

Area Committee Well Being Fund Commissioning of Service

Appendix 2

Project Name: North West Division Off Road Motorcycle Scheme

Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police

Project Summary:

The aim of this project is to enhance the safety and quality of life of residents living in the North West Police Division area by providing an effective response to illegal off road motor cycling and to assist with high visibility patrols.

The police currently employ their powers under the No Insurance scheme and Section 59 of the Police Reform Act wherever possible and in conjunction with Park Watch to seize offending vehicles and prosecute their riders. However, by its very nature off road motorcycle offending can be difficult to combat. Foot officers and Police Community Support Officers are obviously unable to give pursuit to them and marked police vehicles are usually unable to follow across open ground. Being able to utilise the Off Road Bikes has assisted the division in combating other forms of criminality for example street drug dealing and street robbery, by providing a quick means of accessing hard to reach open areas where such offending occurs.

Similarly the vehicles are used in proactive operations to target burglary and vehicle crime.

WEST INNER

This is one of the busier wards with excellent intelligence form the PCSO'S resulting in numerous houses being hit to seize motorcycle's being used in ASB.

Arrests in this ward have been made from routine vehicle checks for non payment of fines disqualified drivers and wanted persons. Assistance has been given when warrants have been executed to prevent people making off.

Numerous motorcycles have been seized from all parts of this ward, High Visibility patrols means that offenders are loathe to bring their bikes out for fear of them being seized.

The main problem in this area being Armley by the Gas works and Bramley Fall Wood. Majority of calls to date have been around the gas works where the same youths are having bikes seized but always manage to find another one.

Outcomes (please summarise the main outcome / output / benefit the project will achieve):

In all ward's the motorcyclists issue Fixed Penalty Tickets both endorsable and non endorsable for all manner of offences, assist at the scene of Road Traffic Accidents 's and immediate calls where prudent. On numerous occasions due to there manoeuvrability in traffic and ability to ride through estate's and parks the off road motorcycles arrive first on the scene of many incidents of all type's and back up 'just in case'. They routinely patrol the canal towpath in an effort to reduce crime and raise public awareness and confidence in the Police.

Due to the nature of the Division and intelligence provided, certain ward's receive more attention than other's. Obviously the Police motorcycle's patrol mainly where known

problem area's are. If information or intelligence is not forthcoming the motorcycles patrol all wards on an equal basis.

The image of 2 Police motorcyclists and 2 Leeds City Council riders portrays a strong message to both the public and potential offenders. It shows a good inter agency approach to a problem that affects all constituents. Liaising with Birstall Urban Motorcycle Project for Youths has provided an avenue to direct youths and parents to, provide riding facilities that are safe and legal.

New links have been forged with the LCC Bikesafe team and the Lazer Centre at Armley.

Bikesafe aims are to encourage new riders to ride on the road in appropriate safety clothing as opposed to the 'Cool', tracksuit bottoms and Hoodies and to educate them to ride safely and not become a statistic. Bikesafe also aim at experienced riders to promote safer riding and further training in the form of Advance riding skill, First Aid and IAM courses. Liaising with Bikesafe promotes the Police to motorcyclists in a more positive manner as well as making a positive impact on motorcycle accident stats.

The Lazer centre is run by LCC and mainly takes young offenders off the streets and teaches them about the mechanics of motorcycles and safe riding practices off road in a safe environment. One of the courses runs for a period of 12 weeks and counts towards a Duke Of Edinburgh award. It is also hoped that this can be passed to local schools to as part of an out of school club with the emphasis being on the Duke of Edinburgh award.

The results of the funding have made a definite positive impact on figures re nuisance motorcycles Anti Social Behaviour and most other crimes where the Police motorcycles patrol. This has in turn made the quality of life better and safer for all constituents in the Division. It is hoped that in the months to come liaising with local schools in the Division will give an insight into legal and safe riding for students

Project Cost (please indicate how much the project will cost, how much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue):

**North West Leeds
Off Road Motorcycle Scheme**

Funding Bid	
2008/9	
Balance	7128
2009/10	
3 Year Plan - 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2012	
Lease Costs 2 Bikes £236 per month (36 months)	16992
Fuel for 2 Bikes (£1200 pa)	3600
Clothing/Maintenance (£1500 pa)	4500
Full Projected Cost	25092
Funding Request	25092

Balance from 0809	-7128
	17964
Funding Req'd for 3 year period	
NWI / NWIHP	4491.25
NW0	4491.25
WO	4491.25
WI	4491.25
	17965

BID TO EACH AREA COMMITTEE

£4491.25 required as one off payment 01/04/09

or

£1497 per area per annum payable

01/04/2009

01/04/2010

01/04/2011

Identify which geographic areas will benefit and which Area Committee (Inner or Outer) you are applying to:

Inner West

State who will receive the funding for this project:

West Yorkshire Police