

30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## COMMUNITY ACTION: REVIEWING PROGRESS AND AGREEING NEXT STEPS

## TACKLING CRIME

## 1.0 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, see annex 1, on behalf of the Crime Task and Finish Group.

## 2.0 Background

2.1 In May 2011, Area Committee identified the key crimes for East Sunderland area as: Speeding and dangerous driving; Burglary; Car crime; Criminal damage; Anti Social Behaviour (ASB); Most serious violent crime; Violent crime; Primary and secondary fire; Hate and victimisation.

2.2 The Committee aligned £74,599 against this priority and agreed to continue the joint meetings between Northumbria Police and East Sunderland elected members, renaming the group, 'Crime Task and Finish group'.

## 3.0 Crime Statistics: Northumbria Police

3.1 Local Neighbourhood Police Inspectors to provide an update on crime statistics and Operation X, which was funded from July 2011 to June 2012 to reduce key crimes by 2%, these include speeding and dangerous driving, burglary, car crime, criminal damage, ASB most serious violent crime, violent crime, hate and victimisation.

3.2 All key crimes for East Sunderland area are shown a decrease, see table below.

## Sunderland – Crime Actual vs. Daily Average as at 11/01/2012

| Measure                                   | Sunderland Central |               |            | Sunderland East |               |            | Sunderland South |               |            |
|---|--------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
|   | Actual             | Daily Average | % Variance | Actual          | Daily Average | % Variance | Actual           | Daily Average | % Variance |
| Total crime                               | 3,385              | 3,571         | 5.2%       | 1,312           | 1,357         | 3.3%       | 910              | 1,022         | 11.0%      |
| Burglary                                  | 281                | 299           | 5.9%       | 197             | 198           | 0.4%       | 89               | 94            | 5.1%       |
| Vehicle crime                             | 242                | 246           | 1.7%       | 109             | 118           | 7.6%       | 95               | 127           | 25.0%      |
| Criminal damage                           | 374                | 506           | 26.1%      | 281             | 328           | 14.4%      | 199              | 242           | 17.9%      |
| ASB                                       | 2,948              | 3,723         | 20.8%      | 1,125           | 1,525         | 26.2%      | 988              | 1,450         | 31.8%      |
| Most serious violence                     | 50                 | 52            | 4.5%       | 11              | 15            | 25.9%      | 7                | 9             | 25.3%      |
| Violent crime (exc PNDs)                  | 720                | 817           | 11.9%      | 201             | 223           | 9.7%       | 151              | 162           | 6.6%       |
| Racially and religiously aggravated crime | 20                 | 22            | 8.6%       | 7               | 9             | 18.6%      | 2                | 0             | -          |

#### **4.0 Fire Statistics: Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service**

- 4.1 Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue to provide an update on fire statistics, see **Annex 2**, and on Championing the East project, which was funded from July 2011 to June 2013 to reduce secondary fires by 2%, engaging with 60 volunteering and 40 community groups.
- 4.2 To assist Committee to understand the definition of the terminology used 'Primary' and 'Secondary' fires and explanation is shown below:

##### Definition of Primary Fires

Fires are those where one or more of the following apply:

- i) all fires in buildings, outdoor structure, and vehicles that are not derelict,
- ii) any fires involving casualties or rescues,
- iii) any fire attended by five or more appliances.

##### Definition of Secondary Fires

ASB Fires are the majority of outdoor fires which are started deliberately including grassland and refuse fires, unless they involve casualties or rescues, property loss or unless five or more appliances attend. They include fires in derelict buildings.

#### **5.0 Recommendation**

Committee is requested to:

- i) Note the update provided by Northumbria Police and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue.

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Annex 1: Sunderland East Area Committee: Work Plan 2011-2012

Annex 2: Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue: Fire Statistics