

## **FORCE RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS RAISED BY AREA COMMITTEES AND WARD FORUMS IN D DIVISION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. This report seeks to inform Members of the committee of the Humberside Police response to:
  - Community concerns raised by the Area Committees and Ward Forums in D Division during the period 1 September to 1 December 2005
  - The impact of any local Force and/or partnership initiatives as a consequence of these concerns; and
  - Any demonstrable movement in performance at a local level that can be measured as a result.

### **KEY LOCAL ISSUES RAISED**

2. The key local issues raised by the community at Police Authority Neighbourhood Panels were:
  - Motorbikes and mopeds.
  - Anti-social Behaviour.
  - Alcohol related disorder

Reference was also made to speeding and dangerous driving in the city.

### **Motorbikes & Mopeds**

3. The anti-social use of motor cycles, mopeds, etc. has been identified by all Local Policing Team Commanders as an issue which adversely affects the Community and is being tackled aggressively across the City.
4. Roger Mitchell, the Roads Policing Inspector has been identified as the overall problem owner. Full use is made of the resources available to the Division, such as the use of Operation Yokohoma, the Roads Crime Section, and Armed Response Vehicle officers in accordance with the NIM Tasking process. Traffic enforcement operations are also planned subject to resource availability, severity and again in accordance with the Tasking process.

5. All Local Policing Teams have identified this as a significant area of concern and operations have been mounted across the City, particularly at school holiday periods. North Carr for example have seized 12 motor cycles in 5 months and regularly issue S.59 notices regarding anti-social use of the vehicles. Miscreants are being encouraged to and are signing disclaimers enabling more unroadworthy or nuisance-value vehicles to be removed.
6. Northern LPT has run an operation (Operation Espionage) in October in respect of this issue. The results including arrest, reporting for summons, fixed penalty notice in relation to Section 5 of the Public Order Act, seizure of motor cycles and Section 59 warnings issued.
7. In West Area, Operation Overton was launched throughout the school summer holiday period to tackle this issue by means of the use of legislation e.g. S.59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 in relation to anti social use of motor cycles, etc, disruption, use of Anti Social Behaviour Orders, and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, and reporting offenders for summons or arrest as necessary.
8. Officers are working in partnership with ASB officers in publicising the issue through newsletters, etc. including a campaign in the run up to Xmas on North Carr.
9. Bricknell Avenue on Wyke Area has been identified as an area where additional resources have been deployed to tackle this issue by high visibility policing and dealing with offenders.
10. The East Local Policing Team has a vigorous enforcement approach to complaints with numerous vehicle seizures and S.59 notices served.
11. Riverside Area has seen an operation in St Andrews and Newington Ward, whereby numerous vehicles have been seized, many offenders reported for summons, ASBO applications pursued, high visibility patrolling, advice to the public via newsletter distribution and target hardening.
12. Park LPT has adopted a policy of intolerance towards this issue and have also utilised the Police Reform Act legislation appropriately and consistently.
13. A bid has been submitted to the Force Training Board to provide capability for officers to utilise off road bikes to deal with offenders. Funding is needed in respect of the vehicles for officer use, which is being pursued.

### **Anti Social Behaviour**

14. The newly established community teams have coterminous boundaries with Local Authority Wards with the intention of encouraging joint problem

solving and there is co-location of the Local Authority and police teams whenever possible. There has been extensive use of Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) by the teams, and a dedicated Police Officer coordinates activity in respect of post conviction ASBOs. Currently, there are a few gaps due to many of the ASB team seeking alternative employment. The move by the ASB Team to co-locate at Police buildings is proving extremely successful and demonstrates joint effective problem solving. In addition to ASBO, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been attained, dispersal order secured and alcohol seized from numerous youngsters.

15. We have worked with the Council ASB Team in securing Designated Alcohol Exclusion Zones around the City. These are regularly patrolled. Exclusion zones currently include the following areas:-
  - City Centre, Old Town and Beverley Road encompassing the previous Paragon Square/Cenotaph area
  - Bricknell Avenue
  - Grandale Road Shopping Parade (Sutton Park)
  - Goodwin Parade Shopping Area
  - Orchard park Shopping Centre
  - Endike Lane Shopping Centre
  - Ellerburn Avenue
16. Work is ongoing to secure a further zone in the Kingswood area on North Carr area.
17. Police and ASB officers regularly patrol ASB hotspot areas as identified through analysis.
18. There is extensive evidence of Police Teams working closely with partner agencies, through tasking mechanisms to jointly problem solve and improve communities. This will develop further as a result of the Council's move to Neighbourhood management. C/I Cunningham is working alongside Stuart Davy of Hull City Council to develop a standard corporate operating framework in respect of multi agency tasking and neighbourhood management/Policing.
19. Officers are sending letters to parents of juveniles to inform them of their activities and the consequences thereof.
20. Incident logs relating to Anti Social Behaviour are scanned to identify hotspots and LPT officers are aware of all calls regarding Youths causing annoyance. We are beginning to improve the tasking of officers outside of the LPTs in respect of anti social hotspot patrolling.
21. C/I Cunningham has secured agreement with John Marshall the Wardens manager, in respect of support to LPTs and is in the process of improving information sharing and teamwork, which it is fair to say works better in some areas than others.

23. Local Policing Teams are making effective use of the Anti Social Behaviour Order and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, including post conviction and pre conviction.
24. Park LPT are in the process of obtaining a dispersal order in respect of problems with anti social behaviour on Suddaby Close, where additional high visibility Police patrols have been deployed as part of an Operation ongoing in this area. The Preston Road New Deal Copshop is being located in this area, the ASB Team are fully integrated in working to resolve the problems.
25. Northern Area has seen effective joint working between the Police and co-located Anti Social Behaviour Team officers in securing ASBO and ABCs. Additionally, they are undertaking a concerted operation in the area focusing on the 'no drinking' zones and hotspots to reduce violence and criminal damage and provide reassurance by means of high visibility policing and enforcement activity, including arrests, fixed penalty notices for disorder, seizure of alcohol and intelligence gathering.
26. Riverside LPT has launched Operation Hunter in respect of a dispersal order in the Queens Gardens area in relation to gangs of youths causing alarm and distress. Additionally they have undertaken Operation Chesterton and Operation Capital which refer to anti social behaviour, begging, etc. in the high-profile City Centre area. Numerous ASBOs secured, particularly in the Welstead Street, City Centre and Hawthorne Avenue hotspots.
27. An operation to reduce crime and disorder is ongoing in the Buckingham Street area in the Drypool ward in respect of youths causing annoyance.
28. Three ASBOs have been secured in relation to kerb-crawling and kerb-crawling workshops to educate offenders have been arranged as part of an ongoing initiative to reduce the nuisance caused by prostitution.
29. Anti Social Behaviour is a priority for the West LPT, having been identified by all Wards. Youth outreach working has been arranged, and the Police are working closely with the Area Committee to identify projects for the young and to reduce anti social behaviour.
30. Joint working arrangements on the Wyke area are reaping benefits in respect of the use of Anti Social Behaviour legislation.
31. Hotspots are identified within the Local Policing Teams through both the Tasking process and by the officers monitoring all incident logs to be able to effectively deploy their resources. North Carr LPT patrols such hotspots on foot, in cars and on cycles, in uniform and in plain clothes. Alcohol is seized from the young and fixed penalty notices have been issued for offences including adult buying alcohol for the young.

32. Additionally they send letters to parents of juveniles engaged in anti social behaviour, with in excess of 50 letters sent in 5 months.
33. North Carr has like all Local Policing Teams improving working relationships with partner agencies including the Council Housing department, Environment department, etc. Two offenders have been charged under ASB legislation in the last week, and arrest days are held weekly for those wanted on warrant in the Area.
34. An operation has just been launched to deal with anti-social behaviour around Grandale linking in with the designated 'no drinking' zone. This will involve concerted additional patrols and strong enforcement activity over a period of weeks.
35. Numerous additional patrols have been deployed around the Ings Estate on East Area in respect of anti social behaviour and evidence exists of excellent joint working between agencies, instigated by the Police. Furthermore, the East are undertaking an operation to tackle violent crime and disorder on the Area.
36. All Local Policing Teams have recently been tasked and funded for operations in respect of reducing violent crime and disorder linked to the areas and bids are in place.
37. The Police have been enthusiastically involved in the Firework and Bonfire multi agency initiative on the approach to November 5, which resulted in significant reduction in calls for service for the Fire Service and Police.

#### **Alcohol related disorder**

38. C/I Cunningham leads on a multi agency approach towards tackling violent crime, and disorder associated with the night-time economy. The Programme involves multi faceted approach aimed at reducing violent crime, and in particular more serious violence, and seeking to change the culture through enforcement, publicity and improved premises management. The work undertaken by the Team has been heralded across Great Britain as good practice, and Hull has led the way in relation to the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices for Disorder being issued on the street.
39. Joint operations with Trading Standards have targeted off-licences selling alcohol to the young.
40. A project in respect of establishment of a Safer Entertainment Zone in the City centre has been considered for the European Crime Prevention Award very recently.
41. The Team have secured the support of all the local professional sports teams in publicising messages about the unacceptability of violence, and

publicity material, radio broadcasts, and media coverage, plus the use of posters, badges, banners, etc is ongoing to spread the message.

42. Initiatives in the pipeline include the implementation of the National Best Bar None scheme which aims to improve licensed premises management through accreditation and action plans, a Christmas campaign through the media, an Alcohol Misuse Enforcement Campaign across the City involving Test Purchase Operations, multi agency inspections of premises, highly visible policing, evidence gathering , youth patrols, safety advice, use of taxi marshals and much more is underway. Further similar campaigns are scheduled for the new year. Funding has also been directed towards the early arrest and prosecution of offenders and for file preparation and processing. A Responsible Licensees forum has recently been relaunched to enable better communication and joint working with licensees in improving the culture within the night time economy areas. The attached report highlights other initiatives.
43. Local Policing Teams are involved in preparation for individual operations in respect of violent crime reduction. Analysis has been commissioned to assess the scale of disorder and violence in schools. An operation will be launched to tackle the arising issues.
44. Riverside Local Policing Team have launched an Operation in the Anlaby Road/Walton Street area to tackle the issue of alcohol related disorder connected to licensed premises in the area.
45. North Carr LPT are tackling an issue around Kingswood and Grandale in respect of assaults and disorder by the use of an operation utilising high visibility policing, and plain clothes work. Enforcement will include the use of fixed penalty notices for disorder, arrest, summons reports, seizure of alcohol, stop & search powers, particularly over the weekend period. These areas correlate to the designated zones under S.12 of the Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 2001, one currently in place and one being pursued.
46. Wyke LPT has identified Newland Avenue and Bricknell Avenue as key areas to tackle this issue. Action plans are currently being developed to undertake operations in these areas to reduce the nuisance caused as a result of alcohol and licensed premises in the area. Additional patrols have been deployed in these areas and reduced tolerance levels adopted.
48. East Area has seen maximum use of patrols and Special Constables in hotspots and the securing of external additional funding has enabled enforcement activity to be increased and focused.
49. West Area has seen several projects to tackle this issue. Recently operations were undertaken to seize unlawful fireworks and alcohol as part of an intelligence-led operation. Activity was focused on areas identified as those where youths congregate and cause disruption for the

Community. Letters are also sent to parents in respect of alcohol seizures from juveniles.

50. Northern LPT have utilised the RPI (Copshop) staff to target alcohol related disorder around the NO Drinking Zones in the Area.
51. Park regularly confiscate alcohol from the young and have worked effectively with Trading Standards and Licensing officers to try to close down off-licences with poor management standards. The Operation around Suddaby Close will help to tackle this issue.
52. Corporately for the Division, a very proactive Licensing Department ensures that disorderly licensed premises are dealt with effectively.

### **Speeding, dangerous Driving and Anti Social use of the Roads**

53. Clearly the national move towards the use of speed enforcement cameras at hotspot locations has changed the landscape in respect of speeding. Safety Camera partnership vehicles patrol extensively across the City and County at identified potential accident locations.
54. PC Andy Walker is a full time casualty reduction officer for the City, and Inspector Roger Mitchell coordinates roads policing activity from the centre.
55. C/Inspector Cunningham will seek to pursue the initiative whereby community representatives e.g. Neighbourhood Watch members are trained to operate speed guns at key locations.
56. Roads skilled Police Officers patrol regularly and are briefed as to hotspot or other key areas.
57. Traffic Wardens are briefed and patrol key locations across the City and enforce the laws relating to parking and obstruction rigorously.
58. Letter drops have been used to advise residents of concerns over parking issues and specific operations in respect of dangerous and illegal parking at schools, etc have been undertaken.
59. Park LPT have utilised Roads skilled officers from the Probationer Development Unit to patrol hotspots and have deployed mobile warning signs appropriately. They are working with partners to resolve parking issues in relation to schools.
60. Northern Area as other areas have used the Traffic Wardens in relation to areas identified as hotspots or whereby complaints are received, e.g. Inglemire Avenue School. Additionally, letters have been sent to residents as a warning/deterrent.

61. Electronic signs have been placed following consultation in Boulevard as a result of residents concerns on the Riverside area, and an initiative in respect of dangerous driving saw prosecutions utilising trained staff.
62. Operations have been undertaken in respect of a group of anti social drivers known as 'Hull Cruise'. These operations involved casualty reduction advice, strict enforcement of the law, and thorough vehicle checks.
63. West LPT Beat managers are allocated incident logs relating to parking offences, and Traffic Wardens are involved and briefed to take positive action. Education by means of letters to residents forms part of the strategy.
64. Speeding issues are referred to the Casualty Reduction Officer, and plans are in place to train beat managers in the use of ProLaser speed devices as a preventative measure primarily.
65. East LPT deal with the few reports of dangerous driving by assessment and prosecution as appropriate, and refer all speeding complaints to a trained Sergeant. Parking issues are referred to traffic Wardens and arrangements are also in hand to train officers in the use of Pro Laser.
66. Wyke LPT make use of the 'Smiley Policeman' at hotspots. This work as a deterrent to speeders and reduce average speeds at hotspot locations.
67. On North Carr, they have an officer ProLaser trained. Speeding issues are referred to the Casualty reduction Officer and/or Roads Policing Inspector. North Carr is well patrolled by Roads Policing Officers due to it's location. Traffic wardens deal with parking issues.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

14. It is recommended that the Consultation and Partnership Committee:
  - i) Discuss the content of the Report
  - ii) Continue to refer matters of operational policing to the Chief Constable for appropriate action

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