

## **REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE**

### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Sunderland West area between the following 8-week period (July 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022)

### **2.0 Key Updates**

#### **Overall crime Update**

Crime: 8-week period to 03-09-22

Crime numbers are on a par with 2020 and 2021 figures which is a fair position to be in as Covid-19 had a big impact on crime reporting. The most significant crimes are crimes against a person with no injury and then criminal damage. The area with the most crimes recorded is the Hylton Lane Estate and King George Playing Fields areas and then Ford Estate. The most recorded crimes are vehicle crime, damage, crimes against a person with no injury and public order.

It should be noted that the number of recorded crimes is low when compared to other sectors within the City and Area Command. The reality is Sunderland West has the lowest number of recorded crimes for any sector in the command.

#### **Burglary Dwelling.**

Having just reviewed all the Burglary Dwelling crimes, Sunderland West is still performing very well in this crime category. As with other crime categories we are on a par with 2020 and 2021 figures and as such this sector does not flag as an area command hot spot for burglary offences.

There is a re-emerging issue in relation to garage burglaries mainly in our Sunderland South area (mostly in the East area committee area) however it is not entirely confined to that sector. The target of these offences has been pedal cycles/scooters/mopeds. There is a great deal of work on going in relation to these offenses and suspects.

#### **Burglary Commercial**

Again, very low number of offences compared to other sectors. Most of the reports are within the St Anne's and Pallion wards but as discussed, the low number does not result in the sector becoming a hot spot.

#### **Vehicle crime**

Vehicle crime is showing an increase on previous years and is a focus for the team at present. Again, the sector does not flag as an area command hot spot due to relatively low numbers however it a priority for the team as it also impacts on anti-social behaviour performance. The team with partners has several operations underway and have made several arrests with more to follow.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

ASB: 8-week period to 03-09-22

Main calls were concerns for safety; 315 ASB incidents, 225 of them were in the area to the North of Durham Road. Most of the disorder is around inconsiderate behaviour/rowdy behaviour then neighbour disputes, then under 18 related disorders, then motorcycle disorder. The most ASB occurred in, King George Playing Fields, Hylton Lane Estate and Springwell.

We are currently tracking at similar reporting levels to 2021 and are below 2020 figures which is where I would expect us to be. The team are working on our Autumn operations and will be focusing on our hotspots. We have several city-wide initiatives on going now which I am heavily involved in along with several varied partners.

The autumn plan will focus on King George playing fields and the surrounding area and motorcycle/pedal cycle ASB and theft.

### **Lighter nights Campaign update**

The lighter Nights campaign worked very well, with some excellent partnership work between Police, Fire service, environmental services, Local authority and Gentoo which has seen a big reduction in the main hot spot of North Moor Lane.

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