

**LOCAL MULTI-AGENCY PROBLEM SOLVING GROUPS (LMAPS)  
EAST – Hendon, Ryhope and Grangetown**

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

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008. 10.00pm to 12.00pm**

**Venue: Civic Centre, Committee Room 3**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008. 10.00pm to 12.00pm**

**Venue: Civic Centre, Committee Room 3**

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

- 1.1 Safety concerns raised over a former Public House in Hendon area were first reported to LMAPS IN October 07.

**Latest Action** – New Deal for Communities (Back on the Map) confirmed they were not the owners of the property and partners were advised the property is secure with no further incidents recorded.

As a result of no further incidents reported, partners agreed to close the item.

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

- 2.1 This item referred to environmental anti social behaviour in the Hendon area with a number of streets strewn with combustible material causing a fire risk. The item was first reported to LMAPS in October 2007 and previously closed in March 2008 due to success in targeting individual addresses. Due to re-occurrences it was re-opened in April 2008.

**Latest Action:** It had been agreed to install new electrics into a damaged CCTV column that may take approximately 6 weeks to complete pending planning permission. The Council Security Section is to progress this action.

At the August meeting it was reported the issue of fly tipping had been reported to the Business Support Group (BSG). A brief outline of proposed changes to the anti social behaviour strategic management structure to link into the LMAPS process suggests a proposed 10 weekly cycle (basically every other LMAPS). As part of these changes an Operations Group is proposed which will identify common environmental trends at a citywide level which can then be progressed by individual LMAPS groups. This new process will continue to be monitored at LMAPS.

- 2.2 Anti social behaviour activity in the Hendon area. An address that was subject to a drugs warrant led to concerns being raised about the behaviour of a child residing at the address. This was first reported to LMAPS in December 2007.

**Latest Action:** Police reported no incidents until 30.06.08. Information received from a school suggested that this same child (student) was to attack another student. Officers intervened and spoke to both students. Police reported another target, who was an acquaintance of that family had been reported as moving into the same area and it was anticipated further problems re drinking and anti social behaviour may occur.

It was reported at August meeting that this target's behaviour had improved with no calls being received, however he has since been identified as being involved in lead thefts.

- 2.3 Anti social behaviour motorcycle disorder in the Ryhope area was first reported to LMAPS in April 2008.

**Latest Action:** Police reported that ongoing operations, with officers using head-cams had proven successful. Identified targets have been visited and served with Acceptable Behaviour Agreements (ABA's). Partners were advised that the Council was planning the construction of a concrete plinth/slalom to prevent further motorcycle use on the land in question.

Planning permission may take approximately 8 weeks. A potential problem was identified due to the presence of an adjacent property that may provide access to the problem area, but partners would continue to monitor the issues at the LMAPS meetings.

- 2.4 Anti Social Behaviour activity at an address in Hendon. Including alleged drug dealing.  
First reported to LMAPS in August 08.

**Latest Action:** Police to gather intelligence, monitor the address and update LMAPS.

### 3. Hate Crime

- 3.1 No Issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

### 4. Domestic Violence

- 4.1 Repeat domestic violence offending at address in Ryhope area, first reported to LMAPS in April 2007.

**Latest Action:** Due to a reduction in recorded incidents it was agreed to close the item.

- 4.2 Domestic Violence issues resulting from alcohol abuse at address in Hendon area, first reported to LMAPS in May 2008.

**Latest Action:** A referral was made to North East Regional Alcohol Forum (NERAF) to support one of the parties involved.

Partners were advised at the August meeting there had been no further incidents reported and it was agreed to monitor for a further month pending possible closure of this item.

- 4.3 Domestic Violence issues resulting from alcohol abuse at an address in the Ryhope area. First reported to LMAPS in May 2008.

**Latest Action:** A referral was made to North East Regional Alcohol Forum (NERAF) to support one of the parties.

Due to no further reports being received partners agreed to close this item.

- 4.4 A Domestic Violence issue in the Hendon area where sons, under the influence of alcohol were abusing parents. This was first reported to LMAPS in May 2008.

**Latest Action:** A referral was made to North East Regional Alcohol Forum (NERAF) to intervene with the perpetrators but they would not engage with services. Their Mother refused any assistance so, at the August meeting it was agreed to close the item.

- 4.5 A Domestic Violence issue resulting from alcohol abuse at an address in Hendon area, first reported to LMAPS in May 08.

**Latest Action:** A referral was made to the North East Regional Alcohol Forum (NERAF) to support the perpetrator, but partners were advised at the August meeting that the perpetrator had moved from the area. Consequently it was agreed to close the item.

- 4.6 Domestic Violence issues resulting from alcohol abuse at address in Hendon area, first reported to LMAPS in July 2008.

**Latest Action:** Due to the perpetrator moving from the area, it was agreed at the August meeting to close this item.

- 4.7 Domestic Violence issues resulting from alcohol abuse at address in Hendon area, first reported to LMAPS in July 2008.

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

- 4.8 A Domestic Violence issue in the Hendon area, where a son, under the influence of alcohol, was abusing his mother was first reported to LMAPS in July 2008.

**Latest Action:** A referral was made to the North East Regional Alcohol Forum (NERAF) in July and at the August meeting it was reported the Police are receiving 2 to 3 calls per day due to the behaviour of the perpetrator under the influence of alcohol. Due to mother being unable to cope, LMAPS will continue to monitor the situation.

- 4.9 Domestic Violence issues resulting from alcohol abuse at an address in the Ryhope area was first reported to LMAPS in July 2008.

**Latest Action:** A referral was made to the North East Regional Alcohol Forum (NERAF) to support the perpetrator but partners were advised at the August meeting that due to disputes with neighbours, the Police were still receiving calls. LMAPS partners agreed to continue monitoring the situation.

- 4.10 A Domestic Violence issue in the Ryhope area, where a daughter, under the influence of alcohol was abusing her mother was first reported to LMAPS in August 2008.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the August meeting that the Police were receiving several calls each day due to the perpetrator, while drunk, abusing her mother. LMAPS partners agreed to continue monitoring the situation.

- 4.11 A Domestic Violence issue in the Ryhope area involving alcohol abuse was first reported to LMAPS in August 2008.

**Latest Action:** At the August meeting partners were advised that the Police were receiving calls to the perpetrators mothers' address where the abuse against his partner was taking place. LMAPS partners agreed to continue monitoring this case.

## 5. **Drugs Misuse**

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

## 6. **Violent Crime**

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

## 7. **Any Other Business**

### 7.1 **Cherry Knowle Hospital**

It was reported to the July meeting that the area had been secured with a metal fence and security was in place resulting in a reduction in calls. Demolition had been delayed due to "bats" nesting at the site, but work is due to commence possibly in September.

Partners were advised at the August meeting that no further calls had been received but there was still a delay pending the continuing presence of the bat colony. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

## **7.2 Ryhope Park**

It was reported that due to a reported increase of anti social behaviour in the park, Police had increased patrols.

It was reported to the July meeting that there had been interest in taking over the tenancy of the Park House with the prospective tenants agreeing to open/ close the gates and report any problems to the Council / Police. An update would be provided at the next LMAPS.

It was reported to the August meeting there had been no further calls received, however partners agreed to monitor the situation and receive an update at the next LMAPS.

## **7.3 Tunstall**

It was reported to the July meeting that the Community Policing Teams covering the East and South Areas had agreed to implement joint operations due to problems occurring at the border of both areas.

At the August meeting partners discussed the potential for LMAPS funding to be used in replacing a fence on the border of both areas. It was agreed that further enquiries would be made into identifying ownership of the land prior to a decision being reached. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

## **7.4 Community Safety Events – Information only**

Partners were advised that Gentoo were to hold a Community Engagement event on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August in the Raich Carter Centre. Northumbria Police were requested to attend and provide crime prevention advice and/ promotional merchandise. There was to be a Football Tournament with the Police requested to enter a team.

The Community Policing Team Inspector was to liase with the crime reduction officer and partners were asked to consider a request for funding from the LMAPS budget to assist with event costs. Partners agreed to support the event.

## **7.5 CCTV Column – Information only**

At the July meeting a request for funding was discussed concerning a CCTV column in the Hendon area to house a rapid deployment camera in an area not covered by existing CCTV.

A further request to fund was also submitted for a CCTV column in Ryhope to support a rapid deployment camera.

Partners agreed that the Ryhope issue would be a priority.

## **7.6 Youth Initiative – Information only**

At the July meeting partners were advised that following consultations with the public Northumbria Police will be running a series of operations which will focus on public concerns of youth disorder and underage drinking. The operations will involve Officers carrying out educational visits, targeting off-licence premises, concentrating on hotspots and offering reassurance.

## **7.7 Speeding traffic - Grangetown – Information only**

At the July meeting residents concerns over speeding traffic in the Grangetown area were addressed by the Police who confirmed they were to implement a traffic survey and undertake speed checks in the area.

At the August meeting it was reported a request had been passed to the Police Traffic Division and partners would receive an update at the next LMAPS meeting.

## **7.8 Selective Licensing – Information only**

At the August LMAPS meeting a Council Officer attended and explained the principals behind the selective licensing of landlords. This will give the Local Authority the powers to either ensure the landlord complies with set requirements or risk losing their property. Partners were advised that the Council is working towards building proposals to apply for approval from the Secretary of State and were issued with an information paper.

## **7.9 Knife Campaign – Information only**

At the August meeting Northumbria Police reported that to address the national trend in knife-crime incidents, they were launching a campaign, involving a knife amnesty, targeting known offenders and hotspots. However, it was emphasised that the Northumbria Police area is not affected to the same degree as other areas countrywide.

A power-point presentation had been produced and police training staff were available to present it to partner agencies and focus groups.

## **7.10 Belford House area– Information only**

At the August meeting reports of anti social behaviour and drug misuse were reported as occurring in the area. The Police advised the concerns would be investigated.

## **7.11 CCTV Strategy Report – information only**

It was reported at the August meeting the CCTV Strategy report is still being progressed and will be presented in due course.

## **7.12 Marketing – Information only**

At the August meeting it was reported the opportunity to market positive news

resulting from LMAPS actions and initiatives was available through officers within the Council's Safer Communities Team.

### **7.13 Funding – Information only**

At the August meeting it was reported that each LMAPS group had been given delegated authority to spend £6,875 of which £3,125 must be spent by 30.09.08. Given that there is only one meeting in September prior to the funding deadline, opportunities to spend the amount should be progressed. All projects supported must support the aims and objectives of the Safer Sunderland Strategy and information will be required at a later date to show the nature of spend and results/outcomes.

## **8. Future Meetings**

### **8.1 Date and time of next Meeting**

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008. 10.00pm to 12.00pm Civic Centre Committee Room 3

### **8.2 Subsequent meeting**

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008. 10.00pm to 12.00pm Civic Centre Committee Room 3

## **9. Supporting Information**

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