

**LOCAL MULTI-AGENCY PROBLEM SOLVING GROUPS (LMAPS)  
COALFIELDS**  
**(Part 1 – Houghton, Shiney Row, Penshaw, Newbottle, Fencehouses and  
the Herringtons)**  
**(Part 2 – Hetton, Easington Lane, Racecourse, Moorsley, Peat Carr and  
East Rainton)**

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

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
Venue: Gentoo Office, Houghton (Part 1)  
Venue: Gentoo Office, Hetton (Part 2)
  
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
Venue: Gentoo Office, Houghton (Parts 1 and 2)

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

1.1 No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

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

2.1 ASB activity in Houghton Town Centre. Current issues reported to LMAPS since September 07.

Latest action – Police are continuing high visibility patrols as well as using the mounted section. It was reported at the March meeting that in excess of 20 stops have been made including arrests for criminal damage, carrying an offensive weapon and assault. Police are pursuing five targets and names have been passed to the Houghton Kepier School. Joint visits are to be carried out.

It was reported at the April meeting that several arrests had been made. Police, Neighbourhood Relations Team and Gentoo to serve Acceptable Behaviour Agreements (ABAs)

2.2 ASB activity in vicinity of Houghton Sports Centre. Current issues reported to LMAPS since September 07, though problems are historic.

Latest Action – A crime survey has been completed, the results of which will be fed back to a future LMAPS. Will continue to monitor situation.

2.3 ASB activity from address in Penshaw area. Issues reported to LMAPS since October 07.

Latest Action. It was reported at the March meeting that a referral had been made to the Public Protection Unit (PPU), though the case was possibly not serious enough. One of the sons at the address had signed up to Youth Offending Service support and the family were

engaging with services. Will continue to monitor though will consider closing if good behaviour continues.

- 2.4 ASB parking in Houghton Town Centre. Issues reported to LMAPS at November 07 meeting.

Latest Action – Collapsible bollards suggested though no funds available. Police to continue to monitor but closed from LMAPS at March 08 meeting.

- 2.5 ASB activity in Newbottle area. Issues reported to LMAPS since November 07.

Latest Action: It was reported at the March meeting that the perpetrator was arrested and an ASBO was granted as a result of which he is banned from Newbottle. Police will continue to monitor. Agreed to close from LMAPS at March meeting.

- 2.6 ASB Fly Tipping in garden of property in West Herrington area. Issues reported to LMAPS since November 07.

Latest Action: It was reported to the March meeting that the area had been cleared. Agreed to close from LMAPS.

- 2.7 ASB motorcycle disorder in Burnside area of Houghton. Access being obtained through damaged fence. Drugs paraphernalia also found. Issues reported to LMAPS since February 08.

Latest Action: Fence ownership being investigated in order to seek repair. Four Section 54 notices had been served, and the April meeting reported a further two Section 59 notices had been served on two more individuals. Continue to monitor.

- 2.8 ASB activity in Whitefield area including environmental debris and ASB fires. First reported to LMAPS at March 08 meeting.

Latest Action: It was reported to the March meeting that Police Community Support Officers were to undertake a crime impact questionnaire. Trading Standards were to target the area. Police were to visit Biddick School to advise students and TWFRS will visit school to advise on ASB fires.

It was reported to the April meeting that the area had been the subject of a clean up by youths working with Youth Offending Services. Agreed to close from LMAPS at the April meeting.

- 2.9 ASB activity in Monument area. Concerns of premises selling alcohol to young people. Reported to LMAPS at the April meeting.

Latest Action : Police to liaise with Trading Standards and will update at next LMAPS.

- 2.10 ASB activity in Easington Lane Brickgarth area. First reported to LMAPS in May 07.

Latest action: Reduction in calls received. Agreed to close from LMAPS at March 08 meeting.

- 2.11 ASB activity (youths drinking alcohol) in vicinity of Hetton Lyons Cricket Club. First reported to LMAPS in February 08.

Latest Action: Use of flash-cam considered but area is unsuitable for this to operate effectively. It was reported to the April meeting that due to resource intensive action the problem had reduced. However due to the onset of the lighter evenings, issue to remain on LMAPS for monitoring.

- 2.12 ASB Criminal Damage carried out in Peat Carr area. First reported to LMAPS in February 08.

Latest Action: Police 'Operation Badges' being undertaken to address the problem. It was reported to the March meeting that youth providers had agreed to put diversionary workers out to attempt engagement at school lunchtimes. It was reported to the April meeting that due to resource intensive action the problem had reduced. However due to the onset of the lighter evenings, issue to remain on LMAPS for monitoring.

- 2.13 ASB activity in Racecourse estate, a property having had a spate of graffiti and vandalism. First reported to LMAPS in March 08.

Latest Action: Police investigated and reported that the property is vacant. Closed from LMAPS at April 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**

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

### **6. Any Other Business**

- 6.1 Targeted Youth Engagement - Latest update from April 08

Whilst the project was due to end in March, funding has been agreed to allow some activities to continue for a further six months.

## 6.2 Hetton School

It was reported that the Coalfield Area Committee had allocated £22,000 SIB to match with school funds to finance security fencing.

## 6.3 Community Safety Event

The report from the Community Safety Event held in October was forwarded to partners.

## 6.4 CCTV

It was reported that purchase orders had been completed for the Four-site CCTV system though installation had not yet taken place.

## 6.5 Batcave Public House

It was reported that permission had been granted for demolition of the premises to take place in the next 6 to 8 weeks.

## 6.6 Sanitised Minutes to Area Committees.

It was reported to the April meeting that a new report format would be introduced for LMAPS reports to the Area Committee.

## 6.7 Houghton approach

Concern was expressed as to the general appearance of the approach into Houghton caused mainly by vehicles being parked on grass verges ploughing them up. To be investigated.

## 7. Future Meetings

### 7.1 Date and time of next Meeting

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, Houghton

### 7.2 Subsequent meeting

- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, Houghton

## 8. Supporting Information

### 8.1 Annex 1 provides statistical analysis of this report