

Item 2c
NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

19th September 2011

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND NORTH – PROGRESS REVIEW
Work Plan 2011/12: Anti Social Behaviour

1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) work plan, **Annex 1**.

2. Task and Finish Group

2.1 The Task and Finish Group have met twice since the July Committee to progress the priority identified within the North workplan.

3 Seafront Anti Social Behaviour Operation

3.1 The police highlighted to the group a priority area that had been reported through management information. The priority area was around the seafront and the increase in Anti Social Behaviour in this area which was likely to increase further due to the six weeks holidays. The disorder in this area has been historical and worsens over the same period. The police proposed an operation that would address the disorder over the period but enable them and partner services to address it at this time but also complete follow up actions which would support maintaining the reduction in the future.

3.2 The operation was to target the anti social behaviour on the seafront through the allocation and funding of dedicated additional police resources at peak times of disorder on a Friday night, Saturday and Sunday from midday to early evening. The operation would be carried out in partnership with SCC anti social behaviour team, Gentoo anti social behaviour team and SCC commissioned youth services. The detail of this operation and request for funding was consulted upon with members, relevant Directorates and partners via an emergency SIB application.

3.3 The physical delivery of the targeted operation has now been completed and during the period of delivery weekly meetings were held with partners to share information and agree follow up actions to address the issues identified.

3.4 Early findings and impact of the operation are as follows:

- 118 stops completed
- 57 stops involved alcohol
- 42 stops involved the confiscation of alcohol
- 17 follow up visits will be completed with young people and their guardians by the ASB team

- The main areas impacted were Roker Park and the immediate area and the rear of Morrisons
- There were 2 distinct groups in each of the areas, a younger group of young people who were not doing anything and an older group who were more likely to display ASB.
- There was a decrease in ASB reported in the area over the period of the operation.
- Local residents commented on and welcomed the high visibility of the police and impact on disorder in the area.

3.5 Lessons learned from the operation to be taken forward were as follows:

- A review of the delivery of activities for young people in the area needs to be completed to understand what young people want in order to increase engagement and participation.
- Investigate alternative venues available for delivery of activities for young people.
- The anti social behaviour in the area was not as high as the perception of disorder and clear communications of the operation and outcomes were needed to increase public confidence and improve the perceptions within the area.

4. Motorcycle Disorder

4.1 A number of actions have been put into place to address the motorcycle disorder in the North. One of the actions was to implement a targeted operation at the Fulwell Quarry site, Sunderland North Community Sports Complex and the land that joins the two parts to stop and take action against those creating the disorder. The operation was proposed for the weekend of 13th and 14th of August to be delivered by the police in partnership with SCC and Gentoo.

4.2 Due to the events that have occurred across the country during August the police were deployed into other areas over the weekend of 13th and 14th of August. The motorcycle operation was rescheduled and delivered on 3rd and 4th of September.

4.3 Further actions that will be taken forward following the operation by the police and partners include the 3g cameras remaining insitu at Fulwell Quarry and Sunderland North Community Sports Complex, further intelligence gathering from local residents affected by the disorder to inform future actions, the continued education of young people and their parents regarding the illegal use of motorcycles through the RESPECT campaign and information leaflets and work with local fuel stations around the sale of fuel to young people and the need to be vigilant.

5 Community Warden Scheme

5.1 The current Community Warden scheme within the Castle ward will be completed at the end of September 2011. It was acknowledged that

there had been some good work completed as part of the scheme that had proved very successful within local communities.

- 5.2 The Task and Finish group discussed the scheme and how it could be developed to support the North area of Sunderland, address disorder and anti social behaviour in the area, improve public confidence and reduce resident's fear of crime.
- 5.3 It was proposed that the current scheme be developed to provide support area wide and that the support be responsive to the area needs. This could be done by gathering intelligence from the police, gentoo, the council, local residents and elected members on where hotspots of disorder were throughout the North and have the warden service provided in areas identified as requiring support.
- 5.4 It was also acknowledged and proposed that the operational hours of the warden scheme should be adjusted to be available when disorder and anti social behaviour peaks, particularly on an evening and weekend.
- 5.5 The Task and Finish Group have proposed the development of a responsive youth service within the North area and it is recommended that these services operate alongside each other, enabling the warden and youth provider to engage young people into diversionary activities.

Recommendations

- Note the content of the report.
- Agree the actions to be taken forward from the lessons learned in the Seafront Anti Social Behaviour Operation as described at 3.5.
- Agree the actions to be implemented following the motorcycle operation as defined at 4.3.
- Agree the proposal to develop the Community warden scheme on a North area wide basis.
- Agree the allocation of £70,000 SIB funding to the extended warden scheme for the area pending full detail, application, consultation and appraisal.

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