

Tackling Crime SIB Funding Briefing Note**Background**

East Area Committee's work plan identified the following issues as key crimes to reduce over the following 12 months: speeding and dangerous driving, burglary, car crime, criminal damage, ASB, most serious violent crime, violent crime, primary and secondary fire, hate and victimisation.

Area Committee agreed to align £74,599 from the SIB budget for 2011-12 on the 23 May 2011, against the key priority 'tackling crime'.

It was agreed to present a report to the following Area Committee meeting outlining further detail, see below for a synopsis.

Current position

Speeding and dangerous driving is being tackled by the vehicle activation sign project being lead by Andrew Jackman, City Services. An evaluation report is due in March 2012.

Project One - Key crimes:

Burglary, car crime, criminal damage, ASB, most serious violent crime, violent crime, hate and victimisation: is it proposed to support the target of Northumbria Police to reduce the above crimes by 2% over the next 12 months, with an additional target to increase detection rates across all crimes by 0.5%.

As we are aware the force are currently restructuring their 'areas' to match the Council's. This will involve Doxford ward moving from the 'South' into the 'East'. After which the East will have two neighbourhood teams working across it.

- i) Sunderland Central: Inspector Neal Craig, covering the City Centre, Millfield and St Michael's ward.
- ii) Sunderland East: Inspector John Connolly, covering Hendon, Ryhope and Doxford wards.

It is suggested that £20,000 is awarded to each Neighbourhood Team to assist in delivering direct action against these key crimes, with updates provided to the Task and Finish Group and Area Committee throughout the year on how the funding has been used to reach the targets and any other issues which may arise.

Budget: £40,000

Project Two - Primary and secondary fires:

Is it proposed to reduce the risk of fires by delivering the 'Championing the East' project, which is a community approach to tackle arson and other ASB. Groundworks would lead on the project, on behalf of Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue, with support from the East VCS Area Network and Nicky Rowland, ARM, City Services.

The project would act as a sub group to the East VCS Area Network, complementing current infrastructures.

Budget: £6,220 (Y1) and £6,500 (Y2)

Total £52,700, budget £74,599, if agreed the remaining balance aligned to 'tackling crime' priority would be £21,899.

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