

**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 4th November 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Gentoo Office, Havelock

- Tuesday 9th December 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Gentoo Office, Havelock

1. Property Crime (including Burglary and Car Crime)

- 1.1 **A4WPC1** - 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 November meeting there had been an increase in ASB fires which can be partly attributed to the time of year.

It was reported to the December meeting there had been a significant reduction in ASB fires and partners agreed to close the item.

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

- 2.1 **A4WASB1** - Anti social behaviour and criminal damage in the Pallion area continues to occur with void properties being set alight. These are believed to be the result of actions by a particular family. The issue was first reported to LMAPS in April 2007.

Latest Action: It was reported at the November meeting due to lack of complaints the Police and Gentoo had decided to suspend action against the suspect family and partners agreed to close the item.

- 2.2 **A4WASB2** - Anti social and criminal behaviour linked to an address in Pallion first reported to LMAPS in July 2008. (Note – there is a link between the occupants and the family detailed at 2.1 above).

Latest Action: It was reported at the November meeting that due to a lack of complaints received, the Police and Gentoo had decided to suspend action against the offending family. Partners agreed to close the item.

- 2.3 **A4WASB3** - Anti social behaviour including motorcycle disorder in the Pallion area was first reported to LMAPS in June 2008

Latest Action: It was reported at the November meeting that work had been carried out in the area to prevent motorcycle access, and due to the success of this intervention partners agreed to close the item.

- 2.4 **A4WASB4** - Alcohol related anti social behaviour on land at the rear of shops in Grindon was first reported to LMAPS in July 2007.

Latest Action: It was reported at the November meeting that surveillance had been carried out and reports received by the Police suggesting over 40 youths causing disorder, resulted in only 6 actually being at the scene when the police arrived. A single family was found to be involved in the majority of calls.

It was reported to the December meeting that calls were still being received and as a result, a joint partnership visit will be arranged with the offending family and an update provided at the next meeting.

- 2.5 **A4WASB5** - Anti social behaviour including harassment of neighbours in the Thorney Close area was first reported to LMAPS in August 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported at the November meeting that a tenant had been re-housed and the property will remain unoccupied pending the result of Court proceedings.

It was reported to the December meeting that as one of the key individuals in the Court proceedings had passed away, the matter was now concluded.

- 2.6 **A4WASB6.1** - Anti social behaviour in the Ford Estate area was first reported to LMAPS in August 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported at the November meeting that there had been an increase in calls resulting in an arrest for behaviour including public order offences.

It was reported to the December meeting there had been no further reports received and the complainant had been advised as to actions taken. As a result of the success achieved partners agreed to close the item.

- 2.7 **A4WASB7** - Alcohol related anti social behaviour between two neighbours in the Grindon area was first reported to LMAPS in August 2008

Latest Action: It was reported at the November one neighbour had been served with a Section 21 notice (Housing) and the other was to be charged with a public order offence.

It was reported to the December meeting there had been no further problems caused by one of the participants, however the action of the other party involved was later aggravated by the presence of two known offenders moving into that property. An update is to be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.8 **A4WASB8** - Anti social behaviour caused by youths congregating in an area near Eden Vale was first reported to LMAPS in September 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported at the November meeting fighting had escalated and youth workers had been commissioned to carry out diversionary work for a period to address the issue.

It was reported to the December meeting that local Police Officers are in contact with the youth workers and community groups, and offenders will be served with Acceptable Behaviour Agreements (ABA's) An update is to be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.9 **A4WASB9** – Alcohol related anti social behaviour which involved youths making 'dens' in trees close to playing fields in the St Anne's area was first reported to LMAPS November 2008.

Latest Action: At the November meeting a request was made for the removal of trees and shrubs to deter youths gathering in the area.

It was reported to the December meeting that environmental work had been carried out in the area, but had not as yet fully resolved the problem. A review of the situation will be carried out in January 2009 and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.10 **A4WASB10** – Historical problems reported at an address in Thorney Close were addressed and previously closed in March 2008 but re-opened in November 2008.

Latest Action: At the November meeting it was reported that Gentoo were to commence eviction proceedings at the address.

It was reported to the December meeting that the eviction date was set for early 2009 and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.11 **A4WASB11** – Anti social behaviour and criminal damage carried out by an offender whilst under the influence of alcohol was first reported to LMAPS in December 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the December meeting that the offender had broken windows whilst in residence at the privately rented property and the landlord was advised as to the removal of the tenant. A

community impact questionnaire was completed but no feedback had been received to date.

An update is to be provided at the next meeting.

3. Hate Crime

- 3.1 Racial and abusive behaviour towards a neighbour in the Ford Estate area was first reported to LMAPS in August 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported at the November meeting that no further incidents had been reported and partners agreed to close the item.

However it was reported to the December meeting that incidents had re-occurred and escalated and partners agreed to re-open the issue. The elderly individual concerned has now been diagnosed with a progressive illness and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

4. Domestic Violence

- 4.1 No issues were reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

5. Drugs Misuse

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

6. Operation Gryphon

- 6.1 Partners were advised that the number of persons stopped by the Police under Operation Gryphon for anti-social behaviour activities will be provided at each LMAPS meeting and will include the number checked during the previous 10 week period. A "Gryphon" update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

7. Prevent

- 7.1 Partners were advised that the Police were encouraging all partners and the public to be aware, vigilant and share information respect of anything suspicious concerning terrorism issues. A regular update will be provided at each LMAPS meeting.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 LMAPS Funding

Partners agreed to allocate funding to support the community through household security equipment, lighting and camera equipment.

9. Future Meetings

9.1 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 13th January 2009. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office Havelock

9.2 Subsequent meeting

Tuesday 18th February 2009. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office Havelock