

**Report of Director of Environments and Neighbourhoods**

**Report to South Leeds (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: Wednesday 13th February 2013**

**Subject: Hate Crime in Inner South Leeds**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Beeston & Holbeck City & Hunslet Middleton Park
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues and corporate governance considerations**

1. This report details levels of reported hate crime in Inner South Leeds and proposals to improve the same.

**Recommendations**

2. The Area Committee is asked to:
  - a) note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.

## 1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To bring to Members' attention an overview of reported incidents of hate crime in Inner South Leeds during 2012 and to raise awareness of the review of the Hate Crime Strategy and planned changes to improve on hate crime reporting and responses by services.

## 2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Members will recall at the January 2012 Area Committee, a report was requested providing information on this subject.
- 2.2 The Hate Crime Strategy for Leeds is currently being reviewed by the SMT of Leeds Community Safety. Further updates on progress of the review will be presented to Members at a future meeting.

## 3.0 Reported incidents of Hate Crime in Inner South Leeds

- 3.1.1 This section provides details of numbers of reported incidents. Improvements to the way reports are collated are being developed and are discussed later in the report. It should also be acknowledged that hate crime is an issue that is often under-reported and this is particularly true of disability related hate crime
- 3.1.2 The following tables show data from Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team. Data within the report is based upon either Enquiries recorded as ASB and responded to by LASBT, or Cases opened by LASBT. An enquiry is either an initial request for service, or a record of information received. A case represents investigation and response from the LASBT.

Hate Crime Enquiries - City Wide	2011/12				2012/13			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Disability	17	34	21	10	12	18	11	0
Faith	12	4	7	8	2	3	2	0
Race	119	143	121	225	206	253	197	0
Sexuality	22	17	11	25	21	34	21	0
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	171	198	160	268	241	308	231	0

LASBT Hate Crime ASB Enquiries - South	2011/12				2012/13			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Beeston Holbeck	6	7	6	2	3	8	4	0
City Hunslet	10	22	20	8	2	6	9	0
Middleton Park	3	8	3	5	2	7	16	0

LASBT Hate Crime ASB Cases Opened- South	2011/12				2012/13			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Beeston & Holbeck	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0
City & Hunslet	1	2	2	0	2	2	0	0
Middleton Park	1	2	2	2	1	2	8	0

#### 4.0 Responses to hate crime

4.1 Leeds ASB Team are a multi-agency team. In the south area, the team is comprised of Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police, Victim Support, Aire Valley Homes and Belle Isle TMO. The team investigate all hate incidents where consent to do so is given by the victim.

4.2 All hate incidents in Leeds are logged centrally by LASBT as 'for information only' or 'for response.' For information only incidents are those reports that are made anonymously, where the victim does not give consent to share information or take action against the perpetrators, or where WYP are dealing with the report. This information is discussed at local Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences and used to identify patterns, consider safeguarding needed in communities, and plan targeted resources.

4.3 'For response' enquiries to LASBT receive contact within 24 hours of making a report. The ASB case officer conducts an initial visit to assess the needs and vulnerabilities of the victim. The case officer provides reassurance and advice, and will offer support and referrals to partner agencies including Victim Support. The ASB case officer liaises with the WYP hate crime co-ordinator to achieve a positive outcome for the victim. The approach is a victim-centred approach and the officer will be guided by the needs of the victim.

4.4 Repeat incidents of hate crime or cases where there is a serious risk can be referred with the victims consent to the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). This is a multi agency group that applies a problem solving approach to resolving the issues for the victim. The group is also developing its remit to develop responses to tackle persistent problems in local areas.

#### 5.0 Improvements to Hate Crime Reporting Processes

5.1 A revised Multi Agency Hate Incident Report (MAHIR) form has been developed to improve the quality of information collected in relation to hate incidents. The form takes into accounts the 5 monitored strands of hate crime: race, faith, disability, sexual

orientation and transgender. It has been amended to include collection of nationality following feedback about ethnicity codes not being reflective of local communities.

- 5.2 The MAHIR form is embedded into the Contact Leeds system and all enquiries will be recorded by Leeds ASB Team.
- 5.3 Reports can be made to Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police, Stop Hate UK and Hate Incident Reporting Centres. Further information about how to report a hate incident and details of Hate Incident Reporting Centres can be found in **Appendix 1**. The integrated hate crime process was developed so that all hate incidents are centrally recorded by LASBT in order to give agencies a clearer picture of repeat incidents and identify repeat victims.
- 5.4 LASBT are working with Children Services to further develop reporting to make it easier for schools to report hate incidents. Young people are identified as a gap in reporting.
- 5.5 LASBT have developed a media plan for 2013 to raise the awareness of hate crime, particularly in relation to disability hate crime which is significantly under reported. We have a stock of publicity resources provided through our contract with Stop Hate UK to raise awareness in local communities. Materials can be targeted towards different minority groups and are available in a wide array of formats. There is also significant improvements to the website and use of online social media resources. Discussions are ongoing with the South Leeds Hate Crime MARAC to ensure that the plan addresses local needs through the most appropriate partners.
- 5.6 A training plan for Hate Incident Reporting Centres (HIRC) is being rolled out in 2013 to support HIRCs in identifying hate incidents and providing reassurance to victims. The sessions will run on a quarterly basis.

## **6.0 Corporate Considerations**

### **6.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 6.1.1 There are no consultation or engagement implications identified as part of this report.

### **6.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 6.2.1 This report outlines the approach in south to addressing hate crime. Hate crime is harmful to communities and individuals. Addressing hate crime promotes the equality and diversity of the citizens of Leeds and enhances cohesion and integration.

### **6.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

- 6.3.1 The activity outlined in this report contribute to targets and priorities set out in the following council policies:

- Vision For Leeds
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan

## **6.4 Resources and Value for Money**

6.4.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

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

6.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are not eligible for Call In.

6.5.2 There are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for Call In.

6.5.3 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

## **6.6 Risk Management**

6.6.1 This report provides an update on work in progress to address hate crime and at this time no risks are identifiable.

## **7 Conclusions**

7.1 This report summarises the current position with regards to hate crime and the activities to improve reporting processes. Further information will be provided as part of the annual community safety report in September 2013.

## **8 Recommendations**

8.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

a) note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

There are no background papers associated with this report

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.

## HATE INCIDENT REPORTING CENTRES

Hate Incident Reporting Centres in Leeds are locations where victims of a hate incident may choose to report an incident and have control over the nature of the report, the type of investigation and support they need. There are a variety of ways to report.

### **Where to report a hate incident:**

#### **By phone:**

Leeds City Council Hotline	0113 2224402
Leeds City Council Switchboard	0113 222 4444
Aire Valley Homes	0800 915 6660
From a mobile	0113 3984710
West North West Homes	0800 915 1113
From a mobile	0113 3984708
East North East Homes	0800 915 1600
From a mobile	0113 3984711
Belle Isle TMO	0800 3895503
From a mobile	0113 2141833
Stop Hate UK-24 hour help line	0800 138 1625
West Yorkshire Police	101
In an Emergency	999

#### **Text relay for deaf or hearing impaired:**

Dial 18001 before any number above.

#### **By text:**

07717 989025

#### **Online:**

[www.stophateuk.org/tell](http://www.stophateuk.org/tell)

#### **By email:**

[LASBT@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:LASBT@leeds.gov.uk)  
[talk@stophateuk.org](mailto:talk@stophateuk.org)

## **In person:**

Visit a Hate Incident Reporting Centre.

A list of Hate Incident Reporting Centres divided by area can be found below.

### **SOUTH LEEDS:**

City One Stop Centre  
2 Great George Street  
Leeds  
LS2 8BA

Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre  
190 Dewsbury Road  
Leeds  
LS10 6PF

Garforth One Stop Centre and Library  
Lidgett Lane,  
Garforth  
LS25 1EH

Kippax Housing Office (Aire Valley Homes)  
Hanover Place  
Kippax  
Leeds  
LS25 7LW

Morley Housing Office (Aire Valley Homes)  
Town Hall  
Queens Street  
Leeds  
LS27 9DX

Rothwell Housing Office (Aire Valley Homes)  
Civic Buildings  
Marsh Street  
Leeds,  
LS26 0AD

St Georges Centre (Aire Valley Homes)  
St Georges Road  
Middleton  
Leeds  
LS10 4UZ

Swarcliffe Housing Office (Aire Valley Homes)  
32-38 Langbar Gardens  
Leeds  
LS14 5ES

Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation  
Aberfield Gate

Belle Isle  
Leeds  
LS10 3QH

**EAST LEEDS:**

Osmondthorpe One Stop Centre  
81a Wykebeck Mount  
Leeds  
LS9 0JE

Chapelton & Harehills Housing Office (ENEHL)  
265 Roundhay Road  
Leeds  
LS8 4HS

Burmantofts Housing Office (ENEHL)  
Rigton Lawn  
Leeds  
LS9 7QA

Chapelton & Harehills Housing Office (ENEHL)  
265 Roundhay Road  
Leeds  
LS8 4HS

Gipton Housing Office (ENEHL)  
95 Foundry Avenue  
Leeds  
LS8 3NH

Halton Moor & Osmondthorpe Housing Office (ENEHL)  
Neville Road  
Leeds  
LS15 0NW

Tribeca House (ENEHL)  
71 Roundhay Road  
Leeds  
LS7 3BE

Moortown Housing Office (ENEHL)  
4 Queenshill Approach  
Moortown  
Leeds  
LS17 6AY

Richmond Hill Housing Office (ENEHL)  
8 Walter Crescent  
Leeds  
LS9 8NG

Boggart Hill Housing Office (ENEHL)  
45 Ramshead Hill



Seacroft  
Leeds

Seacroft North Housing Office (ENEHL)  
Unit 8,  
Seacroft Green  
Leeds  
LS14 6JD

Seacroft South Housing Office (ENEHL)  
90/95 Moresdale Lane  
Leeds  
LS14 6GG

Wetherby Housing Office (ENEHL)  
24 Westgate  
Wetherby  
Leeds LS22 6NL

**West Leeds:**

One Stop Centre Aireborough  
Micklefield House  
New Road Side  
Rawdon  
Leeds  
LS19 6DF

Armley Area Office (WNWHL)  
2 Stocks Hill  
Armley  
Leeds LS12 1UE

Bramley Area Office (WNWHL)  
202 Town Street  
Bramley  
Leeds  
LS13 2EP

Horsforth Housing Office (WNWHL)  
The Green  
Town Street  
Leeds  
LS18 5JB

Kirkstall Area Office (WNWHL)  
45 Kirkstall Lane  
Leeds  
LS5 3BE

Little London Housing Office (WNWHL)  
Oatland Drive  
Leeds  
LS7 1SH

Otley & Aireborough Area Office (WNWHL)  
8 Borough Gate  
Otley  
Leeds  
LS21 3AL

Pudsey Area Office (WNWHL)  
Town Hall  
Robin Lane  
Leeds  
LS28 7BL

### **Non Council Reporting Centres**

Stop Hate UK  
PO Box 484  
Leeds LS7 9BZ  
By phone: 0800 138 1625  
By text: 07717 989025  
Online: [www.stophateuk.org/tell](http://www.stophateuk.org/tell)  
Chat: [www.stophateuk.org/talk](http://www.stophateuk.org/talk)  
Email: [talk@stophateuk.org](mailto:talk@stophateuk.org)  
Website [www.stophateuk.org](http://www.stophateuk.org)

Asha Neighbourhood Centre  
43 Stratford Street  
Beeston  
Leeds  
LS11 6JG  
Tel No. 0113 2704600  
Contact: Zaheeda Khanam

Connect Housing Association  
205 Roundhay Road  
Leeds  
LS8 4HS  
Tel No. 0113 2350202  
Email: [cs@connecthsg.org.uk](mailto:cs@connecthsg.org.uk)  
Contact: Catherine Boak

Connect in the North  
Bridge House  
Balm Road  
Leeds  
LS10 2TP  
Tel No. 0113 2703233  
Contact: Cathy Wintergill

Hamara Centre  
73 Lodge Lane

Beeston  
Leeds  
LS11 6ER  
Tel No. 0113 277 3330  
Contact: Arif Iqbal

Leeds Federated Housing Association  
Arthington House  
30 Westfield Road  
Leeds  
LS3 1DE  
Tel No. 0113 386 1000  
Contact: Stephen Barry – ASB Manager

International Student Office  
University of Leeds  
Level 11, Ziff Building  
Woodhouse Lane  
Leeds  
LS2 9JT  
Contact: Tim Rhodes or Phill Wilcox

Leeds University Student Union  
Students Advice Centre  
Lifton Place  
Leeds  
LS2 9JZ  
Contact:  
Tel No. 0113 3801242 - B J Fisher – Community Officer  
Tel No. 0113 3801244 – C Hopper – Equality & Diversity Officer  
Tel No. 0113 3801245 – K A Siddall – Welfare Off

Unity Housing Association  
113/117 Chapeltown Road  
Leeds  
LS7 3HY  
Tel No. 0113 2007700  
Contact: Duncan Lee

If your organisation requires training, please contact Andrew Bolland, Stop Hate UK on 0113 2935100.