

OPERATION X

The report provides Committee with an update on the progress delivered by Northumbria Police in delivering Operation X, which was funded by Sunderland East SIB.

July 2011 to September 2011: Operation Deals

Operation Deals ran across the whole sector mainly targeting an increase of offences in and around Middle Hendon, Park Place and The Oaks locality. It consisted of a mixture of high visibility patrols and plain clothes observations targeting known offenders and providing reassurance to the community. At the end of the operation all crime across the sector had reduced by 12.8% which equates to 119 less victims.

This period also covered the school summer holidays and the funding provided for extra high visibility engagement patrols, along side the local authority ASB officers, targeted towards youths and anti social behaviour across the East of the city. This approach and our links with diversionary activity providers helped attain a reduction in ASB of 33.8%, some 452 incidents less than last year. In total, 78 people were arrested and dealt with for various offences

September 2012: Operation Injector

A multi agency operation was delivered targeting metal theft and in response to complaints of scrap men taking goods from peoples property without permission. During the day numerous vehicles were stopped, checked and drivers interviewed to ensure they were in possession of the correct documents. Scrap yards were visited and checked and the staff advised of their responsibilities. A media release also reinforced the message that the community need to report suspicious activity to the police.

October 2011 to November 2011: Operation Jamming

Dedicated plain clothes officers were deployed in areas of Sunderland City and Millfield to target identified prolific offenders. A Number of search warrants were conducted and items of stolen property were recovered. During the operation it was evident that these tactics were having a significant disruptive effect on the identified targets resulting in a reduction in crime over the period of the operation.

October 2011 to December 2011: Operation Ensure

Provided extra cover between 1800hrs and 0300hrs when no team would normally have been on duty. Theft of lead from houses in Ryhope was rising as were offences of theft and burglary on Leechmere Industrial Estate. Patrols were mainly in plain clothes and were concentrated on these two areas, based on recorded crime patterns. Due to the nature of the operation resources could easily be, and were, deployed to other areas of the sector when crime or intelligence dictated so. Theft of lead from the houses and the offences at Leechmere have, so far, stopped. 54 persons were stop and searched with 123 arrests happening for various offences across the sector. At this point in the year crime across the sector had fallen by 6.1%.

December 2011: Operation Kraken 4

During the operation additional police and Community Support Officers (CSOs) were deployed to the City Centre over the busy festive period. They provided a highly visible and reassuring presence to the Christmas shoppers during the day and those enjoying our City later in the evening. The presence of dedicated visible officers undoubtedly prevented a number of crimes occurring during the festive period.