



Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods & Housing Department

Inner North West Area Committee

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Subject: Community Safety

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Executive Summary

This report provides an update of the community safety activity undertaken during 2006/07, activity planned for the remainder of the year and compares crime statistics from quarter 1 2005/06 with quarter 1 2006/07.

1.0 Purpose of This Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on community safety activity undertaken and planned for 2006/07.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The Pudsey Weetwood Divisional Community Safety Partnership is responsible for delivering actions to reduce crime and disorder in North West Leeds. It reports to the Safer Leeds Executive and the North West District Partnership and comprises of senior managers from key statutory agencies. The Partnership is chaired by West Yorkshire Police and meets quarterly. It examines the Strategic Intelligence Assessment every 6 months. The Assessment provides an analysis of key crime data and suggests actions to target areas where performance can be improved.

3.0 Statistical Information

- 3.1 Appendix 1 provides details of crime figures from quarter 1 in 2005/06 compared with 2006/07. These figures show that all crime in the Inner North West area reduced by 4.1%.
- 3.2 Most crimes have experienced a decrease. The exceptions are Burglary Elsewhere which saw an increase of 1 crime and Criminal Damage, which increased by 8 crimes. Drug offences also increased, however, this category relates directly to the detection and arrest of offenders and an increase in this category is welcomed.
- 3.3 There are a variety of reasons why a particular crime may experience an increase; Weather, Season of the year, confidence in reporting and the release of prolific offenders all have a bearing on recorded crime.

4.0 Delegated Functions

- 4.1 The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for Council funded PCSOs, CCTV and Neighbourhood Wardens.
- 4.2 **PCSO**
There are currently 8 match funded PCSOs in Inner North West. There are also 22 Police funded PCSOs in Inner North West. Deployment of PCSOs is currently with Police Divisions who also carry out the day to day management. Matched funded PCSOs are generally deployed within their allocated ward. The Council is increasing the number of matched funded PCSOs with an increase of 99 expected this financial year.
- 4.3 **CCTV**
There are 6 cameras deployed in the Inner North West Area. These are sited in the following areas:
- Hyde Park Corner - 1
 - Headingley – 4
 - Hawksworth Wood – 1 (revenue picked up by North West Homes)

The cameras are monitored by LeedsWatch 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In April 2006, The North West Inner Area Committee commissioned the funding of 2 CCTV cameras to be placed in Hyde Park. Through discussion with LeedsWatch, this has increased to 3 cameras, at no additional cost with 1 camera radio linked. The cameras will be sited at:

Hyde Park Road / Moorland Road
Royal Park Road / Queens Road
Brudenell Road op cinema (radio link)

- 4.4 **Neighbourhood Wardens**
There are currently 3 neighbourhood wardens based in Inner North West, covering:
Woodhouse/Hyde Park
Little London
Hawksworth Wood

The Hyde Park warden has recently been promoted to a Senior Neighbourhood Warden in North East and this has resulted in a part-time vacancy in the Hyde Park area.

5.0 Summary of Key Actions 2006/07

5.1 Operation Apollo

At the time of writing, 2 Operation Apollos have been held in Inner North West in Woodhouse and Kirkstall. It is intended to conduct an operational review of Apollo in November with all agencies to be consulted on how well Apollos are being conducted and how they can be improved and have a greater, longer lasting impact.

5.2 Additional Policing – Area Committee

The Inner North West Area Committee has committed £24,000 of funding to the Police for additional policing covering Hyde Park, Woodhouse, Kirkstall and Little London. This funding will enable the Police to enhance patrols to tackle anti social behaviour in the Woodbridges, Hawksworth Wood, Hyde Park and drug issues in Little London and Hyde Park.

5.3 Additional Policing – Safer Stronger Communities Fund

The Safer Stronger Communities Fund has funded £32,000 of additional policing in Little London. This has been targeted towards drugs activities and anti social behavior in Little London and Woodhouse.

Anti Social Behaviour

5.4 Mountain Bikes

North West Inner Area Committee funded 4 mountain bikes for PCSOs to use to get to their patches and to assist in patrolling their patch. These bikes have proved very successful and have assisted in detecting crimes, which may otherwise have gone undetected.

5.5 Headingley DPPO

The Headingley DPPO came into force on 30th March 2006 . The Order is policed by the Neighbourhood Policing Team and to date evidence suggests that the order is complied with and no arrests have been made to date. 40 warnings have been issued and complied with. Additional patrols funded by North West Area Committee were directed towards the initial period of the Order and Fresher period through September 2006 to ensure new students were aware of the DPPO.

5.6 Intensive Family Support Project

The Intensive Family Support Co-ordinator is now in post and has met with partner agencies to establish priorities and referrals. The aim is to provide and co-ordinate intensive support through partnership work to address the anti social behaviour of families. Regular case conferences are held with Social Services, North West Homes, North West Primary Care Trust and other agencies working with the families identified.

5.7 Bumpy (Birstall Urban Motorcycle Project for Youth)

The Bumpy Project is aimed at young people who are at risk of causing nuisance through off-road trial bikes. The aim is to provide young people with an alternative to riding trials bikes on roads, pavements and public greenspaces. The project also teaches youngsters maintenance and responsibility in relation to the use of the bikes. Funding for the £20,000 has come from the Police, Leeds Federated Housing, Unity Housing and Intensive Neighbourhood Management. The bikes used are a combination of confiscated bikes and those voluntarily handed to the police by young people who wish to participate in the Project. Young people involved in the project are aware that if they are involved in illegal riding of bikes then they will no longer be able to participate in the project.

6.0 Burglary

- 6.1 Each victim of burglary is visited by a Police Crime Reduction Officer or PCSO who will provide crime reduction advice and make referrals to CASAC, for target hardening. PCSOs also make visits to neighbouring properties and provide advice on crime prevention.
- 6.2 125 properties will be target hardened in North West in 2006/07, through funding provided by Safer Leeds. Target hardening is the fitting of additional locks or other low level security device to reduce the risk of burglary. CASAC are commissioned by Safer Leeds to target harden properties after a burglary occurs. Analysis of burglary figures show that less than 1% of target hardened properties suffer a repeat compared to 14% in non target hardened properties. It costs £125 to target harden a property. Between April and June 2006, 34 properties were target hardened in the Inner North West Area.
- 6.3 400 properties have benefited from anti climb paint funded through North West Inner Area Committee and Safer Leeds at a total cost of £4,000.
- 6.4 Safer Leeds, North West Inner Area Committee and North West Homes have matched funded alleygates in North West Inner. To date, the Archeries in Woodhouse have been gated (4 gates in total) with residents holding a street party to celebrate. Leeds Federated is currently working with Groundwork and residents to brighten up the space reclaimed. Further work is planned in the Ashvilles, Willows and Gilberts / Sandfords.

7.0 Robbery

- 7.1 Operation Walksafe targets police patrols to areas where burglaries and robberies are likely to occur. This initiative has proved successful in the past in preventing burglaries and robberies from occurring and has been deployed to Hyde Park and surrounding areas.
- 7.2 Work is currently underway to develop a daily bulletin which will share basic crime intelligence with partner agencies. The aim is to share details about the streets where crimes have occurred, the times and any other pertinent information. This will enable partner agencies to have a greater role in preventing crimes and reporting intelligence to the Police. It is intended that the bulletin will be shared with Neighbourhood Wardens, Housing Officers, Park Rangers, Parking Attendants and other officers who will be out on the streets.
- 7.3 Attempts are also being made to influence the PFI street lighting timetable to accommodate robbery hotspots and have the lights replaced sooner in some streets.

8.0 Vehicle Crime

- 8.1 All CCTV cameras in Inner North West have the Automatic Number Plate Recognition system. The system checks the number plate of all passing vehicles and will issue an alert if a stolen vehicle or plate passes the sensor. The Police will then stop the vehicle and make appropriate checks.
- 8.2 Where a PCSO or PC comes across a vehicle where goods are displayed in open sight. Details are passed to the DVLA, who will issue a letter advising the owner to secure goods out of sight.

9.0 Priorities for 2006/07 (Oct-Apr)

9.1 The Police Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) provides an analysis of crime statistics and shows the hotspot areas for crimes, coupled with the most frequent times when crimes are likely to take place, the profile of victims and the nature of the offending behaviour. The SIA data alone does not give a full picture of crime and ASB across the North West Inner Area. Partner agencies are encouraged to bring their own information to complement this information. By bringing information together like this, agencies are in a better position to make decisions about where the priorities for action should be using an intelligence lead approach.

9.2 The crime hotspot for all crime and anti social behaviour (burglary, robbery and vehicle crime) for Inner North West is Hyde Park and Woodhouse, further work planned during 2006/07 includes:

- Target hardening of properties after a burglary occurs and utilising Neighbourhood Renewal Funding to pro-actively target harden properties before a burglary occurs
- Visiting residents in the area, offering property marking of laptops and mobile phones (most stolen items)
- Utilising the daily bulletin to highlight areas of concern and set up / improve links between Council Officers on the street and the Neighbourhood Policing Team
- Continue to target Operation Walksafe to robbery hotspots
- Multi Agency Operation such as Apollo and Action Days

9.3 It is worth mentioning that the ASB hotspots for Inner North West are not static and move around the area as the problems are addressed. Current ASB hotspots include:

- Groups of youths congregating in Kirkstall
- Street drinkers in Little London and Little Woodhouse
- Criminal damage caused by youths in Little London

9.4 Multi agency interventions are currently underway to tackle the above issues, this includes:

- Collating evidence against each of the names perpetrators, leading to appropriate actions (ie. Cautions, tenancy warnings, ASBO warnings, etc)
- Mobile youth provision in the area to alleviate problems
- Tackling environmental issues such as overgrown bushes, lighting, graffiti, broken windows
- Letter drops Informing residents of the action being taken and encouraging reporting

10.0 Conclusions

10.1 Crime statistics show that crime continues on a downward trend in Inner North West Leeds. This can be contributed to a number of factors including improved multi agency working, better co-ordination of resources and additional resources in the form of initiatives funded by bodies such as the Inner North West Area Committee.

11.0 Recommendations

11.1 Members asked to note this report and offer comments.

Quarter 1 2006/07

WARD NAME	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Elsewhere	Criminal Damage	Drugs Offences	Robbery	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Theft Of Motor Vehicle	Violent Crime	All Crime
HEADINGLEY	112	10	92	17	11	82	29	64	613
HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE	146	34	213	56	26	76	42	167	1050
KIRKSTALL	81	36	184	22	5	58	40	118	754
WEETWOOD	44	32	101	25	6	56	17	79	452
TOTAL	383	112	590	120	48	272	128	428	2869

Quarter 1 2005-06

WARD NAME	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Elsewhere	Criminal Damage	Drugs Offences	Robbery	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Theft Of Motor Vehicle	Violent Crime	All Crime
HEADINGLEY	107	18	106	6	9	103	37	73	628
HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE	177	28	188	62	31	87	39	194	1057
KIRKSTALL	73	30	173	10	15	66	37	142	745
WEETWOOD	74	35	115	19	8	87	26	82	562
TOTAL	431	111	582	97	63	343	139	491	2992