

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING

MEETING: OUTER SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2006

**SUBJECT: WELL BEING BUDGET FUNDING REQUEST - WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE
COMMUNITY SAFETY PROPOSALS**

Electoral Wards Affected :

Ardsley & Robin Hood
Morley North
Morley South
Rothwell

Specific Implications For :

Ethnic Minorities
Women
Disabled People

**Executive
Function**

**Council
Function**

**Eligible
for Call In**

**Not eligible for Call In
(details contained in the report)**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of four proposals put forward by West Yorkshire Police for Community Safety Schemes which seek Area Committee Area 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 Background

- 1.1 Each Area Committee has been allocated a Well-being Budget which it is responsible for administering. The aim of this budget is to support the 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).
- 1.2 The Well-being Budget for the Outer South is comprised of a capital and revenue allocation. The capital allocation is £373,573 over three financial years 2004/2007. The revenue allocation for 2006/07 financial year has now been confirmed as £195,960.
- 1.3 Following July's Area Committee meeting, £312,550 revenue had been allocated and a balance of £57,648 remained.
- 1.4 The Area Committee agreed to commission £20,000 of Community Safety work for the whole of the Outer South.

2.0 Proposals for Area Committee funding

2.1 The Morley and Rothwell Policing Teams have put together the following proposals for community safety schemes to be commissioned that will operate across Outer South Leeds. Detailed synopses for the project proposals are outlined below.

2.2 Smartwater – Operation CASAC

2.2.1 Over the last two years, Morley and Rothwell Neighbourhood Policing Teams have been revisiting all domestic burglaries as part of Operation CASAC. The aim and objective of this operation is to provide a standardised and comprehensive support service is given to all victims of domestic burglary.

2.2.2 All victims of burglary receive additional ‘follow-up’ visits from PCSO’s over a four week period, commencing from the date of initial report. Their role is to be one of support, advice, reassurance and physical presence. The PCSO’s also to engage with the community and residents to try and identify offenders and provide advice on target hardening to reduce the risk of a repeat offence. A Smartwater kit is provided for the victim to be able to property mark all valuable belongings. Door chimes will be offered and fitted by PCSO’s at incidents involving insecure doors and timer switches will also be provided.

2.2.3 The Morley & District Community Safety Panel have charitable status and limited amounts of funding. They usually rely on partners to contribute towards the scheme on an annual basis. The total cost for this project is £8,000, with £4,000 already secured from other sources. To ensure that all the same level of provision is provided as in previous years, the Area Committee is requested to support this project with £4,000 of funding. The funding will benefit 200 people in Rothwell Ward and the Robin Hood area of Ardsley and Robin Hood Ward. A further 200 people in Morley North, Morley South and the Ardsley area of Ardsley Robin Hood Ward will also benefit.

2.3 Morley and District Pubwatch Scheme and Licensing Project

2.3.1 A large proportion of violent crime is committed by persons who are under the influence of drink, with the connection being made to off licence sales of alcohol. A pubwatch programme has been established to try and tackle these problems. There are three pubwatch areas within the Outer South wedge – Morley & Churwell, Gildersome & Drighlington and Tingley & Ardsley.

2.3.2 The aim of the proposal is for officers of the Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team to go and visit licensed premises within the three pubwatch areas to ensure that licensing laws and regulations are being complied with and that the licensed premises are being run in an orderly manner. This will provide for the future funding and delivery of this project until the 31st March 2007.

2.3.3 The officers will also patrol on a Friday and Saturday evening between 6pm and 2am and will look to prosecute any offences within licensed premises and make arrests of those individuals who are behaving in a drunk and disorderly manner in public places. There will be a zero tolerance approach towards anyone behaving in a disorderly manner.

2.3.4 Another phase of this project is to have three test purchase operations, where an under age young person will attempt to purchase alcohol at Off Licences. Two

previous test purchase operations this year have resulted in a court appearance for one Morley licensee who was fined £4000, one member of staff for an Off Licence in Churwell that was given a £80 fixed penalty notice and two warnings to other outlets.

2.3.5 On commissioning this Operation, an Action Plan will be created which would mirror the aims and objectives for the project. The Action Plan would also be updated after each operation with the details of the officers deployed, the premises visited, actions taken, arrests made and results. This provides an audit trail of staff deployed, the costs and results / outcomes of these projects.

2.4 Rothwell Town Centre Shop Watch

2.4.1 Rothwell Town Centre has been experiencing problems of crime, anti social behaviour and the fear of crime within the community. The Rothwell Neighbourhood Policing has devised a shop and pub watch scheme to try and address these issues and enable a faster response to any issues occurring in the town centre.

2.4.2 The scheme would provide 20 radios which would be placed within shops across the town centre. These radios would be linked into a base station which will be monitored by the CCTV station, so operators can focus in on the areas where problems may be developing. The radio link will also allow shop keepers to share information with other retailers who are part of the radio link programme.

2.4.3 The scheme has already been discussed with local proprietors and 45 retail outlets have already expressed an interest in becoming part of the scheme. As more businesses sign up to the scheme, it will become an invaluable source of intelligence. The Police have identified who the main perpetrators of anti social behaviour in the area are and will provide businesses signed up to the scheme with a folder containing information about these individuals. It is hoped then that a portfolio can be built up in order to take the relevant positive action in terms of the suspects receiving Anti – Social Behaviour Orders or even custodial sentences.

3.0 Project Costs

3.1 The costs requested for the above schemes are as follows:-

Smartwater Morley	200 x Smartwater kits 200 x door bells	£1,500 £500
Morley Pubwatch and Licensing Scheme	6 months with 2 operations each month amounting to 12 evenings at £704 per evening for four officers 6 months with three operations £568 per operation – four officers for six hours and a test purchaser	£8,448 £1,704
TOTAL MORLEY PROJECTS		£12,152
Smartwater Rothwell	200 x Smartwater kits 200 x door bells	£1,500 £500
Rothwell Town Centre Shop Watch	Rental of 20 radios a £3 per week for 52 weeks Purchase of a base station	£3,120 £2,800
TOTAL ROTHWELL PROJECTS		£7,920
TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED FROM AREA COMMITTEE		£20,072

4.0 Priority Themes

- 4.1 The proposals submitted fit in with the following Safer Neighbourhoods Area Delivery Plan objectives:-
- Measures to prevent burglary e.g. making alleys, houses and belongings more secure
 - Action on anti-social behaviour
 - To reduce the risk of violent crime, theft or robbery
- 4.2 The proposals also 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.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 It is requested that Members note this report.
- 5.2 That the project proposals outlined in 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 are considered and the level of funding support to be provided is indicated.