

**LOCAL MULTI-AGENCY PROBLEM SOLVING GROUPS (LMAPS)  
SOUTH – Plains Farm; Silksworth; Doxford Park and Farrington**

**Dates of Meetings - (Since last Area Committee):**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008. 10.00am to 12.00pm**

**Venue: Gentoo Office, Silksworth**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008. 10.00am to 12.00pm**

**Venue: Gentoo Office, Silksworth**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008. 10.00am to 12.00pm**

**Venue: Gentoo Office, Silksworth**

**1. Property Crime (Including Burglary and Car Crime)**

1.1 No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period. However the police did report that all crime within the South Area Command had fallen by 13% with the following showing significant drops:

- Burglary other than dwelling down 23.4%
- Criminal Damage down 31.5%
- Vehicle Crime down 43%

**2. Anti-Social Behaviour (Including alcohol related crime and disorder and Criminal Damage)**

2.1 ASB activity in vicinity of Silksworth Ski Slope. First reported to LMAPS in May 07 when a large congregation of youths, up to 80, were being disruptive and causing disorder. On investigation by the police the number of youths was significantly less, approx 20. It was decided however that this area would benefit from CCTV coverage but at subsequent meetings problems arose over planning permission and funding.

Latest action – It was reported at May's meeting that planning permission had been granted to erect 3 x 8m columns to house the CCTV cameras. It was agreed at June's meeting that Property Services would compile a report on the costings of this initiative and that the Safer Communities Team would produce a report to include a crime and disorder profile for the area with options for CCTV surveillance. It was reported to the July meeting that the final draft report was complete and would be provided to the Sport and Leisure Manager. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS.

2.2 ASB activity in Newport area. Issues reported to LMAPS since October 07.

Latest Action – Only four minor incidents recorded so all agreed to

Close from LMAPS at May meeting.

- 2.3 ASB activity in the Silksworth area (Mineral Line) including reports of motorcycle disorder. Issue first reported to LMAPS in June 08.

Latest Action – It was reported at June’s meeting that the Police increased patrols in the area and a community questionnaire was distributed although no replies were received. Two arrests were made for air rifle offences. At July’s meeting it was reported that a section 54 notice was served with 2 arrests pending. Again another arrest was made involving an air rifle. Continue to monitor and update at next LMAPS.

- 2.4 ASB activity in Doxford Park . A tenant had been reported re his ASB fuelled by alcohol use. Issue first reported to LMAPS in June 08.

Latest Action – The tenant was referred to Safer Communities Team for referral to drug and alcohol service. At July’s meeting it was reported that the Police and Landlord were compiling a file to serve a NOSP (Notice of Seeking Possession). Continue to monitor and update at next LMAPS.

- 2.5 ASB activity in Silksworth – a Target was reported after an alleged assault at a Public House with a weapon. Issue first reported to LMAPS in July 08.

Latest Action – Police have increased patrols and carried out several High profile ‘walk through’s’ of the Public House. The police will continue to monitor situation and report back at the next LMAPS.

- 2.6 ASB activity off Tunstall Bank – ASB at rear of properties, issue first reported in November 07 subsequently closed in January 08. Issue re-opened in July 08.

Latest Action – Previously several measures were put in place which resolved the issues however they have appeared to have escalated again. The residents and contractors are reported to be considering erecting a perimeter fence. Funding may be an issue and LMAPS may be asked to contribute. Police are continuing high profile patrols. Update at next LMAPS.

### **3. Hate Crime**

- 3.1 No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

### **4. Domestic Violence**

- 4.1 Reports of repeated Domestic Violence at address in Farringdon area. First reported to LMAPS in July 08.

Latest Action - After initially being arrested and remanded for the latest attack the perpetrator has since been released. Victim referred to Partners Safe Homes UK and WWiN. Police to continue to monitor and update at next LMAPS.

## **5. Drugs Misuse**

5.1 No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

## **6. Any Other Business**

6.1 Targeted Youth Engagement – Whilst the project was due to end in March 08, funding has been agreed to allow some activities to continue for a further 6 months.

This issue was escalated to the BSG in June with a recommendation it is escalated to the SSP. Update at next LMAPS.

6.2 Doxford Park - Parking problems

At May's meeting it was reported that the police had been contacted by the Traffic Department, Sunderland City Council that public notices regarding parking schemes around Doxford Park would be appearing in the local press. It was confirmed at June's meeting that these notices had appeared and the public subsequently now had 21 days to submit any objections. It was anticipated that no objections would be received except maybe for those residents in the Moorside area who may object due to displacement. It was envisaged that without any objections that the scheme could be implemented by late July or if objections had been raised, by September at the earliest. It was reported at July's meeting that a draft scheme for Broadmeadows was almost complete and could commence in September. The Scheme for Moorside is still progressing. The matter of widening "City Way" was also discussed.

The police confirmed that they had received 6 non legal objections and these would be forwarded to the planning committee. They also stated that they hoped to have yellow lines in place by October 08. Business's in the area are also supporting this initiative by promoting car sharing/sharing car parking spaces, cycling to work and the use of public transport.

6.3 Marketing

Partners were reminded to look for opportunities to publicise and promote good news LMAPS successes and to advise the SCT of those that appeared suitable.

6.4 Funding

It had previously been reported that each LMAPS group had been given delegated authority to spend £6,875 of which £3,125 must be spent by 30.09.08.

A bid for £2,985 for a Youth Project to fund outreach workers; a film club and a minibus to and from the venue was agreed by all partners.

#### 6.5 Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS)

Due to a significant fall in ASB fire reports all agreed to close from LMAPS at July Meeting.

#### 6.6 Youth Initiative

It was reported to the June meeting that following consultation with the public, the Police will be running a series of operations which will focus on peoples main concerns of youth disorder and under age drinking. The operations will see Officers carrying out educational visits, targeting off licences, concentrating on hotspots and offering reassurance. A top 10 list of youths will be produced after consultation with other partners and these will be targeted through out this initiative.

#### 6.7 A690 Proposal

It was reported at June's meeting that a proposal was received by the Youth Response Team to hold events including music; football; dance etc on Thursday; Friday and Saturday evenings between 7.30 and 10.00 at various venues across South and West Areas. The police agreed to help support and manage these events and would also carry out checks for alcohol, drugs and any weapons. Any form of disorder could see the police or A690 cancelling any further events. However at July's meeting it was reported that these events had been a success and all had been well attended.

#### 6.8 Knife Crime Campaign

It was reported to the July meeting that Northumbria Police would be spearheading a campaign in order to allay fears of knife crime which whilst it is not a problem in our area, is more prevalent nationally. The campaign would consist of a knife amnesty over a period of time and would then target known offenders and hotspots.

#### 6.8 Personnel Changes

It was reported there were to be some personnel changes within the South Area Team. Update at next LMAPS.

### 7. **Future Meetings**

#### 7.1 Date and time of next Meeting

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008. 10.00am to 12.00pm Gentoo Office, Silksworth

#### 7.2 Subsequent meeting

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008. 10.00am to 12.00pm Gentoo Office, Silksworth

### **8. Supporting Information**

- 8.1 Note that the previously provided statistical analysis is currently being re-designed.