

Report of: North West Locality Safety Partnership

Report to: Outer West Community Committee (Farsley/Calverley, Farnley/Wortley and Pudsey Wards)

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Outer West Community Safety Update Report

Purpose of report

1. This report provides Members of the Outer West Community Committee with an overview of the Neighbourhood Police Team and Partnership priorities in Outer West covering from September – December 2016.
2. Reports on the local crime statistic for Outer West over the last 3 months and examples of some of the partnership initiatives.

Main issues

- 3 The Outer West Partnership Ward Areas sits within the North West Locality Community Safety Partnership and will continue to develop activity and manage performance against strategic outcomes for the city.
- 4 Safer Leeds has agreed the following three shared priorities for 2016/17 with a focus on the key themes below
 - Anti-social behaviour
 - Domestic violence and abuse
 - Hate crime/ community tensions
 - Offending behaviours
 - Serious acquisitive crime
 - Vulnerable victims

With a focus on the following cross-cutting issues:

- Drugs
- Alcohol
- Mental Health

5 Crime Data

Theft of motor vehicles – 2 more than this time last year.

Theft from motor vehicles – 33 fewer than this time last year

Burglary Dwelling – 23 fewer than this time last year.

Burglary Other (Commercial, garages, sheds etc.) - 16 fewer than this time last year.

Robbery – 4 fewer than this time last year.

Criminal Damage – 8 fewer than this time last year.

- 6 **Burglary:** In 2014 there was a change in Recording of Burglary offences. In essence all multi occupancy offences had to be recorded x the number of rooms. One property may have resulted in many offences.

During 2015/16, recording rules changed again with a presumption that offences will be on contact information with 24 hours. In other words, the professional judgement of police officers has been removed from the decision to record an offence. The counting rules changed again part way through 2016 around the multi-occupancy issue.

So, we are not comparing like for like. However as the above crime data shows Outer West has actually experienced a decrease in the number of burglary dwellings being recorded.

There is currently an emergent problem with motor vehicles being taken in burglary offences across the Outer West area. This increase is consistent with recorded offences across Leeds District.

Theft From Motor Vehicle; There has been a significant decrease in TFMV this is mainly due to our proactive approach to tackling the issue especially the theft of integrated satellite systems from the Midpoint area. We have undertaken a joint approach with our colleagues in Bradford to a positive effect.

Theft of Motor Vehicle; There has been a slight increase in theft of motor vehicles but this increase is lower than the current rise across Leeds District as a whole. The increase is due to the current trend of theft of Ford Transit vans and motorcycles/scooters

Outer West is committed to its programme of Integrated Offender Management to divert them from criminal behaviour.

7. **Anti-Social Behaviour;** Outer West has experienced a reduction in ASB calls by 22% overall when comparing calls in 16/17 to calls in 15/16.

That said, the below figures show that whilst the majority of ASB categories showed a reduction, there were big increases percentage wise for Nuisance Cars/Vans and Littering/Drugs Paraphernalia.

- 1 Youth Related -41.8%
- 2 Neighbour Related -2.5%
- 3 Nuisance Motorcycle/Quad Bike -1.8%
- 4 Adult Nuisance - Non Alcohol Related -5.6%
- 5 Alcohol 0.0%
- 6 Nuisance Car/Van 163.6%
- 7 Fireworks/Snowballing 0.0%
- 8 Littering/Drugs Paraphernalia 140.0%

Partnership Initiatives

- 7 The local based ward tasking meetings takes place every 6 weeks. Chaired by the police/partners a PWA (Partnership Ward Area) a report is produced by the Safer Leeds Annalist that highlights ward issues that including priority crime, safeguarding concerns and anti-social behaviour and environmental issues. The meeting is around problem solving/action based and partners are also able to raise concerns and issues that might not be highlighted or reported to West Yorkshire Police for tasking.

Below are just a few examples of the range of partnership work across Outer West.

8 Calverley & /Farsley Ward

Following a number of complaints from local residents living neat to the Aagrah restaurant in Thornbury around the setting off of large fireworks late evening following celebration events during August, a partnership meeting was pulled together with police, Licensing Environmental protection Team (EPT)and the Director of the Aagrah. From taking a approach a number of actions were agreed to help resolve the issues which included the EPT informing the Aagrah information on the time and day of the complaints so that they can look to see if it's possible to have a member of staff in the car park at peak time. The Aagrah have improved signage around the premises around the prohibition of fireworks both on the grounds and near too the restaurant which includes WYP logo and the Aagrah have strengthen the wording in the contacts to include possible consequences of letting off fireworks.

Farnley & Wortley Ward

There has been several days of action within the Farnley Wortley ward area these have concentrated on the Bawns and Heights estates. The aim of these action days was to target specific addresses/locations which has been identified 'risk area's' for both Serious Acquisitive Crime and ASB.

- 9 **Partnership Action day Bawns** – Addresses were visited in partnership to improve the security and crime prevention awareness of residents. Specific addresses were issued with crime prevention packs consisting of door alarms, window alarms and PIR sensors.

An Environmental Survey was carried out by Crime Prevention Officer Richard Thornton and PC O'Connor which was issued to the council to make improvements where necessary.

Crime surveys were carried out on Butterbowl Gardens in relation to recent reports of youth related ASB. This allowed for the identification of both offenders and addresses which could be dealt with by partners accordingly.

Partnership Action Day Heights - Crime surveys were completed in relation to local concerns relating to ASB and a number of 'Problem addresses' were visited in support of the council.

The Days of Action went well and was good for community engagement figures and displayed a joined up approach with partner agencies to tackle local concerns.

Pudsey Ward

10. Tackling youth ASB and safeguarding issues around Pudsey bus Station/market place has been a focus of partnership working continuously over the past year. The work completed has enabled us to identify nominals/families that require intervention from both Police and partner agencies. As a result of the Partnership work the calls for service in relation to ASB has vastly reduced.

Targeted intervention has been formulated in consultation with varying agencies to address any vulnerability identified. Youths have been signposted to divert them away from engaging in ASB.

In the last quarter we have had some challenging individuals/families particular around repeat calls for service. Through a partnership approach we have been able to look at a number of relevant interventions which include, multi-agency risk assessment meetings, respite support, and considerations made regarding enforcement due to the impact on the wider community.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

11. The West North West Locality Community Safety partnership works in partnership with the voluntary and community sector and when necessary carries out statutory consultation as appropriate.

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

12. Consideration is given to the equality impact of delivering the Safer Leeds strategy across West North West locality safety partnership. Where a negative equality impact is identified action will be taken to mitigate the impact or risk.

Council Policies and City Priorities

13. The West North West locality Community Safety partnership delivers directly against The Safer Leeds priorities and city wide strategic outcomes

Resource and Value for Money

14. The work undertaken by the Locality Safety Partnership is underpinned by maximisation of resources through effective partnership work.

Conclusion

15. As a partnership we will continue to strive towards continuing the decrease in serious acquisitive crime across the whole of the Outer area and continue in the joint work we have commenced with Bradford District to Offender Manager and proactively tackle crime.

A general, ongoing challenge within the budgetary pressures and the New Operating Model is the need to still address lower-level community concerns such as parking or speeding whilst still delivering against more strategic concerns such as vulnerability and serious acquisitive crime. The current planned influx of newly-recruited constables and Police

Community Support Officers may prove crucial to us being able to balance these demands.

Recommendations

16. Members are asked to continue supporting the locality Community Safety Partnership in relation to continuing to delivering towards the Safer Leeds priorities through effective partnership working set out by Safer Leeds for 2016/17