

Report of the Director Neighbourhoods and Housing

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 7 December 2006

Subject: Community Safety Issues, Inner West Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected:

**Armley,
Bramley & Stanningley**

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

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 introduces Inspector Steve Thomas from West Yorkshire Police who will give an update on Community Safety Issues in Leeds for the past 6 weeks.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The Pudsey Weetwood 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.

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.

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, Pudsey Weetwood 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.