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# Report of the Assistant Chief Executive Planning Policy and Improvement

# Report to West (Inner) Area Committee

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**Subject: Community safety Report** 

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	⊠ Yes	☐ No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley, Bramley & Stanningley wards		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	Yes	⊠ No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

## Summary of main issues

- 1. This reports discusses resent Crime Statistics for Neighbourhood Policing Team including;
- a) Acquisitive crime . Burglary remains a priority for the North West Division and Safer Leeds partnership with additional resource allocated to reduce burglary across the city.
- b) Partnership Action Days
- c) Targeting partnership actions to tackle concerns of Anti-social behaviour in the Armley, Bramley & Stanningley area.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Area Committee is asked to:
  - note the report and offer comment

## 3. Purpose of this report

3.1 This report provides the opportunity for Inspector Mark Wheeler to provide the Inner West Area Committee with information on crime trends, partnership initiatives and future joint projects between Leeds City Council and West Yorkshire Police in the Inner West.

## 4. Background information

4.1 The North West 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.

#### 5. Main issues

5.1 Community Safety is one of the priority areas for the Area Committee. Regular reports are received from Community Safety and West Yorkshire Police on key issues and activity in the Inner West Area.

### 5.2 Crime Trends

Overall total crime for West Inner continues to fall and the latest data available (covering 1<sup>st</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2012) shows that there have been a total of 1,648 recorded crimes. This is a reduction of 467 total crimes from the same time in 2011. West Inner ward has the highest detection rate in the North West Leeds division, currently standing at 27% of all crimes being detected. Burglary has been massively reduced but there has been a small overall increase in all types of vehicle crime by 21 offences.

### 5.3 Burglary

Burglary remains a priority for the North West Division and Safer Leeds partnership with additional resource allocated to reduce burglary across the city.

Regarding burglary in the time period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2012 there have been 151 house burglaries (this is 198 less house burglaries from same period last year) and 131 other burglary (this is 50 less burglary other which includes shops, garages, sheds, etc) The detection rate for both types of burglary is 13%, again the highest in the North West Leeds division.

There has been a number of initiates to reduce burglary in Inner West these include:

## 5.4 **Operation Optimal**

Optimal continues to be delivered across the Division. The Operations focuses patrols to the areas predicted to have burglaries. In addition, all burglary victims and their neighbours receive a visit, offering crime reduction advice and sign up to immobilise.com. Target hardening is also offered to victims of burglary.

Funding has been secured for target hardening which will be offered in the form of a 50% grant. CASAC will work with WYP to deliver the target hardening. Inner West: £8000 (50 % grant) £5,000 from Community Safety and £3,000 from the Armley Well-being budget.

#### 5.5 **Immobilise**

Radio Tactics is a private company who have created technology which allows faster and easier access to register your property on immobilise.com and a unique piece of equipment for police officers to access the national property database.

There is a national property database managed by a company on behalf of the Police. The police check stolen retrieved or lost items handed in against the database to repatriate items with their owners. The most common route to add property to the database is via immobilise.com. it is free to join and you can do this via a pc and you need an email to register. Essentially, the process is: you register and then add property to your account providing details such as serial numbers of your items, make, model, etc if you sell something you remove it from your account, you get a new mobile – you add it.

Hermes is a laptop with a barcode scanner gun – this is designed to create an account on immbolise.com and then add property using the barcode technology on most items is automatically put in so less chance of errors. Details can also be entered manually. The laptop is fully secure and will transfer data to immobilise.com using an encrypted stream.

Apollo is for police only and allows officers to scan items to check if they are stolen. Serial numbers can also be input if barcodes have been removed. The kit will tell the officer immediately if the item has been reported stolen and who it belongs to, if the item has just been stolen but not reported yet the kit does an auto recheck in 2 days and will tell the officer that the items checked recently have now been reported stolen – so a line of enquiry can be followed. This kit is now being used on warrants executed by the burglary team. In division we have allocated this to property stores and officers also take it out on weekly visit to second hand outlets.

Immbolise.com signup and promotion continues within the division at events such as West Leeds Dog Watch Community event at Farnley Park and Armley funday as well as promotions at local supermarkets within Inner West .

## 5.6 Ward Risk Management: June 2012

Ward	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	12 Month Total	l .	3 Month % Change
Hyde Park & Woodhouse													551	20.6%	-47.2%
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill													397	-33.8%	-8.5%
Armley													375	-26.3%	-14.3%
Headingley													367	-10.0%	-10.1%
Gipton & Harehills													345	-14.4%	-6.9%
Bramley & Stanningley													331	-24.4%	-50.8%
Killingbeck & Seacroft													312	-26.6%	-34.8%
Kirkstall													302	-39.2%	-43.4%
Chapel Allerton													256	-39.3%	-43.9%
Farnley & Wortley													250	-27.5%	-4.8%
Cross Gates & Whinmoor													241	-19.7%	-56.2%
Weetwood													224	-29.8%	-13.8%
Calverley & Farsley													219	-11.3%	-33.3%
Pudsey													207	-14.5%	-43.9%
Moortown													205	-29.6%	-19.5%
Beeston & Holbeck													203	-3.3%	-37.0%
Middleton Park													197	-3.9%	3.5%
City & Hunslet													194	-2.5%	-21.7%
Roundhay													191	-37.6%	61.8%
Temple Newsam													174	-56.9%	0.0%
Alwoodley													157	-15.6%	-37.0%
Horsforth													142	-38.5%	-13.9%
Morley North													131	-20.1%	-40.0%
Adel & Wharfedale													129	-26.7%	-16.0%
Rothwell													107	-11.6%	0.0%
Harewood													97	-11.0%	25.0%
Morley South													94	-24.2%	-36.4%
Wetherby													85	11.8%	4.3%
Garforth & Swillington													76	-45.7%	-15.4%
Kippax & Methley													73	-31.1%	-41.7%
Otley & Yeadon													70	-53.0%	-40.0%
Ardsley & Robin Hood													69	-25.0%	-22.2%
Guiseley & Rawdon													62	-55.4%	-14.3%
Colour Key Very High Concern High Concern Some Concern Low Concern Strategic Area															

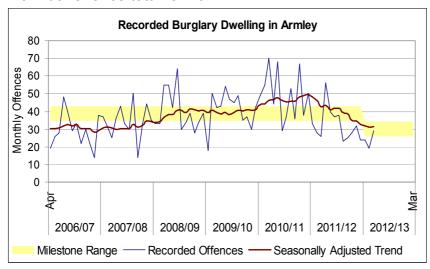
# 5.7 Armley & Bramley Burglary Reduction Plan

The Armley and Bramley burglary action plan is progressing through the Inner West crime and Grime Tasking Meetings with some positive reductions in burglary in both of these wards. Actions have included a focus on It only takes a minute campaign, the delivery of a Revizit diversionary activities in Bramley, target hardening, the Friday and Saturday night projects, as well as the management of offenders, Immobilise and operation Optimal.

# 5.8 Armley Burglary Progress Plan June 2012

### **Milestones**

Milestone 2 is to reach the lower level of the Milestone Range, at 27 offences per month this would equate to 324 offences per year, a reduction of 16.9% from the annual offence total for 2011/12.



## **Progress**

Offences changed by -17% in April 2012 to June 2012 compared with the same period last year. The seasonally adjusted average is within the Milestone Range. The year to date average is 24 offences per month and progress is consistent with achieving Milestone 2 in 2012/13.

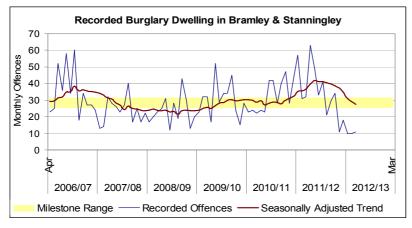
Month	Offences	Average To Date
Apr-12	24	24
May-12	19	22
Jun-12	29	24
Jul-12		
Aug-12		
Sep-12		
Oct-12		
Nov-12		
Dec-12		
Jan-13		
Feb-13		
Mar-13		
Year to		
Date		

Month	Cumulative 2012-13	Cumulative 2011-12	Change			
Apr	24	33	-9			
May	43	61	-18			
Jun	72	87	-15			
Jul		143				
Aug		183				
Sep		220				
Oct		258				
Nov		281				
Dec		306				
Jan		334				
Feb		366				
Mar		390				
-17% Change Year to Date						

### 5.9 **Bramley Burglary Progress Plan June 2012**

#### **Milestones**

Milestone 1 is to reach the lower level of the Milestone Range, at 25 offences per month this would equate to 300 offences per year, a reduction of 28.6% from the annual offence total for 2011/12.



## **Progress**

Offences changed by -74% in April 2012 to June 2012 compared with the same period last year. The seasonally adjusted average is within the Milestone Range. The year to date average is 10 offences per month and progress is consistent with achieving Milestone 2 in 2012/13.

Month	Offences	Average To Date
Apr-11	10	10
May-11	10	10
Jun-11	11	10
Jul-11		
Aug-11		
Sep-11		
Oct-11		
Nov-11		
Dec-11		
Jan-11		
Feb-11		
Mar-11		
Year to Date		

Month	Cumulative 2012-13	Cumulative 2011-12					
Apr	10	57	-47				
May	20	88	-68				
Jun	31	120	-89				
Jul		183					
Aug		232					
Sep		265					
Oct		306					
Nov		327					
Dec		357					
Jan		391					
Feb		402					
Mar		420					
-74% Change Year to Date							

# 5.10 Anti-Social Behaviour – Operation Analgesic

Operation Analgesic which examined crime and youth related ASB during the school summer holidays in 2010 and 20011 will be running during the school holidays. Over the last two school holidays periods Armley experienced the highest levels of ASB incidents across North West Leeds. The areas of concentration varied between two school summer holidays. The main areas of concern were:

**Armley**: Town Street, Chapel Lane and Hall Lane and the area surrounding New Wortley Cemetery, including the Holdforths. In 2010 summer holidays there was a cluster of ASB incidents around the Cedars.

**Bramley**: During the summer holidays of 2011, the Fairfield's were the main ASB hotspot. In 2010 the main clusters of ASB were in the Ganners and the Broadleas. This analysis of previous ASB hotspots over the last 2 years will assist police the deploying proactive resources which is intelligence based.

Anti social behaviour remains a priority for all partners, driven by the NPT. Armley Town Street and the side roads immediately off of it still focus as areas of repeat calls for service and an emerging area is around the New Wortley Community Centre. Whilst crime has not increased in the New Wortley locality, reports of groups hanging around, drinking alcohol and being "intimidating" have. A request has been made for this area to become a DPPO no anti-social alcohol drinking zone, but further evidence and justification for an application still needs to be obtained. The Summer holidays have seen the usual calls regarding youths playing football in the streets or hanging around in the park, but a presence for the local PCSOs has prevented any areas of serious youth ASB or disorder. Extra patrols have been put in place in the areas of concern from the mounted section and in an evening through the presence of a police &council staffed ASB van with CCTV cameras.

## 5.11 Armley Town Street Improvement Plan

The main hotspot for complaints of Anti-social behaviour have focussed in and around the Armley Town Street area, the main issues being concerns about youth Anti Social Behaviour, and Street Drinking. The partnership plan has agreed short, medium and longer term actions to address issues. Since the action plan has been in place there has been fewer complaints of ASB particularly from the Geldard Lane shops area.

A reassurance/fact finding day took place on 30<sup>th</sup> May and some of the issues raised are :

- Groups drinking alcohol in various locations
- Theft from bins at the rear of various shops.
- Drunken males congregating on benches (specifically Armley Moor and outside William Hill Bookmakers).
- Fly tipping
- Large intimidating groups, shouting and singing.

From this scanning exercise there has been some concentrated work within the Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) area. This has included funding for additional DPPO signs and locations identified, post cards with translated information about the DPPO area in Polish and Slovakian language. A alcohol awareness session was held on 27<sup>th</sup> July delivered by the Public Health Staff to front line staff to enable them to give out basic advice in relation to effects on alcohol on health. Further work is being progressed through the Healthy Living Network with the development of a empty shop unit as a local community bases near to the One Stop Centre. The aim is to provide information/ run activities and engage with all communities living in Armley.

# **Community Engagement & Reassurance**

## 5.12 Multi Agency Engagement / Action Day

The Neighbourhood police team will be contributing to the Broadleas environmental action day and the partnership community funday on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> August. The community event was well attended with over 100 local children and parents enjoying a range of fun activities as well as information on ASB, crime Prevention advice, fire safety and information on hate crime and how to report this.

### 5.13 Dog Watch Event

Following on from the launch of the North West Leeds DOGWATCH Scheme the Police with support from partner agencies organised a family fun day on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July at Farnley Park Hall . The activities included : Free Dog Chipping, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Dog Shows and Dance Displays, Despite concerns about the weather 200 + people attended , some with their dogs.

The event also gave the Officers from the local Neighborhood Police Team and partners the opportunity to engage with the public , sign up for Dogwatch, or Neighbourhood Watch, get free crime reduction advice, and have their property registered on the National Immobilise System free of charge, but mostly to come along and have fun.

The event was advertised to all dogwatch scheme members and was attended by residents from the Inner West.

### 5.14 **Community Forums**

The Neighbourhood Police Team continue to support the Armley and Bramley & Stanningley Forum meeting to engage with communities and to inform them of their work, providing crime prevention advice and to feedback on the priorities for local neighbourhoods.

### 6.0 Corporate Considerations

### 6.1 Consultation and Engagement

The projects highlighted in this report will include consultation and engagement under the theme of crime and anti social behaviour with the aim of providing crime reduction advice and to increase reporting.

## 6.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

Engagement events and projects take account of equality and diversity in their delivery. Considerations such as date, time, venue, access all have an impact on equality and diversity in relation to ensuring events are accessible to all members of the community.

### 6.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

Effectively tackling crime and anti social behaviour is a strategic priority in the Safer Leeds Plan 2011-2015.

## 6.4 Resources and Value for Money

Projects and work highlighted in this report have been funded through a mixture of Safer Leeds, Area Committee, West North West Homes Leeds, Positive Activities for Young People. Further opportunities for partnership funding will be explored through the coming year.

## 6.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

There are no legal implications or access to information issues for this report. This report is not subject for call in.

## 6.6 Risk Management

Risk implications and mitigation are considered for each project.

#### 7 Conclusions

7.1 The report outlines the work of the North West Divisional Community Safety partnership and the multi-agency tasking groups who develop and deliver projects some of which are supported through the Area Committee's Well-Being budget. These are projects which assist in supporting the work programme of the Area Management Team.

#### 8. Recommendations

- 8.1 Members of the Inner West Area Committee are requested to:
  - i) Note the contents of the report and offer comments

## 9 Background documents

9.1 None