

**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 26<sup>th</sup> August 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
Venue: Gentoo Office, Havelock
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
Venue: Gentoo Office, Havelock

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

- 1.1 This item referred to an increase in older vehicles being stolen and set alight plus skip fires around the St Lukes Terrace and European Way areas. The item was first reported to LMAPS in January 2008.

**Latest Action:** It was reported at the August meeting there was a fall in anti social behaviour related fires but a slight increase in vehicle fires.

There was no update at the September meeting. The item will be updated at the next meeting.

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

- 2.1 This item referred to anti social behaviour and criminal damage occurring in the Pallion area with void properties being set alight. Problems are centred around the activities of a particular family. The issue was first reported to LMAPS in April 2007.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the August and September meetings that the landlord of the property was awaiting the certificate of conviction from Court in order to support the application for possession of the property. The item will be updated at the next meeting.

- 2.2 This item referred to anti social behaviour and criminal damage occurring in the Pallion area. This is linked to the item at 2.1 above as the two households are part of the same extended family and live in the immediate neighbourhood. The overall issue (including 2.1 above) was first reported to LMAPS in April 2007, with this particular element being treated as a separate issue by LMAPS in July 2008.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the August and September meetings that the landlord of the property was awaiting the certificate of conviction from Court in order to support the application for possession of the property. The item will be updated at the next meeting.

- 2.3 This item referred to anti social behaviour and criminal activity emanating from an address in the area. First reported to LMAPS in October 2007.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the August meeting the family had moved from the area. The issue was closed from LMAPS.

- 2.4 This item referred to anti social behaviour in the Barnes area. Reports of drinking, alleged drug taking and improper behaviour in the vicinity of an older person's residential complex were first reported to LMAPS in March 2008.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the August meeting that the landlord of the complex had carried out visits to residents and addresses nearby. Feedback received suggested that problems had come to an end. Due to fall in problems the landlord decided not to go-ahead with gating the complex. Due to the fall in reports the issue was closed from LMAPS.

- 2.5 This item referred to anti social behaviour including motorcycle disorder in the Pallion area and was first reported to LMAPS in June 2008

**Latest Action:** It was reported to August meeting there were rights of way implications on the land in question.

There was no update provided at the September meeting. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.6 This item referred to anti social behaviour in the Barnes area. Reports had been received from residents of broken windows due to youths playing football. The item was first reported to LMAPS July 2007.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the August meeting there had been a fall in reports and the issue was closed from LMAPS.

- 2.7 This item referred to alcohol related anti social behaviour in the Grindon area. This was first reported to LMAPS in July 2007.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the August meeting that an additional lighting column would be deployed in order to house a new CCTV unit.

It was reported to the September meeting that complaints were being received on a daily basis and that various options were being explored to

address the situation. It was also identified that a separate LMAPS issue involved ASB activity by the same youths in a nearby locality. It was therefore agreed to merge the two issues. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.8 This item referred to anti social behaviour involving youths building dens in overgrown bushes in the Barnes area close to school grounds. This was first reported to LMAPS in July 2007.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the August meeting that the bushes had been removed and the area cleared. The issue was closed from LMAPS.

- 2.9 This item referred to anti social behaviour involving motorcycle disorder on land in Springwell. This was first reported to LMAPS July 2007.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the August meeting that the land is owned by Gentoo but the pathway cannot be closed due to it being a right of way.

It was reported to the September meeting that no further issues had been recorded. The issue was closed from LMAPS.

- 2.10 This item referred to anti social behaviour including harassment of neighbours in the Thorney Close area. The issue was previously closed from LMAPS in January 2008 but incidents had re-occurred. The issue was re-opened at the August 2008 meeting.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the August 2008 meeting that a 'notice seeking possession' (NOSP) hearing is scheduled for November 2008.

It was reported to the September meeting that a fire at the premises was being investigated however it could not be confirmed if it was malicious. The situation will continue to be monitored and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.11 This item referred to anti social behaviour in the Nookside area. The issue was previously closed from LMAPS in March 2008 but incidents had re-occurred. The issue was re-opened at the August 2008 meeting.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the August meeting that the issue had previously been closed following various interventions including the installation of a CCTV camera. The removal of the camera had resulted in a recent escalation of disorder. The LMAPS Chair had previously met with local residents and the ASB Strategy Manager and it had been agreed that LMAPS would fund the re-installation of the camera. It was reported that this had an immediate positive impact.

It was reported to the September meeting calls had dropped due to the camera being installed however concerns were raised that it may be removed temporarily to cover another area. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.12 This item referred to alcohol related anti social behaviour in the Grindon area. This was first reported to LMAPS in August 2007.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the August meeting that youths were sheltering under a canopy to consume alcohol, resulting in disorder. The structure has been earmarked for demolition.

It was reported to the September meeting that a related occurrence of anti-social behaviour in an adjacent locality involved the same youths. It was agreed to merge the two issues. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.13 This item referred to alcohol related anti social behaviour between two neighbours in the Grindon area. This was first reported to LMAPS in August 2008

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the August meeting that a conflict between two neighbours had resulted in one being threatened with a knife. Both parties were to be served with 'notice seeking possession' (NOSP) orders.

It was reported to the September meeting that both parties were attempting reconciliation and no further incidents had occurred. Police would continue to monitor the situation and await the outcome of a Court case. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.14 This item referred to Anti social behaviour caused by youths congregating in an area near Eden Vale. This was first reported to LMAPS September 2008.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the September meeting that youths are congregating; playing loud music; depositing litter in adjacent gardens and being abusive to residents. A meeting is to be arranged with various agencies in order to progress with the problem. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

### 3. Hate Crime

- 3.1 This issue referred to racially abusive behaviour towards a neighbour in the Ford Estate area. The issue was first reported to LMAPS in August 2008.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the August meeting that an elderly man who has mental health issues is racially abusing a neighbour. He is due to attend court for breaching his bail conditions. The man's daughter is trying to get him re-housed in sheltered accommodation.

It was reported to the September meeting there had been no further incidents. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

### 4. Domestic Violence

- 4.1 No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period

### 5. Drugs Misuse

No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period

### 6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 **LMAPS Funding** - It was reported to the August meeting that £300 had been allocated for installation of the CCTV camera as described in paragraph 2.11 and a further £169 on alcohol detection strips. An update was provided to the September meeting on spend targets and future funding availability.
- 6.2 **Youth Project** – It was reported to the August meeting that the Excel project had been a complete success and funding is being sourced in order to attempt to expand the project throughout the City.
- 6.3 **Youth Provision** – It was reported that following the escalation of an issue to the Business Support Group (BSG), concerning the need for long term investment in youth diversionary activities, the BSG had asked for additional information from LMAPS Police teams of the impact of youth provision pre and post Targeted Youth Engagement project (TYE) is having in neighbourhoods.

#### **6.4 Bonfire Night Provision**

It was reported that Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service have carried out School visits and home fire risk assessments in the area. Partnership meetings are also underway to jointly plan arrangements in respect of this years 'Bonfire Night Initiative'.

#### **7. Future Meetings**

##### **7.1 Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office Havelock

##### **7.2 Subsequent meeting**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office Havelock