

## **A Division Community Consultation Report**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. This report seeks to inform Members of the Committee of the Humberside Police response to:
  - Community concerns raised by the Police Authority Crime and Drugs Teams (PACDT) between 1 June – 31 August 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

### **INFORMATION**

#### **The Need for More Neighbourhood Watch Groups**

2. There are currently 63 groups in North East Lincolnshire region, with a further 12 under development and the Division is increasing the groups at a rate of between 12 and 16 a year.
3. The Division is concentrating on developing groups in high crime areas and as a result groups have been set up on the Nunsthorpe, the Grange and Yarborough Estates. In Cleethorpes North there are now 6 where there was only one at the beginning of the year.
4. Across the Division, Neighbourhood Watch is promoted through PACDT and Council meetings, housing associations and postal drops in specific areas.
5. Neighbourhood Watch are responsible for putting together and distributing a wide range of crime prevention and property marking packs and have been instrumental in helping to reduce vehicle crime and burglary,
6. The Neighbourhood Watch Development Officer attends tasking meetings to ensure accurate and timely circulation of information.

#### **Response Times and feedback**

7. The Division has seen a reduction in the number of outstanding logs as a result of our re-structure in January. The focus on performance improvement required under the engagement process, has potentially reduced the capacity for responding to the less urgent call for service,

8. Chief Inspector Thompson, Community and Partnership, attends all PACDT meetings for A Division and a lot of the complaints are around lack of response to youths causing annoyance calls and the attendance policy that the Division uses is a Force policy.
9. An examination of specific cases to identify what went wrong in relation to the follow up, would be necessary for each incident, and a generic response is difficult to provide particularly as some examples given at the PACDT can date back to 3 years ago. In relation to getting additional statements, in some cases the public possibly do expect a more in depth investigation than the Division can hope to manage.

### **Youths Causing Annoyance**

10. Our attendance policy does not always meet public expectations and people do expect an officer to attend when they call. Chief Inspector Thompson has been trying to encourage people that attend the PACDT meetings to think more long term and beyond just a police response. We have encouraged people from different agencies to attend to promote wider discussion around youth provision and environmental issues etc to reduce the number of youths hanging about on street corners long term.
11. A Division does have Youth Issues in the Divisional Control Strategy.
12. There are community initiatives running on the Nunsthorpe Estate and, Grimsby North (Freshney Forward). A new multi agency project just started on the East Marsh.
13. There are 5 dispersal orders in the Division, all of which have now expired. The Division found that the orders tended to move the problem around and now will only use them in extreme circumstances when all else has failed.
14. There have been 51 Anti Social Behaviour Orders set up in the Division, 49 of which are still in force. There are 21 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts in place in the Division.
15. There has been a reduction of 38% in anti social behaviour calls from March to July this year which the Division contributes to youth provisions through community initiatives and effective use of anti social behaviour legislation.
16. Operation Yokohama, is given to the initiative that is in place during the summer holidays to reduce nuisance by youths on motor cycles. The 3 officers on off road motor cycles have issued 38 Section 59 warnings and seized 8 vehicles in 74 hours worked per officer.
17. There is a Divisional Neighbourhood Crime Group that is chaired by Chief Inspector Thompson and Rachel North (Local Authority) in which all neighbourhood issues are coordinated and targets are set around anti

social behaviour. The Group is relatively new but is an excellent way of making inter-agency activity happen.

### **Crime Statistics**

18. The reductions in burglary and vehicle crime are due to crime prevention packs, arresting prolific offenders quickly, and Operation Chopin which ensures that there are quick arrests made regarding bail breaches. Burglary and Thefts from Motor Vehicles are in the Divisional Control Strategy. More recently, serious crime has diverted A Division investigation officers away from priority crime investigation.
19. The increase in robberies is down to a small run of offences which drastically affect what are small numbers. The Division micro manages robbery offences, and has a clear action plan which sees offenders arrested as soon as possible. There is no clear reason why there has been a reduction in racially aggravated offences

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Background Papers: A Division Public Consultation