

**LOCAL MULTI AGENCY PROBLEM SOLVING GROUPS (LMAPS)
WASHINGTON – (North; West; South and The Galleries)**

Dates of Meetings – (Since last Area Committee):

**Wednesday 27th August 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Gentoo Office The Galleries**

**Wednesday 1st October 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Gentoo Office The Galleries**

1. Property Crime (including Burglary and Car Crime)

- 1.1 Anti social behaviour / damage at Bowes Railway Museum. First reported to LMAPS in July 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the August meeting that a planning application had been submitted for permission for site a mast to a CCTV camera. After a site visit it was agreed a Flash-cam would be deployed in the interim.

It was reported at the October meeting a Flash-cam had been installed and the Police are continuing to monitor the situation and visit the site.

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

- 2.1 Anti social behaviour in the Concord area is focused around a specific licensed premises/club and surrounding area and was first reported to LMAPS pre April 2007.

Latest Action: It was reported to the August meeting that Police enquiries were ongoing with a number of arrests made.

It was reported to the October meeting Police were continuing their enquiries with support from other partners.
An update will be provided at future meetings.

- 2.2 Anti social behaviour in a street adjacent to a Washington school resulted in reports of broken windows. This was first reported to LMAPS in November 2007.

Latest Action: It was reported at the August meeting that youths were frequenting this area near a damaged wall that was a potential risk to the community. Due to nesting birds, repair to the wall was delayed until the end of the nesting season and it was anticipated work would commence in due course.

At the October meeting it was reported that work had commenced although there were still some concerns the area had not been fully cleared of debris. An update will be provided at future meetings.

- 2.3 Anti social behaviour at an address in the Springwell area has remained an issue since January 2008 following a fire at the property.

Latest Action: It was reported to the August meeting that court proceedings had been adjourned. One offender had been arrested for various offences.

It was reported at the October meeting that one offender had left the area and the Police were to advise neighbouring officers as to the new address. Partners will continue to monitor and update at next LMAPS.

- 2.4 Anti social behaviour and criminal damage from an address in Washington Village/Galleries area. First reported to LMAPS in January 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported at the August meeting that one offender had completed a sentence involving the Youth Offending Service and another is still complying with a court order. A court date has been set for the NOSP process (Notice of Seeking Possession).

It was reported to the October meeting the offender is still complying with the Court order, and in the absence of no further update, it was agreed that partners will continue to monitor with an update provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

- 2.5 Anti social behaviour in the Rickleton area. First reported to LMAPS in May 2008.

Latest Action: At the August meeting it was reported a Flash-cam unit is still at the site but could be removed should another area be deemed a higher priority.

At the October meeting it was reported there had been no incidents reported since March, therefore it was agreed that should the Flash-cam be removed it would be replaced with a 'dummy unit'.

- 2.6 Residents concerns over of youths using a bus shelter as a goalpost in the Oxclose area were first reported to LMAPS in May 2008

Latest Action: It was reported at the August meeting the Police would meet with the complainant to discuss the levels of disorder.

It was reported to the October meeting that the Police and Gentoo staff would jointly assess the levels of disorder and after a period of monitoring would report findings to the next LMAPS meeting.

- 2.7 Reports of drink related anti social behaviour on a pathway leading to an underpass in the Usworth area were first reported to LMAPS in July 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported at the August meeting that following a site visit, a Flash-cam unit was to be installed

At the October meeting it was confirmed the Flash-cam unit had been installed and partners will continue to monitor the situation and update at the next LMAPS meeting.

- 2.8 Reports of a neighbourhood dispute culminating in criminal damage were in the Concord area was first reported to LMAPS in July 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the August meeting that proceedings were ongoing against one offender and parties are to be served with a NOSP (Notice Seeking Possession).

It was confirmed at the October meeting that both parties had been served with NOSP's and partners will continue to monitor the situation and receive an update the next LMAPS meeting.

- 2.9 Drink related anti social behaviour in the Concord area. First reported to LMAPS in July 2008.

Latest Action: It was decided at the August meeting that as a result of only a small number of reports being received, partners would close this item.

- 2.10 Anti Social Behaviour and harassment by a family in the Blackfell area was first reported to LMAPS in October 2008.

Latest Action: Numerous reports to the Police concerning the family's behaviour resulted in formal police intervention and potential proceedings through the criminal justice system.

- 2.11 Anti Social Behaviour and harassment by a resident in the Albany area was first reported to LMAPS in October 2008.

Latest Action: Numerous reports made to the Police concerning the resident's abusive behaviour towards neighbours resulted in an arrest by the police. Enquiries and support for the offender through Social Services is also ongoing.

- 2.11 Anti Social Behaviour and harassment by a resident in the Oxclose area was first reported to LMAPS in October 2008.

Latest Action: As a result of the offender's extreme behaviour and the number of complaints received by the police, further enquiries are ongoing through and other support services have been instigated. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

3. Hate Crime

- 3.1 No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period

4. Domestic Violence

- 4.1 This issue was originally raised as an issue in the Rickleton area at LMAPS in January 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the August meeting there had been no further incidents and the matter was solely now a Police issue. All partners agreed to close the item.

5. Drugs Misuse

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

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Barmston Village Centre

It was reported to the August meeting the gentleman is to build his own shop. Partners agreed to close from LMAPS.

6.2 Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS)

It was reported that TWFRS 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'.

6.3 Youth Initiative

It was reported to the August meeting there had been a decrease in ASB incidents and a report is to be compiled by the Police advising as to the outcome of the initiative.

It was reported to the October meeting the initiative report and findings has been produced and is available to partners on request. The Police advised they were to meet with the owner of a local sport provider for young people to discuss youth inclusion issues at the club. LMAPS partners will be updated as to the outcome and whether further support may be requested for the initiative.

6.4 LMAPS Funding

At the August meeting the Police requested LMAPS funding to purchase anti-car crime equipment, and alcohol dip strips that can be used by Police and partners to detect alcohol content in soft drinks bottles. Partners supported the initiatives.

At the October meeting partners were provided with an update on the car crime initiative and supported both the progress and a request for additional funding made.

6.5 'Not in my Neighbourhood' – Week of Action

It was reported to the October meeting the Home Office is inviting partners to participate in a campaign to address Crime and ASB and has designated as a 'Week of Action', from Monday 13.10.08 to Friday 17.10.08. After consulting with Northumbria Police, it was agreed all Neighbourhood Policing Teams across the City are to be encouraged to participate in the campaign.

6.7 Victim Support

Representatives from Victim Support attended the October meeting to advise as to the service they provide which includes supporting victims of crime and anti social behaviour. They also advise on the submission of criminal injuries compensation claims and escorting witnesses to court. Additional support for the residents of Washington through an Outreach Worker based in Concord is being explored.

6.8 Licensing Officer

The Police Licensing Field Intelligence Officer attended and advised

partners as to his role which will concentrate on alcohol related ASB, underage sales and the identification of areas where youths frequent to consume alcohol.

7. Future Meetings

7.1 Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 5th November 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, The Galleries

7.2 Subsequent meeting

Wednesday 10th December 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, The Galleries

9. Supporting Information

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