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Report of the West North West Leeds Area Manager

Report to : Inner West Leeds Area Committee

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Subject: Community Safety Issues, Inner West Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected: Armley	Specific Implications For:
Bramley and Stanningley	Equality and Diversity x
	Community Cohesion x
X Ward Members consulted	Narrowing the Gap x
Council Delegated Executive Function Function available for Call In	X Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report

Executive Summary

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 This report enables a West Yorkshire Police representative and Gill Hunter Community Safety Locality Co-ordinator to give an update on Community Safety Issues in inner west Leeds over the past weeks.

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.
- 3.2 Operation Abbreviate is a multi-agency initiative to tackle issues relating to drugs and prostitution in the New Wortley area. A verbal update of progress to date will be given by Inspector Anwar Mohammed.

3.3 Operation Champion a multi-agency operation to tackle issues of crime and grime will be taking place during week commencing 21st July 2008. The focus of this operation will be in New Wortley and will consolidate the work to date on operation Abbreviate and to tackle other local issues in relation to the environment, crime and community reassurance.

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.