

**LOCAL MULTI AGENCY PROBLEM SOLVING GROUPS (LMAPS)  
WEST – (South Hylton; Ford Estate; Pallion; Pennywell; Springwell; Plains  
Farm; Grindon; Barnes and Thorney Close)**

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

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008, 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
Venue: Gentoo Office, Havelock
  
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008, 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
Venue: Gentoo Office, Havelock

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

- 1.1 An increase in older vehicles being stolen and set alight plus skip fires around the St Lukes Tce and European Way areas. First reported to LMAPS since January 2008.

**Latest Action:** It was reported at the June meeting there was still no emerging pattern with vehicle fires but there had been an increase of deliberate shed and outhouse fires in Pennywell.

It was reported at the July meeting that there had been an increase in calls to derelict properties but demolition is progressing. Update at next LMAPS.

**2. Anti-Social Behaviour (including alcohol related crime and disorder and criminal damage)**

- 2.1 Anti social behaviour and criminal damage in the Pallion area continues to occur with void properties being set alight. Problems believed to be the result of a particular family. The issue was first reported to LMAPS in April 2007.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the June meeting that one offender had been arrested in respect of stolen metal later recovered from a local scrap metal dealer. Police enquiries are ongoing.

It was reported to the July meeting the offending family is still active but on this occasion court action was not instigated in relation to the metal theft. The owners of the family home had served them with a 'notice seeking possession' NOSP' and an update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

- 2.2 Anti social and criminal behaviour linked to an address in Pallion (note - the occupants are related to the family detailed at 2.1 above). First reported / separated to LMAPS in July 2008.

**Latest Action:** Due to the extent of criminal activity it was agreed to separate the issues as shown at 2.2 and 2.2. Gentoo reported the family had been served with a 'notice seeking possession' NOSP'. Update at the next meeting.

- 2.3 Anti Social Behaviour Criminal activity in area. First reported to LMAPS in October 2007.

**Latest Action:** It was reported at the June meeting that the offender appeared at Court in May and was bailed until 10.07.08. It was also reported that he alleged an offence of assault carried out by his mothers' boyfriend.

It was reported at the July meeting the offender had moved in with an aunt outside of the area because of the alleged assault, but he has since returned to the family home. Gentoo reported a trial date had been set for 19.09.08. and in addition reports relating to a domestic incident at the address had been received on 21.07.08.

- 2.4 Anti Social Behaviour in the Barnes area. Reports of drinking, alleged drug taking and improper behaviour in the vicinity of an older person's residential complex were first reported to LMAPS in March 2008.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the June meeting that 6ft gates were to be erected at the base of steps leading to the premises and all access points to prevent unauthorized access and improper use - work was due to commence in July.

It was reported at the July meeting that due to a reduction in reported incidents, the property owners had decided to postpone the planned works. Partners will receive an update at the next meeting.

- 2.5 Anti Social Behaviour including motorcycle disorder in Pallion area was first reported to LMAPS in June 2008

**Latest Action:** It was reported to June meeting the land used by the cyclists is part owned by a Registered Social Landlord and complaints had been received of youths riding motorcycles along a pathway.

There was no update provided at the July meeting and an update is to be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.6 Anti Social Behaviour on land off close to Chester Rd. was first reported to LMAPS July 2007.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the July meeting that youths were congregating and playing football breaking several windows. Police have increased patrols and taken names of those involved to arrange joint visit to parents. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.7 Alcohol related Anti Social Behaviour on land at the rear of shops in Grindon. This was first reported to LMAPS in July 2007.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the July meeting that Police have increased patrols in the area and taken names of youths involved. Gento reported notices had been served to youths in the area and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.8 Anti Social Behaviour including youths building dens in overgrowth in the Barnes area. Close to School grounds was first reported to LMAPS in July 2007.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the July meeting that Police have increased patrols in the area and Council workers are to clear overgrowth. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.9 Anti Social Behaviour including motorcycle disorder at land at rear of properties in Springwell was first reported to LMAPS July 07.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the July meeting the need to identify ownership of the land and explore the possibility of erecting "A" frame barriers to prevent motor cycle use on the land. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

### 3. Hate Crime

- 3.1 No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period

### 4. Domestic Violence

- 4.1 No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period

### 5. Drugs Misuse

No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period

## 6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 **LMAPS Funding** - It was reported to the June meeting that agreement had been reached to share funding between the 8 LMAPS groups and that each group would decide independently how to allocate the funding. Each group will be given £6,875 of which £3,125 must be spent by 30.09.08. Groups will be required to provide evidence of spend and outcomes with initiatives working in support of the Safer Sunderland Strategy. All attendees were asked to identify ways in which the funding can be spent in time for next LMAPS meeting.
- 6.2 **Youth Project** - A pilot scheme operated by the A690 Youth Project held on Friday evenings in the Barnes Park Extension in Grindon and proved successful in attracting in excess of 150 youths. Although policed by A690 staff, the volume of attendees and the opportunity for disorder required Northumbria Police staff to support and it was agreed that funding be allocated to enable Community Support Officers (CSO's) to patrol the periphery for the 10wk period.
- 6.3 **Youth Provision** – It was reported to the June meeting that concerns had been raised across all LMAPS groups concerning the availability of youth provision to address disorder issues, and this concern had been escalated for comment to the Partnership Business Support Group (BSG).

As there was no update at the July meeting an update would be provided at the next meeting.

- 6.4 **CCTV Mast** – It was reported to the June meeting that all LMAPS groups would be asked to identify hotspot areas for possible CCTV future intervention.

It was reported to the July meeting that this request had been deferred pending further action and the item was closed.

## 7. Future Meetings

- 7.1 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office Havelock

- 7.2 Subsequent meeting

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office Havelock