

9th March 2016

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE – SUNDERLAND WEST

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides performance information in relation to the Sunderland West Committee area from 1st April 2015 – until February 2016.

2 Background

- 2.1 At its November 2011 meeting Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

3 Events and Updates

- 3.1 The move to Farrington Fire Station for Sunderland West Neighbourhood Teams took place on 3rd December 2015. There is a front office facility for members of the public to report crime, issues or concerns Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. The team have settled in very well including 24/7 response officers for the West.
- 3.2 All Councillors were invited to attend Farrington Community Fire & Police Station in January 2016. They were given a guided tour of the facility including the team's new accommodation. A presentation was delivered by Inspector Laverick and Sgt Baker with regards to the changes and the opportunity to query issues around crime recording and resourcing or any other prevalent issues.
- 3.3 Sunderland West Neighbourhood Teams continue to tackle acquisitive crime focusing on for example burglary offences including violence against the person and domestic abuse. To address the issue the area has been subject to increased attention as part of a targeted operation. Additional resources dressed in plain clothes and uniform are deployed into the area and remains a force and local priority. "Op Impact" and priority tasking continues to focus on increased visibility patrols at key times. There have been some excellent arrests with target offenders who are currently remanded in custody. The use of social media is also utilised as an effective tool in driving crime prevention advice to members of the public ensuring doors/windows etc. are locked and secure.
- 3.4 Anti-Social Behaviour continues to remain a priority and continues to show reductions. The Darker Nights Campaign was a success with the Sunderland West Neighbourhood Policing Team continuing to focus on those identified areas utilising the new Anti-Social Behaviour legislation. The Lighter Nights Campaign will soon commence focusing on those highlighted area's that have been subjected to anti-social behaviour previously. We are hoping to work with TWFRS as part of this campaign.
- 3.5 Sunderland West NPT is utilising new anti-social behaviour powers to tackle anti-social behaviour with the Eden Vale area. An application has been put forward to Sunderland City Council to obtain a Public Space Protection Order. This is currently going through the cabinet process.
- 3.6 Sunderland West NPT now has their own Twitter account which can be found at Sunderland SW NPT @NPSSUNSW.

4. Update – Area Information

4.1 The ward updates below are a selection of appropriate offence types of interest and not all crime (e.g. minor fraud or harassment type offences etc are not included).

4.2 Sunderland West Area figures. This is shown as South and West excluding ward based statistics.

South data covers the following wards:

St Chad's
Silksworth

West data covers the following wards:

Sandhill
St Anne's
Pallion
Barnes

South Area	Actual crimes recorded inclusive of South
	01.04.15 – 22.02.16
Total Crime	+31%
Violent Crime With Injury	+67%
Violent Crime Without Injury	+165%
Burglary dwelling	-7%
Burglary other than dwelling	-57%
Criminal Damage	+48%
Vehicle Crime TFMV	-37%
Shoplifting	+10%
Youth ASB	-7%
Non Youth ASB	-10%
Drug Crime	-27%

West Area	Actual crimes recorded inclusive of South
	01.04.15 – 22.02.16
Total Crime	+35%
Violent Crime With Injury	+44%
Violent Crime Without Injury	+99%
Burglary dwelling	+29%
Burglary other than dwelling	-28%
Criminal Damage	+18%
Vehicle Crime TFMV	-5%
Shoplifting	+38%
Youth ASB	-28%
Non Youth ASB	-25%
Drug Crime	-27%

5. Recommendation

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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