

13th June 2018

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE – SUNDERLAND WEST

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides performance information in relation to the Sunderland West Committee area from 1st March 2018 – 31st May 2018

2. Background

- 2.1 At its November 2011 meeting Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

3. Events and Updates

- 3.1 Northumbria Police's priorities for 2017/18 are:

Anti-Social Behaviour. A priority for our Communities.

Child Sexual Exploitation, Domestic Abuse and Serious Sexual Offending.

Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism. Threat of Radicalisation.

Signal Crime (Emerging Crime). Any emerging crime type assessed in terms of THREAT, HARM and RISK to have the potential to impact on public confidence.

Organised Crime. Human Trafficking / Foreign nationals / Modern day Slavery.

Cyber Crime. Cyber Enabled / Cyber Dependant

- 3.2 The fiscal year has begun with some exceptional weather and as usual this leads to the number of ASB incidents increasing. This in addition to the Royal wedding which was well supported within the community and led to a high number of drink related incidents over that weekend. Other factors that have increased ASB have been the issues in and around the old Farringdon Hall Police station. This will continue to be monitored and incorporated into our patrol plan and dispersal orders. The financial constraints that proved difficult last year will no doubt prove difficult for both Police and Public services again this year. In the South and West overall crime has continued to rise. This rise is also reflected across the Area Command. There are new crime recording mechanisms in place which creates the crime at source when the initial first contact is made to police.
- 3.3 Burglary dwelling has shown an increase of 2 crimes in the South and a reduction of 1 offence in the West. However both South and West are below all other sectors in the Southern Command Area which stretches from South Shields to Houghton. We will continue to focus our efforts on reducing burglary dwellings and target those offenders who are responsible. Op Impact will continue to run for our burglary targets.
- 3.4 Burglary to sheds, garages and commercial premises has increased slightly with increases of 4 and 3 offences in the South and West. A number of sheds and garages have been targeted but again it appears to be opportunists with no forced entry to the premises.
- 3.5 Overnight vehicle crime in the months of February and March were a huge problem for the sector and particularly in the South and around the Silksworth area. These crimes were again opportunist, during the night and insecure vehicles were targeted. Victims were reporting sunglasses and headphones and small change being stolen. The team

identified one individual, through local intelligence, who was subsequently arrested, charged and convicted and has been in prison since his arrest. The number of offences dropped dramatically since his arrest.

3.6 In March we suffered a number of damages to motor vehicles, 27 in total, by a male offender with a knife puncturing tyres as he walked the streets. Some excellent work to collate CCTV from Sunderland Royal hospital and the surrounding streets to identify the male. The offender was charged with all 27 offences and was subsequently remanded for other offences which he committed on bail.

3.7 The rise in ASB was primarily due to incidents around Pennywell shops and the surrounding streets. Operation Knight is still running in the area and there is a CCTV camera covering the car park. All the main offenders have been arrested and charged or been served with ABA's and their parents CPN's. The problems still remain to some degree and officers will continue with the Operation. We are working in partnership with Academy 360, Gentoo, Home Group, local businesses and Sunderland Council ASB team to tackle the problem. Some excellent partnership working targeting offenders and being proactive with both offenders and parents.

3.8 Motor cycle disorder is a blight on the area and one of the most complained about problems by members of the public. The team have recently run Operation Adjust over the last two months on weekends. This focused on specific hotspot areas namely:-

A3 L6 – Silksworth Ski Slopes

A4 I2 – Around the Ford sports ground. Within boundary of Hylton rd, St lukes rd and Forest rd, Ford estate.

The officers used plain clothes patrols, cycle patrols and high visibility reassurance patrols identifying offenders and using Body Worn Video to gather evidence. They also carried out leaflet drops within problem areas to identify offenders. Social media was also used to promote the ongoing work within the community.

In total 6 bikes were seized. 1 arrest and 4 summons raised to prosecute offenders. There are 7 joint home visits still to be carried out looking at individuals tenancies and a number of Section 59 notices were issued. The team will continue to target those individuals over the summer period.

There has been an excellent response from the community in identifying our offenders.

3.9 **Forward Planning:**

The Neighbourhood Team will continue running Operation Knight over the next 2 months to ensure ASB remains low within the target area.

Your Northumbria – is a free community messaging system which allows our communities to receive the latest crime notifications and community news. We already have nearly 600 members and growing across our area.

'My Street' App has now gone live within the Sunderland area. This will assist the public in contacting the most appropriate department to resolve their non-police related issues. i.e. Litter, parking, ASB, Animal Issues, Rowdy / Nuisance behaviour, Road safety issues and personal help.

Staffing

Insp. Anthony Carty has now left to enjoy his retirement. He would like to thank the Area Committee for their outstanding support during his time as the Neighbourhood Inspector for the area. No replacement has been identified for him yet.

We are due to have a new CSO member of the team start with us hopefully before the end of June.

4. Update – Area Information

- 4.1 The ward updates below are a selection of appropriate offence types of interest and not all crime (e.g. minor fraud or harassment type offences etc. are not included).
- 4.2 Figures are from the 1st April 2017, as the computer programme would not allow comparisons spanning different financial years.

South data covers the following wards:

St Chad's
Silksworth

West data covers the following wards:

Sandhill
St Anne's
Pallion
Barnes

South Area	Crime figures comparison since 1st April 2017 (Yearly average)	% increase or decrease against the yearly average for April 1st 2018 until 28th May 2018.
Total crime	- 7	- 2 %
Violence with injury	+ 12	+ 12 %
Violence without	+ 15	+ 20 %
Burglary dwelling	- 3	- 19 %
Burglary OTD	+ 4	+ 75 %
Criminal damage	- 13	- 23 %
TFMV	- 11	- 49 %
Shoplifting	- 4	- 13 %
Youth ASB	+ 6	+ 14 %
Non youth ASB	+ 5	+ 7 %
Drug crime	- 3	- 78 %

West Area	Crime figures comparison since 1st April 2017 (Yearly average)	% increase or decrease against the yearly average for April 1st 2018 until 28th May 2018.
Total crime	+ 80	+ 11 %
Violence with injury	+ 2	+ 3 %
Violence without injury	+ 35	+ 20 %
Burglary dwelling	- 3	- 14 %
Burglary OTD	+ 3	+ 34 %
Criminal damage	+ 20	+ 15 %
TFMV	- 10	- 29 %
Shoplifting	- 6	-9 %
Youth ASB	- 1	- 1 %
Non youth ASB	+ 18	+12 %
Drug crime	+ 4	+ 61 %

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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