

**LOCAL MULTI-AGENCY PROBLEM SOLVING GROUPS (LMAPS)
NORTH – Fulwell; St Peters; Southwick and Castle**

Dates of Meetings - (Since last Area Committee):

Tuesday 18th March 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Venue: Gentoo Office, Bunny Hill Centre

Tuesday 22nd April 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Venue: Gentoo Office, Cornhill Centre

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 Castletown area. Youth Disorder and underage drinking. Issues previously closed in June 07. Re-opened in July 07.

Latest action – Action being taken to stop sale of alcohol to under-age youths from premises. Police to continue to monitor the situation and will report back to LMAPS.

2.2 ASB activity in Castletown area. Damaged pebbledash bus shelters that are not used by the public are attracting gatherings of youths. Issues reported to LMAPS since before May 07.

Latest Action – Police reported that there had been no further incidents. Agreed to close from LMAPS at March meeting.

2.3 ASB activity in Southwick area. Debris from damaged fencing being used as missiles by local youths. First reported to LMAPS in August 07.

Latest Action – Residents are satisfied with actions taken and no incidents have been reported. Agreed to close from LMAPS at March meeting.

2.4 ASB activity in vicinity of Skate Park / rear of Seafields estate / Morrisons car park. First reported to LMAPS in November 07.

Latest action – Several security options being considered including CCTV. Numbers of incidents reported had reduced of late. It was reported that the Football Foundation would be setting up a satellite group at the Skate Park. Police will continue to monitor the situation.

- 2.5 ASB disorder in Bunny Hill area. Gang fighting involving youths from neighbouring estates. First reported to LMAPS in December 07.

Latest Action – Police carrying out high visibility patrols. In excess of 30 youths have been stopped and referred to Youth Offending Service. A new camera had been installed at Washington Road that had contributed to a fall in incidents. Due to the onset of the light evenings the issue will remain on LMAPS.

- 2.6 ASB motorcycling disorder across fields but also residential streets. Reported to LMAPS in February 08 though recognised as an historical problem.

Latest Action – Partners (Police, Neighbourhood Relations Team, Gento) to continue with joint patrols. Also reported that additional Police cycle patrols had met with some success with 2 mini motos being seized and arrests made. The Police helicopter is also being used to assist in catching the perpetrators.

- 2.7 ASB activity in Roker area. Youth Disorder and underage drinking. First reported in February 08.

Latest action – Action taken to test sale of alcohol to under-age youths from premises in area, after which Police served a summons for selling to 2 underage customers. Monitoring of situation to continue.

- 2.8 ASB activity in Roker Park. Complaints of youths gathering in the park. First reported to LMAPS in March 08.

Latest action – Passers by had been leafleted, Police will continue to monitor the situation and are to seek to obtain keys for the gates to the park.

3. Hate Crime

- 3.1 Police continue to monitor a premises that has been a focus of hate crime in Southwick. However, no issues have been reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

- 3.2 Police continue to monitor a premises that has been a focus of hate crime in Witherwack. However, whilst several incidents have been recorded none were racial within this reporting period. It was reported to the March meeting that a risk assessment of the premises had been undertaken by TWFRS.

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 Funding

It was reported to the March meeting that bids for funding to the Business Support Group had been unsuccessful. However bids for cameras submitted to the North Area Committee were successful

6.2 Community Safety Event.

It was reported to the March meeting that Gentoo Community Safety events had taken place, the results of which would be reported back to LMAPS in due course.

6.3 Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS)

It was reported at the March meeting that there had been an increase in the number of ASB fires at Castletown Dene. TWFRS and Police were to arrange a joint visit to attend local school assemblies to educate students.

6.4 Whats on Where (WoW) Cards

It was reported at the March meeting that cards had been produced and were ready to be distributed. A website run by the Council is set to be launched April 08 www.letsgosunderland.com which signposts young people to activities across the City.

6.5 Targeted Youth Support

It was reported at the March meeting that young people identified as requiring support either through crime, drugs or alcohol will be referred to a panel from which a team will be formed and the young person given a Key Worker.

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 Nexus

A report had been forwarded to the Police regarding damage to bus shelters. This would be considered at the next LMAPS.

6.8 Lets Go Card

The April meeting was advised that Sunderland has been chosen as one of only nine areas in the Country to run a one year pilot project during 08/09. This would provide looked after children or students in receipt of free meals to access up to £33 per month to spend on activities.

7. **Future Meetings**

7.1 Date and time of next Meeting

- Tuesday 27th May 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gento Office, Bunny Hill Centre

7.2 Subsequent meeting

- Tuesday 1st July 2008. 10.00am to 12.00pm Gento Office, Bunny Hill Centre

8. **Supporting Information**

8.1 Annex 1 provides statistical analysis of this report