployed, premises visited, actions, arrests and results.
- 3.8.9 The proposal from the Rothwell Neighbourhood Policing Team for £6,037.20 would ensure the new Pubwatch initiative and Licensing Scheme in Rothwell will be as successful as the well established scheme in Morley. The new Inspector of Rothwell Neighbourhood Policing Team is keen to establish a co-ordinated approach to community safety and the tackling of underage drinking problems in the Outer South Area.

4.0 Project Costs

4.1 The costs requested for the above schemes are as follows:

The Morley Pubwatch and Licensing Project	Patrol and licensing Visits	4 officers for 8hrs = £711.04 x 9 = £6399.36	£6,399.36
	3 Test Purchase Operations	3 officers for 6hrs = £399.96 & £30 for test purchaser = £429.96 x 3 operations = £1289.88	£1289.88
			TOTAL: £7,689.24
SmartWater – Operation CASAC Operation SHEDACHE	Smartwater Kits	£15 x 500 = £7500 350 Door Chimes funded by Morley & District Community Safety Panel;	

		£1000	£7,500
SmartWater – Operation CASAC Operation SHEDACHE	Target Hardening Hardware for 80 properties incl. subsidising costs of shed bars.	£5000 Match funding from Morley Town Council £5000	£5,000
TOTAL MORLEY PROJECT COSTS			£20,189.24
Rothwell Pubwatch and Licensing Project	A3 laminated posters	£200	£200
	Patrol and licensing visits	4 officers for 8hrs = £711.04 x 7 = £4977.28	£4997.28
	2 Test Purchase Operations	3 officers for 6hrs = £399.96 & £30 for test purchaser = £429.96 x 2 operations = £859.92	£859.92
			TOTAL: £6,037.20
SmartWater – Operation CASAC Operation SHEDACHE	Smartwater Kits	£15 x 200 = £3000	£3,000
TOTAL ROTHWELL PROJECT COSTS			£9,037.20
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			£29,226.44

4.2 **Funding Option 1:** Commission all five proposals.

4.2.1 This will commission a greater proportion of the Well being Budget than originally ring fenced. It offers a consistent community safety policy across the Outer South, assists with overall spend and positive reduction in crime.

4.3 **Funding Option 2:** Commission a proportion of the £20,000 between Morley and Rothwell. Allocated as:

The Morley Pubwatch and Licensing Project, patrols (£0) 2 test operations (£859.92), Smartwater (£7,500) and Smartwater target hardening (£2,802.88).
Total: £11,162.80

Rothwell Smartwater (£3,000) and Rothwell Pubwatch and Licensing Project (£5837.20) Total: £8,837.20

4.3.1 Commit the ring fenced £20,000 of the Well being budget on community safety projects and deliver all five proposals on a smaller scale and require the well established Morley Pubwatch to look at more long term sustainable funding.

4.4 **Funding Option 3:** Commission Smartwater initiatives only. Total commission; £15,500.

4.4.1 Well being budget reduction will be less but supports the continuation of a crime prevention initiative. Requires Morley Pubwatch to look at more long term sustainable funding. Does not support Rothwell Neighbourhood Policing in there plan to initiative the successful pubwatch scheme in the Rothwell NPT area.

4.5 **Funding Option 4:** Do not commission any proposals

4.5.1 No reduction to Well being budget and commission allocation for community safety. Outer South Area not supporting any community safety projects.

5.0 **Implications For Council Policy and Governance**

5.1 There are no direct implications for the above as a result of this report.

6.0 **Legal and Resource Implications**

6.1 Legal implications as a result of this report will be reflected in any subsequent Funding Agreements and Contracts to Tender that arise from projects that receive funding.

6.2 Resource implications will be that the Outer Area Committee budget will be reduced as a result of any projects funded.

7.0 **Conclusions**

7.1 The report outlines project proposals for the Area Committee Well Being Fund to deliver community safety operations.

8.0 **Recommendations**

8.1 Members of the Outer South Area Committee are asked to:

- note this report.
- consider the project proposals outlined in 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8 and the funding options in 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and agree the level of funding support to be commissioned.
- note the total project proposal cost is £29,226.44.