

## **FORCE RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS RAISED BY POLICE AUTHORITY NEIGHBOURHOOD PANELS IN B DIVISION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The intention of this report is to provide further details to Members of the Consultation and Partnership Committee of the B Division response to community concerns raised in the Police Authority Neighbourhood Panels (PANels) during the period, December 2005 to February 2006.

### **KEY LOCAL ISSUES RAISED**

2. The key local issues raised by the community at Police Authority Neighbourhood Panels were:
  - Anti Social Behaviour
  - Local and national policing restructures
  - Motorbikes and mopeds
  - Call handling and contacting the police
3. Regarding national policing restructures and call handling; it is more appropriate for a response to be provided at the full Police Authority Committee Meeting, 21 March 2006. However, Appendix A provides an outline of the restructuring of B Division.

### **INFORMATION**

#### **Anti Social Behaviour and Anti Social Use of Motor Vehicles**

4. To try and prevent anti social behaviour and any involvement in crime occurring, B Division is keen to identify 8 - 16 year olds who haven't committed an offence, but are likely to. There are a number of preventative measures at the Division's disposal:
  - the police may request a multi agency meeting with a Youth Offending Team and the Anti Social Behaviour Team
  - the fire service runs citizenship courses that are effective as some young persons respond better to the fire service than the police
  - In North Lincolnshire a Common Assessment process is in place which allows any professional that works with children to refer a family to a multi agency meeting as a means of early intervention
  - For children under the age of 10 years and who show appear to be at a high risk of involvement in crime a Youth Intensive Support Programme can be considered
  - 2 Sure Start schemes are run in the area, which engage with families with children under 5 years of age

- There are a number of school and after school clubs that are available.
5. There are currently 46 ASBOs in place in B Division, with another 10 going through the court process and awaiting trials. There are a further 8 proposals for ASBOs, submitted from Neighbourhood Officers. Of the ASBOs that are in place, 3 of them contain clauses stating that the offender is not to sit on, or astride a moped, go-ped or motor vehicle in North Lincolnshire.
  6. The most high profile drive against anti social behaviour in the Division is named Operation Drake; which started in November 2005, and is still running now. It was introduced to reduce anti social behaviour, crime (specifically incidents of criminal damage), nuisance behaviour, and the number of associated complaints and calls for service in the Edwards Road and Jacksons Road areas of Scunthorpe. The Operation also aims to increase public reassurance and support and to divert individuals from re-offending
  7. Edwards Road and Jacksons Road are situated in the Crosby area of Scunthorpe, and the roads and the surrounding streets have a history of crime and anti social behaviour. A general meeting was held in the summer of 2005 between Housing officers and the police, which identified a need to launch a multi agency operation to look at the problems in the area that were highlighted by the numerous calls for service and complaints that the agencies were receiving. The Operation involves a range of supporting agencies; North Lincolnshire Council Housing, Safer Neighbourhoods, Youth Offending Teams, Educational Welfare, Highridge School, HANWAG and Social Services.
  8. The Operation utilises a number of different methods:
    - The installation of a CCTV camera on the junction of Jacksons Road and Edwards Road
    - Letters sent to residents on Jacksons Road and Edwards Road with reference to the above problems, to reassure them and advise them of imminent action
    - Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) sought, agreed and signed by individuals identified at multi agency meetings
    - Neighbourhood Team conducting high visibility foot patrols in the target area, with Incident Response Units to default to the area on mobile patrol. The Mounted Section to patrol as per Divisional Tasking
    - Volume Crime Team to deal with crime reports for the area expeditiously
    - The provision of regular press releases for public awareness.
  9. Additionally, the multi agency approach has seen Social Services address child welfare concerns, a number of joint police and Housing Department visits to the victims of anti social behaviour, and also a drugs warrant executed at a problem address in the area. To date, 22 ABCs have been

agreed to and signed, and 42 warning letters have been sent out in the Edwards and Jackson Roads area.

10. The table below summarises the Division's anti social behaviour related issues and is intended to highlight the improved structured approach. They are being dealt with by the new Neighbourhood Teams and involve the use of the National Intelligence Mode process, and the use of the Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment (SARA) problem solving approach. All of this is part of National Neighbourhood Policing for which B Division is a pathfinder.

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Organisation Contact Details</b>
S1	Overton Court	YCA & Damage	Susie Mahoney	Barton Housing
S2	Everest Road/Lakeside	YCA m/bikes	PC 98 O'Neill	East NHB
S3	Frodingham Road/West Street	Prostitution	PC2132 Jones	North NHB
S4	Fieldside, Crowle	ASB	PC Godley	Epworth PS
S5	Stanfield Road. Epworth	YCA, Road Safety	PC Cook	Epworth PS
S6	Silver Street, Barnetby	YCA, Associated Crime	PC Wash	Brigg PS
S7	Poplar Drive, Brigg	YCA, Low Level Crime	PC Wash	Brigg PS
S8	Fieldside Home, Epworth	YCA by kids from home	PC Cook	Epworth PS
S9	Red Lion, Epworth	Disorder and Licensing offences	PS Jackson	Epworth PS
S10	16 Ogilvy Drive	Noisy Neighbour	PC Brears	West NHB
S11	Holme Hall Avenue	YCA	PC O'Neill	East NHB
S12	Thurlow	ASB – litter, noise, drugs, drink	PC Cook	Epworth PS
S13	56 Chiltern Crescent	ASB	PC Brears	West NHB
S14	Albert Marson Court	Serious YCA	PC 98 O'Neill	East NHB

11. As a specific example of the anti social use of motor vehicles, groups of young people have been gathering in motor vehicles and racing around the Morrisons supermarket car park in Scunthorpe, at excessive speed. This is endangering other road users, pedestrians and customers. The Roads Policing Unit, headed by Inspector Stevens, has been tasked via the National Intelligence Model, to deal with this and the following is a summary of action taken:

- 4 persons reported for driving at excess speed

- 2 persons issued with their first warning for offences contrary to Section 59 (Police Reform Act). These were written warnings and if the offenders contravene in next 12 months their vehicles will be seized
  - 1 vehicle seized for driver having no insurance (Section 165 Police reform Act)
  - 2 Vehicle rectification Forms issued
  - 2 drivers reported for construction and use offences
  - 4 persons stop and searched
12. A recent update, 21 February, from Sergeant Clark of the Roads Policing Unit, confirms that activity on the car park has decreased and there has been no activity on the car park in the last 4 days.
13. The Illegal use of off road vehicles in the Hempsdyke/ Atkinson Warren area of Scunthorpe involves youths, of 8 years and upwards, using off road motor cycles, which are causing a nuisance by noise pollution and endangering the community. The victims' houses back on to the woods where this is occurring. Some of the motorcycles are stolen, whilst others have been bought by parents for their children.
14. This problem is being dealt with by the Neighbourhood Policing Team and a SARA problem solving approach is addressing the issues, however, this is an ongoing issue and will take some time to solve. The action being taken is as follows:
- Regular patrols undertaken and apply enforcement when possible
  - Operation Yokohoma
  - Contact with the Local Authority to examine fencing and bollard options onto the area to prevent access, the placement of signage is also being considered
  - Officers are to encourage victims and witnesses to provide statements to assist with enforcement and possible ASBOs
  - Leaflets and other contact methods to be made with parents to outline the problems and the obligations that they have.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

15. 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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**Background documents:** Appendix A, Structural Changes 'B' Division