

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

Dates of Meetings - (Since last Area Committee):

Tuesday 27th May 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Venue: Gentoo Office, Bunny Hill Centre

Tuesday 1st July 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm

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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 – Local Off-licence ID'd as selling alcohol to youngsters and owner is contravening her licence by residing out of the City. Police and Trading Standards have compiled an Action Plan and aim to go for a full hearing. Police to continue to monitor the situation and will report back to LMAPS.

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

Latest action –Reported to May meeting that complaints had ceased though it was anticipated that lighter evenings would lead to an increase. Police are still pursuing the possibility of CCTV. Reported to the July meeting that incidents had fallen dramatically. Youth diversionary work continues. Police will continue to monitor the situation.

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

Latest Action –Reported to May meeting that Police have carried out extra patrols including plain clothes officers; officers on cycles and as a result reports had fallen. Reported to July meeting that there had been a 50% reduction in disorder since the turn of the year. Police will continue to monitor the situation. An incident involving an ASB target took place at Downhill Sports Complex when a weapon was used – Police are trawling CCTV footage in order to progress.

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

Latest Action – Reported to May meeting that increased patrols and the use of the force helicopter have resulted in reports falling as well as arrests being made and stolen motorcycles recovered. Issue closed May 08.

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

Latest action – Youths had dispersed to a wider area, with an area identified as particularly vulnerable due to bushes becoming overgrown. Steps are being taken to solve the problem. A local Off Licence has been served with a summons in connection with selling alcohol to youths. A camera which was to be installed is currently being used in another area. Monitoring of situation to continue.

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

Latest action – It was reported to the May meeting that complaints were on the increase. Community Support Officers had leafleted the area advising residents to report incidents to the Police. Park security have Police officers mobile numbers to allow direct reporting of incidents. It was reported to the July meeting that there have been no further complaints and will remain on LMAPS for one further month to monitor.

- 2.7 Rear Southwick Rd / Keir Hardie Way – youths using debris from a collapsed wall / fence as missiles targeting passing vehicles. Issue previously closed in March 08 but re-opened May 2008 due to an increase in incidents.

Latest Action – Owners of fence/ wall identified and steps are in place to remove debris and repair the fence. Police have also increased patrols and any youths caught have been referred to Gentoo and Neighbourhood Relations Team in order they take action against the perpetrators' parents. Update at next LMAPS.

- 2.8 The Police reported for information that the Chief Constable had listed the top 100 criminals throughout the Area. It is the forces intention to target the worst offenders and Core Members of LMAPS will be able to view the top 10 individuals for the LMAPS area.

3. Hate Crime

- 3.1 Police continue to monitor a premises that has been a focus of hate crime in Southwick. It was reported to the May meeting that one racial incident had been reported since the last LMAPS . No incidents were reported to the July meeting. Continue to monitor.
- 3.2 Police continue to monitor a premises that has been a focus of hate crime in Witherwack. Four incidents have been reported in this period one of which was racial. An arrest was made and enquiries are ongoing. Continue to monitor.

4. Domestic Violence

- 4.1 No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

5. Drugs Misuse

- 5.1 Information only:- raids by Police have been successful in taking £256K Worth of drugs off the streets of Sunderland.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Funding

It had previously been 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.

Proposals included purchasing a MC mixing deck and passes for sessions at the Aquatic Centre as part of youth diversionary activities. All partners agreed to support the ideas in principal and costings were requested.

6.2 Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS)

Due to no TWFRS representation at LMAPS this item has been deferred.

6.3 Nexus

A report supplied by Nexus was presented to LMAPS which outlined incidents of damage to vehicles and shelters caused by youths throwing missiles. A number of solutions were discussed including Bus Drivers being encouraged to report all incidents to the Control Room who would then report it to the Police; Police to travel on buses at times when problems are more prevalent. It was reported to the July meeting that an Action Plan had been agreed.

6.4 Downhill Youth Club

Concerns that the Gentoo funded Club had been closed for several consecutive Friday's were raised, though it was also reported that staff would take youths to other activities across the City which meant that

the club would remain unmanned on occasion. A representative from Youth Development Group is to be invited to next LMAPS to address issues.

6.5 Burglaries

At the July meeting Police reported a spate of shed and garage burglaries in the area. Two suspects had been identified

It was also reported that Gentoo have agreed that Partner agencies can make use of their CCTV van.

6.5 Smart Water

A presentation took place to inform of the benefits of using Smart Water in the prevention and detection of property crime.

7. **Future Meetings**

7.1 Date and time of next Meeting

- Tuesday 5th August 2008. 2.00am to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, Bunny Hill Centre

7.2 Subsequent meeting

- Tuesday 9th September 2008. 10.00am to 12.00pm Gentoo Office, Bunny Hill Centre

8. **Supporting Information**

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