

**LOCAL MULTI-AGENCY PROBLEM SOLVING GROUPS (LMAPS)  
COALFIELDS**  
**(Part 1 – Houghton, Shiney Row, Penshaw, Newbottle, Fencehouses and  
the Herringtons)**  
**(Part 2 – Hetton, Easington Lane, Racecourse, Moorsley, Peat Carr and  
East Rainton)**

**Dates of Meetings - (Since last Area Committee):**

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm
- Venue: Gentoo Office, Houghton (Parts 1 and 2)

**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 activity from an address in the Penshaw area was first reported to LMAPS in October 2007.

**Latest Action.** City Council Neighbourhood Relations Team staff (NRT) reported to the September meeting that the family had accepted a property outside the City of Sunderland and were due to re-locate. Partners agreed to maintain this as an item until the move was confirmed with an update to be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.2 ASB motorcycle disorder in the Burnside area of Houghton. Motor cycle access is gained through a damaged fence and there is evidence of drug related litter in the area. The issue was first reported to LMAPS in February 2008.

**Latest Action:** It was reported to the September meeting that due to increased police patrols, incidents had fallen. There was no timescale available for remedial works that would prevent offender access. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.3 ASB activity in the Monument Terrace area and suspected illegal sales of alcohol to young people first reported to LMAPS in April 2008.

**Latest Action:** The September meeting was advised that partner interventions through the criminal justice system had resolved this complaint and subsequently the item was closed.

- 2.4 ASB involving youth disorder and motorcycle nuisance in an unlit street in West Herrington was first reported to LMAPS in June 2008.

**Latest Action:** Partners met with the complainants and an 'Action Plan' was agreed involving the use of an incident diary and regular Police patrols.

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.5 ASB including underage drinking in the Fencehouses area first reported to LMAPS in September 2008.

**Latest Action:** Partners were advised that a 'Community Engagement Questionnaire' had been completed, 5 letters sent to parents under the Operation Gryphon scheme and 13 stop/ checks carried out by the Police.

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

- 2.6 ASB including underage drinking in Hetton Lyons Country Park, first reported to LMAPS in May 2008.

**Latest Action:** Partners were advised that due to increased police patrols, incidents had reduced. It was recommended the issue remain on the LMAPS agenda for a further period to enable Council Neighbourhood Relations Team Officers (NRT) and Gentoo staff to arrange joint visits to the parents of youth involved and for the police to complete enquiries.

Update to be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

- 2.7 Police received a petition regarding ASB at East Rainton, which was also copied to the Council. This was first reported to LMAPS in June 2008

**Latest Action:** At the September meeting partners were advised that reported statistics do not suggest / warrant the need for closure of the footpath. A site visit is to be arranged.

An injunction had been served on one target, it was also reported his mother is alleged to be moving to Blackpool.

Update at next meeting.

- 2.8 ASB motorcyclist using private land at Easington Lane. Barriers have been removed which allow access. First reported to LMAPS June 08.

**Latest Action:** It was suggested at the September meeting a site visit be arranged to identify the options available.

Update at next meeting.

- 2.9 ASB including underage drinking near Elemore Golf Club. This is a recurring issue first reported to LMAPS in September 2008.

**Latest Action:** Partners were advised a site visit was recommended to establish the problem and options available.

Update to be provided at the next meeting.

### **3. Hate Crime**

- 3.1 Hate crime against a shop-owner in the Houghton area was first reported to LMAPS September 2008.

**Latest Action:** Police reported 22 incidents over the period of one year of which 3 were categorised as crimes. Three arrests had been made and enquiries were continuing. The victim had been referred to 'Victim Support – Northumbria'.

An update to be provided at the next meeting.

### **4. Domestic Violence**

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

### **5. Drugs Misuse**

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

### **6. Any Other Business**

- 6.1 **Targeted Youth Engagement** - Latest update from September 2008.

The Safer Sunderland Partnership Business Support Group (BSG) requested feedback from the Neighbourhood Police Teams as to the impact of youth provision in areas and comments were to be fed back to the BSG on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

An update is to be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

- 6.2 **Hetton School** – Target Hardening measures - Latest update as at September 2008.

There was no progress reported and an update will be provided at the next LMAPS.

- 6.3 **Rapid Deployment CCTV Cameras** - Latest update as at September 2008.

Due to the rapid deployment cameras now being available and installed it was agreed at the September 2008 meeting to close the item.

- 6.4 **ASB Parking Houghton approach** - Latest update as at September 2008.

Partners were advised the problem was currently being investigated.  
Update at next LMAPS.

**6.5 A690 Houghton Cut - Subway** - Latest update as at September 2008.

The Police reported no incidents or complaints received from the public concerning the subway, although it was noted that expected environmental improvements at the subway entrances (painting) had not occurred.

Update to be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

**6.6 Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS)**

A TWFRS representative reported a 70% reduction in anti social fires, and that a multi agency meeting was to take place to agree partnership arrangements for the forthcoming 'Bonfire Night' event.

Update to be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

**6.7 Funding**

Partners agreed funding to support initiatives including a planned Community Safety Event and a multi agency youth initiative involving Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue and Sunderland Youth Offending Services.

**6.8 Knife Crime Campaign**

Northumbria Police provided an update on the force wide campaign that was entering its 'enforcement phase'.

**7. Future Meetings**

**7.1 Date and time of next Meeting**

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, Hetton

**7.2 Subsequent meeting**

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, Houghton

**8. Supporting Information**

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