LOCAL MULTI-AGENCY PROBLEM SOLVING GROUPS (LMAPS) EAST – Millfield and St Michaels

Dates of Meetings - (Since last Area Committee):

Thursday 3rd July 2008. 10.00am to 12.00pm Venue: Civic Centre, Committee Room 3

Thursday 7th August 2008. 10.00am to 12.00pm Venue: Civic Centre, Committee Room 3

1. Property Crime (Including Burglary and Car Crime)

1.1 The latest crime statistics were reported and partners advised at the July meeting that the 'Talking Signs' advising motorists to secure their vehicles and property may be redeployed to Boughton Street car park.

2. Anti-Social Behaviour (Including alcohol related Crime and Disorder and Criminal Damage)

2.1 Environmental anti social behaviour (Fly Tipping) in Millfield and St. Michaels area was first reported to LMAPS in August 2007.

Latest Action: At the July meeting it was reported the issue was to be escalated to the Partnership Business Support Group (BSG). Partners were advised that additional Enforcement Officers were being recruited to address citywide problems and the issue is to be raised with the Respect / Environment Group.

At the August meeting it was reported there are to be 6 Environment Officers recruited with a further 6 funded by New Deal for Communities (BotM) to address the problem. A brief outline of proposed changes to the Anti Social Behaviour Strategic Management structure to link into the LMAPS process suggests a proposed 10 weekly cycle (basically every other LMAPS). As part of these changes an Operations Group is proposed which will identify common environmental trends at a citywide level which can then be progressed by individual LMAPS groups. This new process will continue to be monitored at LMAPS. It was agreed to investigate the legal framework for prosecutions and report back to a future LMAPS. Due to this issue being escalated and dealt with by the Partnership Business Support Group (BSG) it was agreed to close his item.

2.2 Anti social behaviour in the Ashbrooke area was first reported to LMAPS in March 2008.

Latest Action: At the July Meeting it was reported Council Engineers are continuing to make progress with examining the problem and a local survey has been completed.

At the August meeting it was reported the pathway in question will not be closed and residents had been informed. Police will continue to monitor the situation, but partners agreed to close the item.

2.3 Anti social parking/road safety issues in the St Michael's area was first reported to LMAPS in April 2008.

Latest Action – At the July meeting there was no update available.

At the August meeting it was reported the issue had been referred to the Council Traffic Department and partners are awaiting their findings. An update will be provided at the next LAMPS.

2.4 Anti social behaviour reports in the Millfield/Hylton Road area were first reported to LMAPS in April 2008.

Latest Action: At the July meeting it was reported the problems caused by a local wall and lighting had been resolved, and due to progress the issue was closed.

2.5 Anti social behaviour from Independent Living Accommodation (ILA) in St Thornhill area was first reported to LMAPS in May 08.

Latest Action: At the July meeting it was reported that 6 families in the area had made complaints of anti social behaviour emanating from the address. After a visit to the property involving the site manager, three (3) residents were removed, although it was noted that visiting friends from another establishment were also a cause of some of the problems.

At the August meeting it was reported there had been 1 incident reported since the last LMAPS, and due to progress made it was agreed to close the item.

2.6 Anti social behaviour in the Chester Rd area was first reported to LMAPS in May 2008.

Latest Action: At the July meeting it was reported due to the target offender giving fictional addresses on arrest and failing to attend a prearranged interview at Gillbridge Avenue Police Office, it was proving impossible to serve an anti social behaviour agreement (ABA).

At the August meeting Police reported they had served the ABA, however it was also reported the offender had since received a 28week custodial sentence for this and other matters. An Anti Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) is to be prepared whilst the offender is in custody.

2.7 Anti social behaviour issues in the Ashbrooke area had been previously closed but re-opened in July 2008 due to the problem escalating.

Latest Action: At the July meeting it was reported the problem had escalated with Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service expressing concerns they are unable to gain access with emergency vehicles which could have serious consequences.

At the August meeting it was reported that an Action Plan had been prepared including various proposals that would positively address carparking issues.

2.8 Anti social behaviour in the Millfield area including loud music was first reported to LMAPS in August 2008.

Latest Action: At the August meeting it was reported anti social behaviour agreements (ABA's) had been served on the offending resident and the landlord was to serve a notice seeking possession (NOSP) in May.

2.9 Anti social behaviour in the Thornhill area (associate of 2.10) was first reported to LMAPS in August 08.

Latest Action: At the August meeting it was reported the offender responsible for the anti social behaviour had been given an electronic monitoring order (tagging) but the tag had yet to be fitted.

2.10 Anti social behaviour in the Thornhill area (associate of 2.9) was first reported to LMAPS in August 08.

Latest Action: At the August meeting it was reported the target offender responsible for the anti social behaviour had been arrested also for the offence of drunk and disorderly behaviour.

3. Hate Crime

3.1 No Issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

4. Domestic Violence

4.1 Domestic violence at an address in Queen Alexandra Rd area was first reported to LMAPS in August 08.

Latest Action: At the August meeting it was reported the victim was a male and there is to be support offered from partner agencies.

5. Drugs Misuse

5.1 No Issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Funding

It had previously been reported that each LMAPS group had been given delegated authority to spend $\pounds 6,875$ of which $\pounds 3,125$ must be spent by 30.09.08.

Proposals supported by partners included support for the Police Youth Initiative, an event organised by the Neighbourhood Relations Team and measures to tackle road safety concerns.

6.2 Youth Initiative

After consultations with the public the Police will run a series of Operations that will focus youth disorder and underage drinking. The operations will involve educational visits, targeting of hotspots and offering reassurance.

Latest Action: Since the launch of the Youth Campaign the Neighbourhood Policing Team has conducted: -

- 37 school visits
- 144 off licence visits
- 6 arrests
- 19 stop and searches
- 14 alcohol seizures
- 7 direction to leave notices issued
- 4 Anti social behaviour agreement notices issued
- 4 formal operations carried out
- 8 youths referred to partner agencies
- 128 alcohol seizures
- 60 Operation Gryphon anti social behaviour forms issued and
- 10 customer surveys completed.

6.3 Knife Campaign

The area Community Policing Team Inspector welcomed additional attendees who were invited to view a presentation on Northumbria Police's Knife Crime Campaign. The campaign began on the 21.07.08 and will commence with a knife amnesty, targeting known offenders and hotspots. A presentation was given to the group by staff from Northumbria Police's training dept and is being made available to partner agencies and focus groups. It was pointed out that the national trend in knife crime is not represented in Sunderland or the Northumbria Police area.

7. Future Meetings

- 7.1 Date and time of next Meeting
 - Thursday 11th September 2008. 10.00pm to 12.00pm Civic Centre Committee Room 3
- 7.2 Subsequent meeting
 - Thursday 16th October 2008. 10.00pm to 12.00pm Civic Centre Committee Room 3

9. Supporting Information

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