

Area Committee Well Being Fund
Commissioning of Service

Project Name: Pudsey/Weetwood 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 Pudsey Weetwood area by providing an effective response to illegal off road motor cycling. During 2005 the Pudsey Weetwood Division received 1,848 reports of motor cycles being ridden to the annoyance of residents, or an average of approximately 5 a day. These vehicles are often ridden by under age riders without any documents, are in an unsafe condition and use the public highway to and from open land. They are frequently stolen vehicles. Their use seriously impacts on the safety and quality of life of residents.

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.

Several local authorities, for example Wakefield and Kirklees, have now funded the lease of off road motor bikes by their respective police Divisions to combat this problem.

The vehicles are used in several other police Divisions and have delivered considerable successes in combating this and other related policing problems.

In addition to this police motor cycles offer additional advantages 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 can be used in proactive operations to target burglary and vehicle crime.

Additional Information

Since approval was first given for this project in February 2006, North West Outer Area Management Team have decided that they do not wish to participate in this scheme. Consequently, in order to pursue, what has been deemed to be a worthwhile project for the West of Leeds a request is made for additional funding to what was originally agreed (£1,200 revenue). The Police have provided assurances that if approval is given, they will ensure that the service is not supplied to the North West Outer Area.

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

- Improved quality of life for residents in the Pudsey Weetwood police area ;
- An increase in seizure of illegally used off road motor cycles ;
- An increase in persons prosecuted for related offences ;
- A decrease in reports of nuisance from off road motor cycles ;
- Increased mobility and enhanced capability to combat street drug dealing and street robbery through access to hard to reach areas ;
- Increased road safety by targeting illegal/ poorly maintained machines ;
- An additional tactical toll to use in combating other forms of criminality, for example burglary and vehicles crime, across the Division.
- High visibility patrols making an impact which can be readily seen by the public thereby increasing public confidence.

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

Total costs for the project for 2 years:

Lease of 2 vehicles (including all maintenance and insurance costs) for two years	£ 14 400
Training Course for 3 officers	5 700
Equipment and equipment replacement costs for 3 officers	6 300
Fuel costs over two years	<u>2 000</u>
	28 400

Match Funding from West Yorkshire Police :

Admin costs @ 5% of bid	1 420
Training course attendance	2 560
Officer cost – 2 PCs on full time duties	<u>133, 120</u>
	137 100

The cost to each Area Committee within West & North West Leeds
over 2 years **7 100**

The cost per year **£3550 revenue**

Additional Information

An additional £2,400 is sought from West Area Management = **£1,200** from Inner West, bringing Inner West's contribution to **£9,500 over 2 years (06/7, 07/8)**.

An additional £1,200 will also be sought by the Police from North West Outer Area Committee.

Identify which geographic areas will benefit and which Area Committee (Inner or Outer) you are applying to: The areas of benefit will be Inner and Outer West, and Inner North West.

State who will receive the funding for this project:

West Yorkshire Police