

**LOCAL MULTI-AGENCY PROBLEM SOLVING GROUPS (LMAPS)
COALFIELDS**
**(Part 1 – Houghton, Shiny 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 7th October 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Gentoo Office, Hetton (Parts 1 and 2)

Tuesday 11th November 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 (ASB) (Including alcohol related crime and disorder and criminal damage)

2.1 ASB activity from an address in the Penshaw area was first reported to LMAPS in October 2007.

Latest Action. It was reported to the October meeting the family had moved out of the area, and the issue was subsequently closed.

2.2 **A7CASB1** - ASB motorcycle disorder in the Burnside area of Houghton. Motor cycle access is gained through a damaged fence and there is evidence of drug related litter in the area. The issue was first reported to LMAPS in February 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the October meeting that due to increased police patrols, incidents had fallen, however there was still no timescale available for remedial works that would prevent offender access.

It was reported to the November meeting there was still no timescale available and an update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

2.3 **A7CASB2** - ASB involving youth disorder and motorcycle nuisance in an unlit street in West Herrington was first reported to LMAPS in June 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the October meeting the Council is liaising with partners over all the issues and the Ward Councillor is keeping residents informed of progress.

It was reported to the November meeting that issues including lighting are part of long-term solutions, and as no further disorder had been reported and Police commented on an improvement locally, partners agreed to close the issue from LMAPS although ongoing work will continue in the area to resolve long term environmental issues.

- 2.4 **A7CASB3** - ASB including underage drinking in the Fencehouses area first reported to LMAPS in September 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the October meeting that younger children who had been running through gardens were subsequently taken home and their parents spoken to. It was also reported Operation Gryphon data included at LMAPS meetings as a standard item

At the November meeting it was reported that after successful visits to the parents, partners all agreed to close the item.

- 2.5 **A7CASB4** – ASB including motorcyclist riding through a residential area putting young children at risk at off Gillas Lane. First reported to LMAPS October 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the October meeting the complainant was asked for additional information in order to progress with the complaint.

It was reported to the November meeting a Council spokesperson had liaised with the residents and it appeared to be a right of way issue with original plans requiring clarification.
An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

- 2.6 **A7CASB5.1** – ASB including underage drinking; alleged drugs misuse; horse riding and motorcyclist riding through open ground in the Houghton-le-Spring area issue was previously closed in July 2008 but had been re-opened after discussions at the October 2008 meeting.

Latest Action: It was reported to the October meeting that the Police would increase patrols and an area clean up would be undertaken by an agency.

It was reported to the November meeting after a site visit it had been agreed to carry out a community impact assessment and consideration given to technical support to monitor the area.
An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

- 2.7 **A7CASB6** - ASB including underage drinking in the Hetton area was first reported to LMAPS in May 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the October meeting that Police patrols continue to be successful. It was also reported various avenues were being explored for ongoing diversionary activities.

It was reported to the November meeting that after Police contacted local youths they had expressed an interest in various sport/activity classes and it was agreed to discover options / funding available. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

- 2.8 **A7CASB7** - ASB through motorcyclists using private land at Easington Lane as a result of barriers have been removed which allow access. First reported to LMAPS June 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the October meeting a site visit had taken place and as a result it had been agreed to erect barriers to prevent access.

It was reported to the November meeting no timescale had been indicated re the installation of the barriers. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

- 2.9 **A7CASB8** - ASB including underage drinking near a sporting venue in Hetton which is a recurring issue and first reported to LMAPS in September 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the October meeting a site visit had taken place and as a result it had been agreed to erect barriers to prevent access.

It was reported to the November meeting no timescale had been indicated re the installation of the barriers. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

3. **Hate Crime**

- 3.1 **A7CHC1** - Hate crime against a shop-owner in the Houghton area was first reported to LMAPS in September 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the October meeting that various security measures had been installed in the victim's property.

It was reported to the November meeting a window had been broken at the premises and was being investigated by the Police. An Officer is in weekly contact with the victim and an update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

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. Operation Gryphon

6.1 It had been agreed by Police and the Safer Communities Team to add Operation Gryphon to the LMAPS Matrix as a standing item.

7. Prevent

7.1 It had been agreed by Police and the Safer Communities Team to add "Prevent" to the LMAPS Matrix as a standing item.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 **Targeted Youth Engagement** - Latest update from October / November 2008.

It was reported there had been no feedback received as to the development of this issue however it was also reported that there was an item on the agenda of the Respect / ASB Strategic Group to look at the possibility to extend the 'mobile villages' project to cover other areas of the City.

Youths in the area had expressed an interest in alternative leisure activities and an update is to be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

8.2 **School Security - Hetton** – Target Hardening measures - An update from the October / November 2008 meetings indicated that fencing had been erected and as a result partners agreed to close the item.

8.3 **ASB Parking - Houghton approach** - Latest update from October / November 2008.

Partners were advised the problem was currently being investigated to remedy the environmental issue and an update would be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

8.4 **A690 Houghton Cut - Subway** - Latest update from October / November 2008.

Partners were advised that the sub-way had been part-painted but it was suggested the remainder could be painted to complete the process. An update to be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

8.5 Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) – Latest update from October / November 2008.

A TWFRS representative reported a further reduction in anti social fires and that multi agency arrangements to address the Bonfire Night celebrations operated well.

An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

8.6 Funding – Latest update from October / November 2008.

After previously agreeing to support a multi agency youth initiative involving Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue and Sunderland Youth Offending Services it transpired this could not be progressed at present.

It was reported additional funding had been secured for all LMAPS groups, which should be expended before end March 2009. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

9. Future Meetings

9.1 Date and time of next Meeting

- Tuesday 16th December 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, Houghton

9.2 Subsequent meeting

- Tuesday 20th January 2009. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, Houghton

10. Supporting Information

10.1 Note that the previously provided statistical analysis is currently being re-designed.