

**LOCAL MULTI-AGENCY PROBLEM SOLVING GROUPS (LMAPS)
SUNDERLAND NORTH**

Fulwell; St Peters; Southwick and Castle

Dates of Meetings - (Since last Area Committee):

Tuesday 14th October 2008, 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Venue: Gentoo Office, Bunny Hill Centre

Tuesday 18th November 2008, 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Venue: Gentoo Office, The Cornhill Centre

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 disorder in the Bunny Hill area involving youths from neighbouring estates was first reported to LMAPS in December 2007.

Latest Action – The Police advised partners that diversionary and operational activities were having a positive impact in the area. However it was suggested that there was an element of displacement and with disorder occurring in the wider area. Partners agreed to monitor the situation and the police would provide additional support where required.

An update is to be provided at the next meeting.

2.4 ASB activity in the Roker area involving youth disorder and underage drinking was first reported in February 2008.

Latest action – The Police advised partners that some displacement had taken place with the disorder moving into the wider Roker area and enquiries were ongoing into the possibility that alcohol consumption was aggravating situation. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

2.7 A petition was presented to the City Council in relation to ASB in the Keats Avenue area and was first reported to LMAPS in August 2008.

3. Hate Crime

3.1 Partners were advised that the 'Arch' reporting system had received 6 reports of verbal racist abuse and a single racist abuse relating to racist abuse within a domestic situation. The Police were aware of most of the incidents and an update will be provided at the next meeting

4. Domestic Violence

- 4.1 The Police advised that ongoing training was an issue to be developed in order to enable operational officers maintain and increase awareness. It was also agreed to ensure that emergency services were made aware of target hardening measures made to any home to prevent entry by violent perpetrators. The information would enable the services to be prepared for any difficult forced entry if required. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

5. Drugs Misuse

- 5.1 The Police advised that a large number of pro-active Police operations had taken place in October resulting in the detection of drug offences. The number of offences detected exceeded any previous numbers experienced in this area of the City. Partners noted this agreed to receive further updates at future meetings.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 LMAPS Funding - Partners discussed initiatives to tackle various issues and agreed to support youth diversionary activities and sports equipment together with multi agency activity to tackle alcohol related offences. Discussions on other potential youth activities would be discussed at the next meeting. All partners to agreed these proposals.
- 6.2 Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) - The TWFRS representative reported a reduction in anti social fires linked to bins/skips etc, and noted that car fires ere also decreasing. The Police noted that a number of buildings damaged by fire on 5th November required intervention due to their condition and it was agreed to look into measures to address this. Partners discussed the potential for an area community 'Bonfire Event' for November 2009 to attract the public to a controlled environment that would reduce the risk within the community and potentially impact on the number of calls on the emergency services.
- 6.3 Nexus - It was reported at the October meeting that Nexus were producing posters for sea front bus shelters to address anti social behaviour issues and the project was being implemented. The potential for another bus shelter to be provided in the Hylton Lane area is till under discussion with Nexus and an update will be provided at the next meeting.
- 6.4 Youth provision - A representative from the Youth Development Group advised partners that additional activities were being considered in the area through additional funding opportunities and partners were reminded that suitable locations for diversionary projects were required in the Roker area. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

- 6.5 Hotspot areas – Partners were advised that the problems encountered with vehicle crime in the St. Peter’s area had been addressed successfully but disorder in the Downhill and Roker areas still required intervention.
- 6.6 Offenders – Partners discussed key offenders who were causing problems and Police advised that some were now in custody for various offences. Future updates will be provided at later meetings.
- 6.7 “Not in My Neighbourhood Week” – Partners were advised that the Home Office campaign was held during October with positive multi agency activity undertaken. Partners had carried out a range of activities and the level of disorder was seen to reduce significantly at the conclusion of the exercise. Partners agreed that further exercises would be valuable at targeted locations across the North area of the City in 2009.

7. Future Meetings

- 7.1 Date and time of next Meeting
- Tuesday 27th January 2009 2.00pm to 4.00pm, Gentoo Office, The Bunny Hill Centre.
- 7.2 Subsequent meeting
- Tuesday 3rd March 2009 2.00pm to 4.00pm, Gentoo Office The Bunny Hill Centre.

8. Supporting Information

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