

Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Report to West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 20th February 2013

Subject: Annual Community Safety Report

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Summary of main issues

1. This report details on crime trends and a range of community safety activity that has taken place during 2012.
2. It updates Members on the key priorities for 2013 and provided information on wellbeing spends on community safety issues.

Recommendations

3. The Area Committee is asked to:
 - a. Note the contents of the report and offer comments as appropriate
 - b. Note the Area Committees role in reducing burglary and other crime

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report provides an annual update from the Area Community Safety Co-ordinator and the Neighbourhood Police Inspector on activity in Inner West to deliver the key outcomes agreed for both Safer and Stronger communities. It includes a section on crime levels and activity that has been carried out to achieve or maintain reductions in crimes. It has a section on two Delegated Functions (Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team and Leedswatch service) and their activity during 2011/12. It identifies the key priorities for 2012/13 in Inner West and outlines the approach to addressing those priorities.

2 Background information

- 2.1 A number of factors have a bearing on crime, criminologists have placed these factors into three broad categories:

- A suitable target or opportunity, for example: valuable items which can be removed relatively easily such as laptops near an open window, vehicles with unlocked doors and a valuable item on show, etc
- A motivated offender, for example: someone whose values or beliefs make stealing acceptable, drug dependency, someone motivated by greed, etc
- A low likelihood of getting caught, for example: no Police or security guards, a neighbourhood with a low level of reporting crime, no natural street surveillance, etc

- 2.2 Traditional problem solving techniques aim to reduce crime by impacting on these three categories:

- Working to educate the victim (leaflet drops, face to face crime prevention advice, etc)
- Tackle the offender (known as offender management; visit known offenders, tenancy action, curfews, criminal sanctions – prison, etc)
- Undertake community based work to improve natural surveillance such as community engagement and capacity building to increase reporting (eg neighbourhood watch), environmental works such as cutting hedges back, secure by design, etc)

- 2.3 However it should be acknowledged that other factors also have a bearing on crime;

- Seasons
- Weather
- Release of offenders
- Location
- Population

- 2.4 It is also important to note that one offender can commit many offences in a short period of time and this can lead to significant increases in crime figures. For example, where six cars are damaged in a street, this would lead to six reports of criminal damage.
- 2.5 The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership is a multi agency partnership chaired by the Police and West North West Homes and includes partners from Fire Service, Leeds University, Youth Service, Youth Offending Service, Children's Services, Safer Leeds and Community Safety Lead Member representatives from each of the four Area Committees in West North West Leeds. The Partnership meets four times a year and sets the strategic direction for partnership work, examining performance and agreeing priorities. The work of the group is accountable to the Safer and Stronger Communities Board, who receives regular reports of the activity undertaken.

3 Summary of key Actions

- 3.1 The following key actions have been delivered through the Divisional Community Safety Partnership during the last 12 months:
- 3.2 Multi Agency Tasking. This group meets monthly and it's membership includes; Safer Leeds (Co-chair), Police (Co-chair), Area Support Team, West North West Homes, Fire Service, Youth service, Children's Services, Environmental Action Team, Bramley and Rodney Community Action (BARCA) and Leeds ASB Team. The group aims to direct partnership resources to tackle the priorities set by the Divisional Partnership and from local agency intelligence.

Examples of the work undertaken by the Multi Agency Tasking group during the period November 2011 – October 2012 includes:

- Planning and delivering action days to tackle specific problems; action days were held in the following areas: Conference Road area, Top Armley (Little Scotland Area) Broadleas and Wythers.
 - Tackling anti social behaviour problems at New Wortley, Street Drinking on Armley Town Street and Hate Crime on the Wythers as some examples.
 - Police crime reduction training delivered at Safety Central to 30 staff across the partnership.
 - Planning and contributing to 12 months of community engagements events held across Inner West. Partners used these events to engage with residents about crime, grime and anti social behaviour priorities and work being undertaken in communities.
- 3.3 Burglary remains a high priority for the Division and in Inner West both wards have been identified as Localities of concern in the city in relation to burglary. The table below shows the position of both Armley and Stanningly ward in relation to the city. Armley has seen a sustained reduction with a 38 % reduction over the last 12 months. Bramley and Stanningly ward has also seen excellent reduction in burglary and has moved out of the top seven localities of concern with 65.1% reduction in burglaries over the last 12 months.

Burglary will remain a priority for the North West Divisional Community Safety partnership for 2013, and resources and partnership activity will continue to focus on reducing burglary.

Ward Risk Matrix January – December 2012

Ward	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	12 Month Total	12 Month % Change	3 Month Change	Colour Key
Hyde Park & Woodhouse	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	442	-27.0%	12.0%	Strategic Area
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	346	-17.6%	27.6%	
Armley	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	291	-38.0%	-22.7%	
Gipton & Harehills	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	288	-28.8%	7.4%	
Headingley	Very High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	266	-41.3%	53.7%	
Killingbeck & Seacroft	Very High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	246	-41.1%	41.7%	
Kirkstall	Very High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	220	-49.7%	-2.2%	
Middleton Park	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	218	22.5%	37.8%	
Weetwood	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	212	-30.1%	-18.4%	
Beeston & Holbeck	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	210	-1.5%	67.4%	
Chapel Allerton	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	208	-47.1%	20.0%	
Roundhay	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	208	-20.6%	16.4%	
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Very High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	200	-33.0%	66.7%	
Calverley & Farsley	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	181	-28.9%	87.5%	
City & Hunslet	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	180	-9.9%	53.3%	
Bramley & Stanningley	Very High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	176	-65.1%	-5.4%	
Farnley & Wortley	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	170	-51.6%	106.9%	
Moortown	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	170	-38.1%	20.9%	
Alwoodley	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	162	-5.3%	-35.8%	
Temple Newsam	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	154	-50.8%	31.1%	
Pudsey	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	135	-48.3%	66.7%	
Horsforth	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	126	-36.2%	3.1%	
Adel & Wharfedale	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	117	-41.9%	-52.4%	
Morley North	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	109	-17.1%	-33.3%	
Harewood	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	90	-8.4%	-20.8%	
Rothwell	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	89	-9.3%	46.2%	
Morley South	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	84	-27.8%	113.3%	
Otley & Yeadon	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	74	-33.0%	-12.5%	
Wetherby	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	74	25.4%	-20.0%	
Ardley & Robin Hood	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	69	-12.7%	-5.3%	
Kippax & Methley	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	68	-17.9%	-26.7%	
Guiseley & Rawdon	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	57	-55.6%	16.7%	
Garforth & Swillington	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	56	-50.9%	-36.8%	

3.4 Two outcome based accountability sessions took place to look at burglary in more detail in Armley and Bramley/Stanningley Wards. The Sessions brought a number of partners and Members together to look at:

- The statistics for burglary
- The local factors driving burglary
- What multi agency actions can be delivered to address these factors

Following the Outcome Based Accountability meeting a multi agency burglary plan was developed for each area. Examples of work delivered through these plans include:

- Delivering crime reduction training to partnership staff to incorporate into estate walkabouts and to give advice on crime prevention whilst working in the local community.
- Promote Immobilise.com through the partnership to increase registrations to the national property database
- Managing the multi agency work in these areas to maximise the impact on burglary; action days to have a burglary focus for example in the high optimal areas.
- Identify and secure funding for target hardening of properties to address the Euro Cylinder problem targeting the most vulnerable properties and locations within Inner West
- Target campaigns through the Darker Nights Initiatives and It Only Takes a Minute "Campaign to raise awareness of the lighter nights and sneak- in burglary.
- Arrange environmental audits with partners of the areas to address any environmental issues impacting on burglary for example overgrown hedges, obscured street lighting, broken street lighting, etc
- Co-ordinate engagement with residents to offer crime reduction advice and encouraging residents to form neighbourhood watches and attend Partners and Community Together (PACT) meetings
- Development of the multi agency Amber Nominal meetings targeting to manage offending behaviour and provide incentives to engage with support agencies.

3.5 Multi agency action days are delivered in partnership and aim to tackle crime, anti social behaviour and environmental issues within an agreed area. During the action day a number of agencies come together to focus their activity in this geographical area, joining together to have a greater impact. During the last 12 months, 6 action days have been held in the Inner West area focusing on Fairfield's and Broadlea in Bramley, New Wortley, Armley Town Street the Wythers, top Armley (Little Scotland area).

3.6 Immobilise.com. During the last 12 months Safer Leeds and WNW Homes have funded equipment used by the Neighbourhood Policing Team to provide easy access to Immobilise.com which is the world largest register of property. This equipment has been used on action days, in the Optimal target areas and also at community engagement events.

3.7 Operation Optimal. This initiative was introduced in February 2012 by West Yorkshire Police in the North West Division. The initiative looks at where recent burglaries have occurred and then maps areas of concern down to street level. Police patrols are then deployed to these streets to reduce the number of burglaries. This analysis is also shared with partners such as West North West Homes and Environmental Action Services Fire Service who will give these areas extra attention. Where burglaries do occur the victim is visited and provided with crime reduction advice and signed upto immobilise.com.

Neighbouring properties (back, front and either side) are also visited, offered crime reduction advice and signed upto Immbolise.com, if appropriate.

3.8 Off Road Bikes. The cost of this project is shared across the four Area Committee areas, with each Area Committee contributing £1,500 per annum towards the running costs of two vehicles. The Bikes are deployed across the Division to patrol greenspaces or to target specific problems. The vehicles are effective in reducing anti social behaviour and low level crime, particularly on green spaces providing reassurance to those using parks and greenspaces. The vehicles have also been used during specific initiatives such as action days or more focused initiatives in conjunction with the council's Park Ranger Service. Local information and breakdown of activities is detailed at point 6 of the report.

3.9 CCTV. The Area Committee with West North West Homes Leeds supported the permanent sighting of one CSV cameras on the Broadlea estate in Bramley & Stanningley ward) cameras are monitored by LeedsWatch based within Safer Leeds.

There are four cameras in Armley ward. CSV footage has been used in relation to 10 arrests within Inner West Leeds, for a variety of offences including burglary, robbery, theft, criminal damage, sexual assault, outraging public decency, offensive weapons, drug offences and public disorder, more detailed information about CCTV is contained at 4.0.

3.10 North West Leeds Hate Crime Marac. This multi agency meeting meets each month to look at hate crime incidents across the Division. The meeting is chaired by the Community Safety Coordinator and supported by Safer Leeds and seeks to support victims, take firm action against perpetrators and address any location based issues which need additional attention, through action days for example. During the last 12 months 41 cases have been discussed at this meeting. The types of support we have been able to offer to victims include improved security, repairs to garden boundary fences, negotiate urgent move to an new area/ home. The meetings constantly look at ways to be proactive, and have recently introducing a specific information letter introducing the Hate Crime Coordinators with their contact details to all new West North West Homes tenants. There have also been two multi-agency action days to raise awareness of Hate Crime focussing on the Wyther estate in Armley and the Broadleas in Bramley.

3.11 Offender Management. In January 2012 West Yorkshire Police and Safer Leeds arranged for a number of partners to come together and look at what additional focused support could be provided to individuals involved in burglary and other priority crime. The group is chaired by Safer Leeds with support from the Divisional Neighbourhood Policing Support Team and brings together representatives from Sign Post, Probation, Youth Offending Service, WNW Homes, Leeds ASB Team, Connexions and Attendance Management. The group seeks to address the support needs of individuals and families to help them to stop offending, this support could be through training opportunities provided through Connexions, additional support by Youth Offending Service,

Signpost working with the family offering intensive support. Since its inception the group has discussed 16 individuals and taken 6 individuals off the list due to either engagement with services and reduction in offending or incarceration (resulting in a reduction in offending). The list of individuals is fluid with about 10 on the list at any given time.

4.0 CCTV

- 4.1 LeedsWatch' provides a monitoring service for public space surveillance cameras covering open spaces across Leeds. The CCTV control room is staffed, and cameras are recorded 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. The service also provides two mobile CCTV vehicles for deployment within communities across Leeds.
- 4.2 The main objective of the service is to reduce crime and the fear of crime through the use of CCTV technology, leading to improved crime prevention, and an increase in the detection and prosecution of offenders.
- 4.3 CCTV is one of a number of Service functions delegated to Area Committees. The Area Committee's role in relation to this function is to 'maintain an overview of the service in the Committee area and receive regular information about it.'
- 4.4 The LeedsWatch service works in partnership with a large number of internal and external partners such as; Urban Traffic Control (UTC), Emergency Planning, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT), West Yorkshire Police, WY METRO and other Local Authorities across the West Yorkshire sub-region.
- 4.5 There is currently a total of 5 public space surveillance CCTV cameras' monitoring the Inner West Committee Area, via the Central CCTV Control Room at Middleton; they are located in Armley (4) and the Broadlea Estate (1).
- 4.6 Within the Inner West Committee Area there were 10 recorded arrests on camera for various offences, assault (5), robbery (1), public order (1), theft (2) and a burglary (1) recorded between October 2011 and September 2012. CSV footage has been requested by the police in relation to a further 57 incidents concerning crime within the Inner West Committee Area.
- 4.7 Within the last 12 months the mobile vans have been deployed for a total of 4 months within the Weetwood / Pudsey Policing Area and patrols have been deployed in specific areas highlighted by the police specifically in relation to identified crime 'hot spots'. The vehicles are evenly deployed throughout the year between the three policing divisional areas. The deployment of the mobile vans is co-ordinated by the police.
- 4.8 The LeedsWatch service this year has undertaken a critical role in the delivery of the Leeds Burglary Reduction programme, assisting with the identification and detection of offenders using the City wide LeedsWatch network, mobile CSV vans and the West Yorkshire Police Automatic Number Plate Recognition (APNR) system to detect cross boundary offenders and supporting city wide and locality based operations.

- 4.9 Noise nuisance is a major cause for concern across the city. The Out of Hours Noise service was transferred from Environmental Services in May 2011. Work has taken place to improve call handling and response rates, and develop closer working with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT), in order to more effectively deal with persistent noise offenders.
- 4.10 Supporting the city's most vulnerable residents is also a priority. The Leedswatch service is currently responsible for providing a first response to Care Ring alarms. On call 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, this service responds to alarms from mainly elderly clients who may have fallen or find themselves in need of support. Officers attend to the alarm call and contact emergency services, family members or other appropriate individuals, staying with the client to provide support and re-assurance until further help arrives.
- 4.11 Improving the information and intelligence we provide to Leedswatch customers is a key priority for the service. We are reviewing how this data is recorded, in the way in which we can provide accurate information to service users, to provide more detail and improve the services analytical and intelligence capacity.
- 4.12 Moving forward, the Leedswatch Service is investigating further opportunities to integrate services and create a centre of excellence for emergency response and out of hours call handling. In order to ensure that the service is making the best use of its resources, a full service restructure will take place in 2013/14, which seeks to develop a more agile and resilient service capable of delivering a wider range of services, and offering best value to the residents of Leeds. Discussions are taking place with the Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Teams, Environmental services, West Yorkshire Police and the ALMOs to look at how the various services can better linked together to improve service delivery, collate accurate information for customers and service users and to provide a more pro-active response to issues of public concern, through improved collating of data / information and intelligence sharing between agencies.

5.0 Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT)

- 5.1 LASBT is a multi-agency team drawn from Leeds City Council, West North West homes Leeds, West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service and Victim Support. LASBT is divided into three area based teams and one central 'core' team.
- 5.2 All anti-social behaviour (ASB) cases are managed within the team from 'cradle to grave', and ASB Case Officers cover defined area based patches. The team works closely with a range of agencies to tackle ASB, provide support, and improve community safety within estates across all tenure types.
- 5.3 A project to review LASBT service provision in October 2013 highlighted significant improvements in customer satisfaction and service standard delivery.

5.4 Performance Data

Enquiries are requests for service from the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team and come via the contact centre, the local housing office, West Yorkshire Police, Stop Hate UK and elected members and MP's.

1 & 2 Day response to Enquiries from Contact Centre -

The service standard for response is 1 or 2 working days dependent on the nature of the behaviour being reported. 689 enquires have been received by LASBT West in 2012/13 to date. 55.7% of these enquiries relate to ALMO properties. 92.4% of all enquiries received were responded to within two days.

LASBT workload is made up of enquiries and cases. A case is the investigation and resolution of a complaint of anti-social behaviour. Service standards within a case centre around complainant and accused person contact.

SSTD3 – Initial Contact with Complainant – (service standard 10 days)

The 2012/13 year to date performance for this measure within LASBT West is that 97.9% of complainants were contacted within 10 days of a case being opened.

SSTD5 – 10 day Complainant Update – (service standard every 10 days)

The 2012/13 year to date performance for this measure within LASBT West is that 94.9% of complainants were contacted every 10 days to update their case.

SSTD4 – Initial Contact with Accused person – (service standard 10 days)

The 2012/13 year to date performance for this measure within LASBT West is that 92.6% of complainants were contacted within 10 days of a case being opened.

5.5 Customer Satisfaction Surveys are undertaken when a case has been open for a period of four weeks. Feedback from customers is one of the most important measures of what's been done well, how well the team are performing and what needs to be done to improve the service for the future. All outcomes from Customer Surveys are shared with the team to enable learning, and the sharing of good practice.

5.6 In addition to the four week customer satisfaction survey, a survey is also undertaken within 28 days of the case closure. This contact ensures that there are no further ASB issues, and gauges satisfaction levels once the case has closed.

The 2012/13 year to date performance for LASBT West is shown below;

Customer Satisfaction with service - 4 week case onset survey –

87.8% of respondents stated they were either satisfied, or very satisfied with the service they had received.

Customer Satisfaction with service – Closed Case survey -
96.2% of respondents stated they were either satisfied, or very satisfied with the service they had received. 96.9% of respondents were either satisfied or very satisfied with the investigation carried out by the Case Officer.

5.7 ASB Caseload

The table below shows a breakdown of the cases opened in the Inner North West area during 2012/2013.

5.8 ASB

Ward Boundaries	Number of Cases Opened
Armley	61
Bramley & Stanningley	41

Case Studies by Ward Area

This section provides a summary of some of the ASB cases that have been investigated by the team during 2011/2012.

Armley –

- An introductory tenant was evicted due to groups of youths visiting the property, drinking, being abusive and threatening and setting fires outside the house.
- A multi-agency approach to tackle anti-social behaviour in and around New Wortley Community Centre has proved successful and residents thanked the Police and the Anti-Social Behaviour Team at the last residents meeting.
- A house closure was granted following reports of groups visiting the property drinking and being abusive to other residents. A house closure was also obtained on a separate property in relation to groups of visitors and rowdy behaviour.

Bramley & Stanningley –

- An introductory tenant was evicted due to using her property for immoral purposes; the number of visitors to her flat was causing noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour to local residents.
- Two injunctions were obtained after the perpetrators had made threats with a knife as well as being rowdy and involved in drug use.
- A possession order was obtained after police found large quantities of cannabis and amphetamine in a tenant's home.

5.9 Domestic Noise Service

Officers dealing with domestic noise nuisance. Previously in the Environmental Protection Team, moved across to the Leeds ASB Team on 1st October 2012. The three Officers who moved across are now managed by the ASB Team Managers and work closely with LASBT West Case Officers. There are cases which are a complex mix of noise and anti social behaviour and Officers are working jointly on these cases. Work has started to rewrite

procedures which aim to offer the most effective and efficient outcome for victims. However, this joint working practice is already in place and has led to improved outcomes when dealing with cases where domestic noise is associated with anti-social behaviour. Officers are working together by undertaking joint visits and installing noise monitoring equipment quicker in appropriate cases. Cases involving just domestic noise such as loud music where a statutory noise nuisance has been proved are now being taken down a tenancy enforcement route presenting a much quicker outcome as information is being shared more effectively.

One of the major changes already implemented is giving the ALMO responsibility for investigating domestic noise complaints as a tenancy management breach. If the ALMO have undertaken the initial investigation and taken appropriate measures and the noise continues, the case can then be referred to LASBT as per existing referral procedures.

5.10 Community Ownership

Above are just a few examples of how working with residents within our communities enables us to tackle ASB effectively. Feedback from victims and community advocates, attendance at community meetings, multi-agency tasking, intervention panels and community forums are all helping partners to better understand how ASB affects different communities and how early intervention and support can impact on reported problems.

Community groups were consulted regarding the revised ASB policy and procedure document and able to influence its final draft. West North West homes Leeds has a Tenancy Management Service Improvement Group and a Customer Sounding Board. The ASB Manager attends these meetings and all new policies, procedures and initiatives are discussed with customers and their input is a valuable contribution to new and ongoing work.

- 5.11 The journey undertaken in Leeds has significantly improved our collective response to anti-social behaviour, for both the services involved in responding to ASB and more importantly the victims themselves.

6.0 Diversionary Activities

- 6.1 During 2012 the partnership has worked with partners on diversionary activities for young people. This has included specific targeted at those young people involved or at risk of crime and ASB through a revisit programme delivered by BARCA for young people in Bramley and targeted work at the Lazer Centre. In addition the Neighbourhood Police team support the Saturday Night Project at Armley Leisure Centre allocating staff to build on developing positive relationships. Funding to support the Saturday night project from the Inner West Area Committee as contributed to the success of the project with 60+ juniors and 20 + seniors attending on a regular basis.

6.2 Operation Analgesic

Operation Analgesic examined crime and youth related ASB during the school summer holidays in 2010 and 2011. This operation ran during the 2012 school holidays focussing additional resources around Armley Town Street, Chapel Lane Hall Lane and the area including New Wortley Cemetery, and the Holdforths. In Bramley the Fairfield's were the main ASB hotspot with clusters of ASB were in the Ganners and the Broadleas. This analysis of previous ASB hotspots over the last 2 years assisted police to deploying proactive resources based on the intelligence.

6.3 Safeguarding

Within the Safer Leeds Partnership Plan 2011-2015 a key strategic priority is improve safeguarding and reduce vulnerability. During 2012 the Community Safety Coordinator and the Neighbourhood Police Team have been working with the Bramley /Stanningley and Armley Clusters within Inner West and have participated and contributed to the Out Come Based Accountability workshops on the 3 Children's Services main obsessions these being attendance, looked after children and young people not in Education, Training or Employment (NEET).

6.4 Families First Initiative

Leeds has secured up to £8 million over the next 3 years for a major programme to work with families to reduce offending and anti-social behaviour, improve school attendance and support parents to move into work. The programme is funded through the Government's Troubled Families scheme. Following consultation it will now be know locally as Families First Leeds.

Leeds is an early adopter of the programme which will provide additional support to a significant number of families in the city over the next 3 years.

The £8million includes a £2.3 million injection up front for year 1 and the scheme aims to build on existing good practice across the city. It will aim to bring all agencies and council services together to ensure effective, joined-up support for our most vulnerable families and therefore benefiting communities across the city.

The programme will integrate and support priorities and plans across the council and will play a major part in contributing to the council's ambition for Leeds to become the best city and to develop stronger communities and restorative approaches.

Community Safety is working in partnership with Children's services in Inner West and to identify those families who fall into these categorise and put in place partnership interventions. Within West North West Leeds initially there have been 459 families identified and an assessment of concerns ranging from 13 families extreme concern with 139 low concerns. Below is a summary of number for the Armley and Bramley Clusters.

6.5 ACES Armley Cluster Summary

Household assessments

	Assessed Level	Households in Cluster	% Total Households	Overall % (Leeds total)
LOW	6 ~ Low	26	36.62%	28.60%
	5 ~ Potential	11	15.49%	19.85%
MODERATE	4 ~ Concern	15	21.13%	25.57%
	3 ~ Significant	11	15.49%	18.06%
HIGH	2 ~ High	7	9.86%	5.10%
	1 ~ Extreme	1	1.41%	2.83%
	Total	71		

6.6 Bramley Cluster Summary

	Assessed Level	Households in Cluster	% Total Households	Overall % (Leeds total)
LOW	6 ~ Low	15	19.48%	28.60%
	5 ~ Potential	18	23.38%	19.85%
MODERATE	4 ~ Concern	20	25.97%	25.57%
	3 ~ Significant	18	23.38%	18.06%
HIGH	2 ~ High	5	6.49%	5.10%
	1 ~ Extreme	1	1.30%	2.83%
	Total	77		

6.7 Household assessments

The above table shows the total numbers of households identified in the cluster area as being applicable for consideration under Government criteria. These have an assessed level based upon the quantity and type of data linked to that household. The table shows the number of households in the cluster at each level, and compares the cluster proportions with the Leeds overall proportions.

Community Safety and the Neighbourhood Police Team contribute to the priorities of Children's Services through the work with the Clusters and attendance at the Support and Guidance meetings and Cluster Partnership meeting.

Further work is being developed with Community Safety and Children's services to identify those young people at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation. Information of those young people identified as being at risk is brought to the relevant tasking meetings for discussions/actions with partners. The Safer Schools Officers have received training to deliver a tailored lesson plan on grooming to young people in High Schools and this is will be delivered the High Schools in Inner West.

6.8 **Domestic Violence**

During 2012 a package of support for the Bramley cluster has been developed with the aim of reducing the prevalence and impact of domestic violence and effectively improving safety and reducing risk for families – in the short and long term. This will be achieved by developing a 'whole school, cluster wide approach' to domestic violence issues. This involves not just working with schools but other children's services in the area to raise awareness of DV and promote a consistent approach. Further work will be developed through some peers group work with BARCA to develop materials and tools that support the delivery of DV awareness in schools.

Information from the new in the DV Profile shows that Armley (Ward 4) is the area of significant or moderate risk and the main area of concern in West North West. Most DV reports were in the Aviaries, the Cedars and New Wortley with Wyther Park also having high levels. Through the partnerships and the Clusters, we will be looking to see how we can work to develop awareness and training around the Armley Cluster area.

The clusters and Children's services will also focus on wider issues about local agency support for Domestic Violence cases: around the Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) and non-MARAC cases. T During 2012 these were are on average of 20 Domestic Violence's (DV) cases per month taken to the North West Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference MARAC with the period of April – June 2012 seeing 76 MARAC cases across North West Leeds . Joint work continues to focus on partnership approaches to supporting victims of DV .

The Domestic Abuse Scheme, Safer Leeds (DASSL) is a project providing 1:1 work with men who are abusive to their partners. It currently takes referrals from Children's Social Work Services. It is looking to develop its operation and provide a service to men referred through other channels or who which to refer themselves. Barca, based in Bramley also provides both one to one and group work for men who wish to work on their behaviours. Over the next year we intend to support all agencies work together and develop means of encouraging men to engage with this provision, support all family members and monitor change.

6.9 **Prostitution**

6.10 Senior Elected Members have agreed to set up a Steering Group to develop a long term, strategic, citywide response to address the impact of prostitution on the individuals involved and the communities affected. This Steering Group will be supported by a group of officers from a range of services including Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police, NHS Leeds and the third sector. The officers group will be chaired by the Director of Genesis – a voluntary sector organisation that supports women and girls involved in sex work. This will strengthen the work that has been done in the Holbeck area by seeking to ensure that the full range of issues and the impact on all areas of the city are

addressed and to reduce the negative effects that the lack of co-ordination has created in the past.

6.11 Operation Dairy is the name of the operation run by City and Holbeck Division to address the issue at a local, operational level. Officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team patrol the area in order to identify and take action on the women operating as prostitutes. There is a clear process for officers to follow that involves a series of warnings and referrals to support agencies. The NPT are working very closely with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) who is building cases on the women in order to reduce the ASB element of their behaviour.

6.12.1 The North West Division sits on the boundary of City and Holbeck and as such there have been cross boarder issues around prostitution. The North West Division contributes to Operation Dairy and supports the Case Conference approach that has also been developed in the last 12 months. The Case Conference aims to aid a co-ordinated approach to care planning in order that those engaged in street based sex working have increased opportunities to access appropriate services. The services will endeavour to reduce harm caused to the individual's health and wellbeing and support their exit from street based prostitution. Alongside this it also intends to disrupt and challenge illegal and anti-social street behaviour related to street based prostitution. The Case Conference takes referrals from a range of agencies and is developing positive networks and understandings between agencies that will enhance partnership working around the issue.

6.13 Off Road Bike Team Inner West

6.14 In the period January 2012 to September 2012 there have been 153 calls in the ward regarding nuisance motorcycles and quads.

6.15 Armley -

Over the last few years this area has seen a vast reduction in the number of calls for nuisance motorcycles and quads. The majority of calls centre around youths on motorcycles in built up areas. Calls to Little Scotland and the Wyther estate are much more sporadic than in previous years however the majority of offenders in these areas refuse to stop for the Police expecting officers to engage in a chase which never happens in built up areas for obvious reasons. The Lazer centre is well known for there courses on motorcycles and youths in the area are very keen to get involved with this as opposed to riding illegally.

6.16 Bramley /Stanningley

This area has also over the years seen a significant reduction the number of calls regarding nuisance motorcycles and quads. The main problem is the Fairfield estate, with youths riding motorcycles of all descriptions in the estate and onto Bramley Park. There are several access points the main one being

to the rear of the reservoir off Fairfield Hill a further one off Fairfield Hill and the main entrance off Moorfields. We recently had a call from a parent on the Fairfield's asking the Police to attend to seize his son's scooter which he had bought as a non runner. Despite an area search the scooter could not be found but a visit to the address at a later date saw the scooter being seized and the youth being advised accordingly.

Bramley Fall Wood has occasional calls but it is certainly not the problem area it used to be prior to the patrols made by the Police Off Road Motorcycles.

7.0 **Analysis of Crime Figures**

7.1 The following table provides an overview of crime figures for Armley ward in Inner West Leeds. The figures presented cover the period April 2009 – Dec 2012 and relate to all crime types, including Fraud & Forgery, handling stolen goods, sexual offences and other thefts.

7.2 **Ward 4: Armley**

7.3 Over the last 5 years total crime has fallen in Armley ward by 431 offences and ASB incidents down by 552. For the comparison 2010-11 and 2011-12 the key facts are:

- House burglary has been reduced by 38%
- Other burglary has been reduced by 29 offences
- Criminal damages have been reduced by 38 offences
- Violent crime has reduced by 75 offences
- Vehicle crime has been reduced by 44 offences
- Theft has increased by 112 offences
- Drugs offences have increased by 18 owing mainly to increased pro-activity through NPT lead search warrants

- **Total crime reduction for 2010-11 / 2011-12 = 286 less offences**

Armley Ward

Recorded Crime	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Change 11-12 v 08-09	Jan-Dec 2012
Burglary Dwelling	477	491	592	392	-85	295
Burglary Elsewhere	257	280	296	267	10	207
Criminal Damage	877	716	594	556	-321	548
Drugs Offences	109	112	168	186	77	197
Fraud & Forgery	105	113	112	92	-13	107
Handling	14	14	12	14	0	15
Other Crime	63	74	84	75	12	74
Other Theft	552	475	684	796	244	590
Robbery	61	51	50	39	-22	43
Sexual	26	35	25	33	7	33

Offences						
Theft From Vehicle	439	477	344	322	-117	261
Theft Of Vehicle	135	106	84	62	-73	60
Violent Crime	617	525	542	467	-150	490
Total Recorded	3732	3469	3587	3301	-431	2920

Incidents	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Change 11-12 v 08-09	Jan-Dec 2012
ASB	2320	2294	2151	1599	-552	1260

There has been a reduction in the number of ASB incidents from 2010-11 to 2011-12 of 552 reports.

7.4 Ward 6: Bramley & Stanningley

The following table provides an overview of crime figures for Bramley Stanningley West Leeds. The figures presented cover the period April 2009 – December 2012 and relate to all crime types, including Fraud & Forgery, handling stolen goods, sexual offences and other thefts.

Over the last 5 years total crime has fallen in Bramley & Stanningley ward by 312 offences and ASB incidents down by 346. For the comparison 2010-11 and 2011-12 the key facts are:

- House burglary increased by 37 offences (but with a Jan-Dec 2012 twelve month reduction of 65.1% = 176 offences.)
- Other burglary was reduced by 91 offences
- Criminal damages were reduced by 80 offences
- Violent crime was reduced by 37 offences
- Vehicle crime was reduced by 87 offences
- General theft increased by 43 offences
- Drugs offences increased by 10 offences owing mainly to increased pro-activity through NPT lead search warrants
- **Total crime reduction for 2010-11 / 2011-12 = 230 less offences**

Bramley Ward

Recorded Crime	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Change 11-12 v 08-09	Jan-Dec 2012
Burglary Dwelling	274	363	383	420	146	176
Burglary Elsewhere	162	245	279	188	26	185
Criminal Damage	689	510	462	382	-307	343
Drugs Offences	42	52	76	86	44	81
Fraud & Forgery	27	26	21	19	-8	23
Handling	7	11	19	9	2	8
Other Crime	30	33	38	34	4	38
Other Theft	342	360	433	476	134	301
Robbery	27	28	20	11	-16	10
Sexual Offences	26	27	18	18	-8	26
Theft From Vehicle	318	217	209	138	-180	143
Theft Of Vehicle	83	61	51	35	-48	39
Violent Crime	442	350	378	341	-101	301
Total Recorded	2469	2283	2387	2157	-312	1665

Incidents	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Change 11-12 v 08-09	Jan-Dec 2012
ASB	1547	1533	1521	1175	-346	965

7.5 West Inner Overall Public Confidence in Policing Levels

A key performance indicator for the Neighbourhood Policing Team is the proportion of residents who say that local officers do a “good or excellent job” and have confidence in local policing. In the months of March to December 2012 the NPT saw increases in this area and has remained above the 2011 output:

<u>Month</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Jan	47	50.4
Feb	48.6	49.7
Mar	48.9	48.5
April	50.5	-
May	51.4	47.9
June	52.8	44.9
July	52	46.1
Aug	52	44.8
Sept	54	45
Oct	53.5	45.6
Nov	50.7	47.5
Dec	49.9	46.8

7.6 Partnership Initiatives

There have been a number of operations and partnership activities that have contributed to reducing levels of crime and Anti Social Behaviour in the Bramley /Stanningley and Armley ward which include:

- Operation Alice with the NPT staff have deviated their tours of duty to work a variety of hours in line with offending times. This has often mean that they have worked 1800 – 0600.
- Operation Optimal - visits to burglary victims and their neighbours and target patrols to hotspot areas
- Spring and Autumn campaigns including door knocking providing crime reduction advice in burglary hotspots
- Promotion of Immobilise.com property marking, including door knocking and community events.
- Operation Anchor focussing on prison releases
- Completion of the alley gating project on Conference Road in Armley and additional funding secured to install dawn/dusk lighting. This has had a positive impact in the neighbourhood and has also reduced incident of burglary (during 2010/11 this street was identified as high concern in 2011.)
- An environmental visual audit undertaken of the Little Scotland area to identify and refer on any environmental issues impacting on crime and the fear of crime for example overgrown hedges, obscured or broken street lighting, graffiti, untidy communal areas, etc
- action days concentrating partnership attention to the area to tackle crime and environmental issues such as binyards, overgrown hedges, broken street lights, graffiti
- Operation Bullseye targeting receivers of stolen good including the Apollo scanning equipment to be used on warrants
- Crime reduction training delivered to partners for use in estate walkabouts
- The North West Leeds Dog Watch Scheme.
- New Wortley partnership action plan to tackle ongoing issues regarding nuisance in and around New Wortley Community Centre. These include anti social behaviour and criminal damage. Individuals drinking alcohol to excess is a main factor in the anti social behaviour, along with some drug use and funding. Extra police patrols have been maintained around the area, including the use of resources such as Mounted Section, Dog Handlers in addition to normal Neighbourhood Police Officers & PCSO's. Funding from West Yorkshire Community Trust of £2,750 for the Community centre to work in partnership with Barca-Leeds, to provide outreach sessions. The aim of these sessions would be to engage with and identify young adults that are involved in antisocial activity. The aim would be getting them positively engaged with universal services, to support them to other positive activities.
- Armley Town Street Action plan to reduce levels of ASB and street drinking in the locality.

- The NPT has provided 2x PCSOs to support the Armley Saturday Night Breeze Project throughout 2012 and this will continue with 1x PCSO throughout 2013. Up to 100 young people attend the Breeze project.

7.6 Reassurance Events

The Neighbourhood Police and Partners have continued to support local communities and neighbourhoods by coordinating some and attending other community events. These include the Dog Watch show at Farnley Park, Broadleas Community engagement day, Ganners community event, Armley Fun day, New Wortley Funday, Christmas light switch on events and have attended numerous Forums and PACT meetings across Inner West.

8.0 Priorities for the North West Division Community Safety partnership 2012/13

The North West Division Leadership team have identified the following priorities for the division;

- Strong strategic leadership
- Partnership commitment / information / communication
- Shared and publically agreed priorities
- Co location where possible
- Multi agency problem solving
- Evidence based deployment
- 3rd sector (portal), volunteers / special constables

8.1 The Operational key themes are;

- Burglary
- Confidence and satisfaction
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Community engagement
- BME satisfaction gap
- Troubled Families (Families First)
- Metal theft

The North West Division will continue to strengthen its partnership work to reduce crime and deliver joint crime and community Safety initiatives. There will be a strong focus on a commitment to combating local issues that are important to local people across wards in Inner West.

9.0 Priorities for the North West Division Community Safety Partnership 2012/13

9.1 Through the Safer Leeds Community Safety Partnership the following priorities have been identified for 2013;

- Reduce crime and its impact which includes burglary and other high volume crime and support for victims
- Reduce re-offending working in partnership with probation and the prison service
- Effectively tackle anti-social behaviour and develop and deliver multi agency ABS service
- Improve Safeguarding and reduce vulnerabilities including Domestic Violence and Child sexual exploitation through a coherent partnership approach.
- Tackling substance miss-use

10.0 Corporate Considerations

10.1 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.

10.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

The Hate Crime MARAC discuss individual cases of hate crime and agree actions to progress support for victims of hate crime, action against perpetrators and any key location work which is required. The meeting receives quarterly monitoring information relating to hate crime and takes appropriate action to address any concerns arising from the report including; awareness raising engagement events to increase reporting, letter drops to areas and talks to school year groups.

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 is accessible to all members of the community.

10.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

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

10.4 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 and Proceeds of Crime funds. Further opportunities for partnership funding will be explored through the coming year.

10.5 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.

10.6 Risk Management

Risk implications and mitigation are considered for each project.

11.0 Conclusions

11.1 Whilst the wards have seen significant reductions, burglary continues to be a concern for the Inner West area and considerable partnership work is delivered to address burglary hotspots. Specific work has been delivered in Armley and Bramley using the Outcome Based Accountability model to identify the issues impacting on burglary in these areas and creating actions to address high levels of burglary. Actions plans have been used to introduce new initiatives and pieces of work to address specific problems in each of the localities and the continued support from Members to tackle burglary is welcomed.

11.2 During 2011 Armley was the top ward from the localities of concern in relation to burglary and improvements have been made during 2012. Bramley has seen significant improvements and the crime figures shows that the initiatives and actions introduced into the area are delivering better outcomes. The Inner West continues to present many challenges in other areas of community safety, anti social behaviour, domestic violence, and management of offenders. However the partnership commitment remains strong and by working smarter with reducing resources we will continue to focus on reducing crime and the fear of crime in Inner West.

12.0 Recommendations

12.1 Members of the Inner North West Area Committee are requested to:

- a. Note the contents of the report and offer comments
- b. Note the Area Committees role in reducing burglary and other crime

13.0 Background documents

None