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 16th December 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Gentoo Office, Houghton (Parts 1 and 2)

Tuesday 20th January 2009. 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Gentoo Office, Houghton (Parts 1 and 2)

1. Property Crime (Including Burglary and Car Crime)

1.1 **A7CPC1 –** Various concerns were raised regarding poor storage of combustible materials and doors been left unlocked after 4 fires had been reported at a compound in Philadelphia. The issue was first reported to LMAPS in January 2009.

Latest Action: It was reported to the January meeting a site visit had been carried out and various actions were suggested. TWFRS are to carry out a fire safety audit of the area. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

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

2.1 **A7CASB1 -** 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 December meeting that some remedial work had been carried out although further work was required; no timescale was given for completion. .

It was reported to the January work was due for completion at the end of January. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

2.2 **A7CASB4 –** ASB including motorcyclist riding through a residential area putting young children at risk at off Gillas Lane. First reported to LMAPS October 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the December meeting an additional meeting had been called and various partners were given actions to carry out.

It was reported to the January meeting a traffic survey had been carried out, although due to works been carried out in the area the data was deemed not to be accurate and a further survey will need to be done. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

2.3 **A7CASB5.1 –** ASB including underage drinking; alleged drugs misuse; horse riding and motorcyclist riding through open ground in the Houghton-le-Spring area issue was previously closed in July 2008 but had bee re-opened after discussions at the October 2008 meeting.

Latest Action: It was reported to the December meeting there had been no calls to the Police. The area was not suitable for a flash-cam to be installed. It was agreed to monitor for one more month with a view to close the issue from LMAPS.

It was reported to the January meeting no further complaints had been received and residents had been updated as to the continuing actions being carried out. All Partners agreed to close the issue from LMAPS.

2.4 **A7CASB6 -** ASB including underage drinking in the Hetton area was first reported to LMAPS in May 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the December meeting the problems had displaced to an area in Easington Lane and a CCTV camera had been relocated which was already having an impact.

It was reported to the January meeting after the camera was installed calls fell dramatically. Due to the decrease in calls all Partners agreed to close the issue from LMAPS.

2.5 **A7CASB7 -** ASB through motorcyclists using private land at Easington Lane as a result of barriers have been removed which allow access. First reported to LMAPS June 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the December meeting the barriers had been installed and there had been no further calls. Due to the decrease in calls all Partners agreed to close the issue from LMAPS.

2.6 **A7CASB8 -** ASB including underage drinking near a sporting venue in Hetton which is a recurring issue and first reported to LMAPS in September 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the December meeting that some remedial work had been carried out although further work was required; no timescale was given for completion. .

It was reported to the January work was due for completion at the end of January. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

3. Hate Crime

3.1 **A7CHC1 -** Hate crime against a shop-owner in the Houghton area was first reported to LMAPS in September 2008.

Latest Action: It was reported to the December meeting no further incidents had occurred since the last LMAPS.

It was reported to the January meeting the business was now closed but the family were still occupying the flat above the shop, youths have demolished the rear fencing and are throwing missiles at the property as well as at vehicles travelling on the A690. It was agreed to look into the possibility to remove shrubbery which gives the perpetrators cover, however this will involve closing the A690 in order for this to be carried out. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

4. Domestic Violence

4.1 It was reported due to the sensitivity of DV issues and the PPU overseeing all reported incidents it had been agreed to remove specific items from LMAPS agendas and it is expected Chief Inspector Mick Bartle will recommend the permanent removal of DV issues from LMAPS. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

5. Drugs Misuse

5.1 It was reported there has been recent cases of rented properties being used as 'drug farms' which cause a significant risk of fires to neighbouring properties. He asked all Partners to be vigilant and report any suspicions to the Police.

6. Operation Gryphon

6.1 It had been agreed the area Police clerk would pass details of all stops onto Partners.

7. Prevent

7.1 No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 **A690 Houghton Cut - Subway** – Latest update from December / January.

It was reported the repaint was due for completion. All Partners agreed to close the issue from LMAPS.

8.2 **Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS)** – Latest update from December / January.

Eddie Grimes had been promoted to Arson Task Force Manager and was to carry out an investigation into an increase in ASB fires. An update will be provided at the next LMAPS meeting.

8.3 **Funding** – Latest update from December / January.

Various bids had been suggested and agreed including the purchase a 'Rabbit Hydraulic door entry device'; vouchers from as rewards to School children walking to Newbottle; burglary packs; set of expandable ladders and a laptop.

9. Future Meetings

9.1 Date and time of next Meeting

- Tuesday 24th February 2009. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, Houghton

9.2 Subsequent meeting

- Tuesday 31st March 2009. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, Houghton

10. Supporting Information

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