



Report of the West North West Leeds Area Manager

Report to : Inner West Leeds Area Committee

Date: 3rd April 2008

Subject: Community Safety Issues, Inner West Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected:
Armley
Bramley and Stanningley

Ward Members consulted

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.0 This report enables a West Yorkshire Police representative and Gill Hunter to give an update on Community Safety Issues in inner west Leeds over the past weeks and to update on the recent Operation Champion in the Fairfield neighbourhood held week commencing 10th March 2008

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership is responsible for delivering actions to reduce crime and disorder in the West Wedge. It is made up of representatives from key statutory agencies who also have representation on Inner and Outer West Tasking teams.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Community Safety is one of the priority areas for the Area Committee. Regular reports are received from West Yorkshire Police on key issues and activity in the Inner West Area.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

- 4.1 Tackling crime and disorder and addressing the fear of crime is a top priority for the citizens of Leeds as evidenced by previous consultation undertaken on a citywide and local level.
- 4.2 The citywide community safety partnership, Safer Leeds, has identified a number of key priority themes for 2005 – 2008. These are:
- Acquisitive Crime;
 - Anti-social behaviour;
 - Drugs;
 - Reassurance;
 - Violent Crime;

Locally delivered actions will contribute to these priorities. In addition Operation Champion has been rolled out throughout the city and will be targeting hot spot areas by police division.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

- 5.1 The West Area Management Team includes an officer with specific responsibilities for Community Safety who co-ordinates activity and acts as the link officer with West Yorkshire Police.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 Crime and Community Safety is a priority for the Area Committee, and a representative from West Yorkshire Police, North West Division, attends the Inner West Area Committee meetings to provide a regular update on key issues.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 Members are asked to note the update from West Yorkshire Police.