



## Neighbourhoods & Housing

### Inner Community Safety Sub Group

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008, Civic Hall

**Present :** Cllr Bentley (chair), Zahid Butt, Tony Edwards (youth Service), Sgt Jessop (Police), Narinder Matharu (ASBU)

**Apologies:** Cllr Matthews, Insp Naughton, Insp Croft, Cllr Atha, Mark Hall, Suzanne Wainwright

#### Matters Arising

Correction of minutes from 23<sup>rd</sup> October – page 2 Youth Service volunteers at Makkah Mosque should read 3 volunteers not 2 as stated.

PAYP (Positive Activities for Young People) lack of funding for North West. No key worker for the area results in low numbers of referrals – which is one of the criteria. Issue about how crime is recorded in North West and whether the young people element is recorded in offences accurately.

Key message: - we are concerned that we have discovered that we do not have a key worker for North West, although there is one for Hyde Park and Woodhouse ward, this means that the funding is not coming into Inner North West.

A Community Safety Event was held in a school, with Safer Leeds getting feedback from the children about their crime experiences and views on crime. We would like a similar event for North West. Zahid to contact Safer Leeds.

#### Action

**Noted**

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**Key Message**

## 1.0 Update from Police

Operation Cleansweep underway, aims to execute outstanding warrants and keep victims informed of results with personal visits. 19 arrests made recently during this initiative.

Small rise in burglary in Becketts Park and Escorts. The majority of burglaries continue to be walkins through unlocked doors and windows. Knowledge campaign is now in full swing with students volunteers assisting.

Cycle theft an issue for both Universities. A suspect has recently been arrested and Police are working with CASAC and security from both Universities to address this problem. Use of CCTV proving useful and CASAC are providing locks and alarms.

Robbery has experienced a slight increase on Meanwood Road, targeting students. Flyers sent to all residents, working with North East Division and Universities to address this.

Little London drugs enforcement work has proved successful with significant arrests, disruptions and positive feedback from resident groups. This links well with Youth Service plans to work with young people and groups in the area. The initiative has drawn down £6,000 of funds from the Intensive Neighbourhood Management Project and West North West Homes and used the funds to target plain clothes operations in the area, additional to regular Policing for the area. Some Police funds have also been used in the area, making the funds go further. However, the funds are due to come to an end soon and the challenge will be how this work is sustained. 12 Injunctions secured against drug users are proving effective as no arrests have been needed and resident feedback has stated that the injunctions are being adhered to. Councillor Bentley suggested looking at Area Committee funds to help support this work next year.

Safety Arches have been used in Headingley with no knives found. This shows that it knife crime is still a rarity in North West and this initiative has had the full support of Headingley Pubwatch.

Congratulations to PC Robinson in finding a cannabis factory.

**Noted**

## 2.0 Youth Service

Weapons awareness training is being undertaken for all Youth Workers and Managers.

£2,000 of funding has been secured for Revizit in Inner North West. The programme will run for 10 weeks and work on a voluntary basis with 12 young people 13+. The programme addresses behaviour with a core group of professionals working with the group.

Operation Champion and Action Days need some leaflets aimed at young people. This is a gap which needs addressing. The material should be in medium which appeals to young people. ASBU have an ASB session which they undertake at the local school for Operation Champion – Youth Service are welcome to tap into this. ZB to speak to University and Safer Leeds.

The full management team are now in place for Inner North West. There are some gaps at Youth Worker level and these will be filled through a rolling recruitment programme. There are 74 hours left for Inner North west.

Mobile delivery sessions have been increased by 3 extra lunchtime sessions in Lawnswood and some evening sessions.

Get Involved Event planned in Little London on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 5-9pm. The event is a consultation event based at the COmmunity Centre and will include techno, dance and mixing sessions to help facilitate this.

The Blackman Lane Muga will be lit on some evenings as the pilot lighting initiative has proved successful. This will mean that football and other events could be held there.

Explorer is a 23 week course with a certificate at the end – Sgt Ian Poskitt is leading on this.

Narinder to chase up PAYP figures and circulate.

ASB victim packs are now personally delivered and discussed with victims. Councillor Bentley pointed out that many ASB cases escalate from low level ASB not being addressed – eg doors slamming, dogs barking / fouling. Some of these cases go on for years with no outcomes. People keep filling diaries out for years.

Narinder stated that she hoped this was addressed and that her staff would do all they can to move cases forward to successful outcomes. There were some restrictions when cases were word against word, but agencies are working much closer together and we can draw on partner agencies to resolve cases, eg noise nuisance monitoring equipment, covert cameras, etc.

There are 4 open cases and 18 with Legal. Of these 18, 12 are the Little London injunctions.

A new piece of legislation came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008 which allows the closure of premises for ASB. The legislation applies to all tenures and South Leeds used this power in a one of their recent cases.

### 3.0 CASAC

398 properties have had anti climb paint applied to their properties. The project is funded through wellbeing and is concentrating on the Harolds and Thornevilles and will now move to the Brudenells. Window restricters are also offered for lower level windows.

Cops is a visual audit project profiling things which could contribute to crime or something which could generate a crime in an area. For example overgrown bushes, graffiti, open doors / windows could contribute to a crime being committed and a laptop in a car could generate a crime. The project was trailed in the Ash Road area and has proved successful with only 2 burglaries in the area. Partners involved in this project include Safer Leeds, Leeds Federated, CASAC, Police and Wardens.

Cacoon target hardening now being undertaken with other properties in the street target hardened as research shows that burglars will come back to the street.

UPVC Euro Cyclinder locks are still being targeted. These locks used on PVC doors and 80% referrals are currently for this type of vulnerability.

Visor guards are also proving popular as this stops people putting hands through letterboxes to get at locks or keys.

**8.0**    AOB

none

**9.0**    **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**