



Vibrant, Safe and Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel

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Further to the report submitted which provides an update around the city's crime reduction, Community safety and Drugs Strategy, the below information provides a brief update around action taken and progress made in relation to the Neighbourhood specific issues.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Following delivery of a very successful pilot of co-location between the Council and Wolverhampton Homes ASB staff over the last 18 months, approval has just been granted for a continuation of that improved service. The service saw a 5% increase in ASB reporting into the team, increased rates of customer satisfaction and evidenced value for money when benchmarked against similar areas. The service now benefits from closer working arrangements with Police and other partners.

The introduction of new ASB legislation in Oct 2014 has required Police, council, Wolverhampton Homes and RSLs across the city work together to prepare for the change. The Community remedy, led by the Police and the Community Trigger are new elements that provide communities with improved transparency and a greater say over how their ASB issues are handled.

Inconsiderate Parking

Whilst these issues continue to be largely managed in local areas via PACT, and direct engagement through schools, a parking task and finish group led by Sheila Collett has been established to look at best practice from elsewhere in the midlands. A pilot involving 2 schools in each constituency area will trial different approaches

and the impact monitored with a view to the most effective methods of addressing nuisance parking being rolled out across the city.

Neighbourhood teams continue to work with communities to address local speeding concerns through Community Speedwatch operations.

Prostitution

In response to community concerns about long-term issues of prostitution (mostly in Ettingshall ward but also in East Park, St Peter's and Park wards) a multi-agency Street Sex Workers group has been established to coordinate a range of interventions to tackle the problem. We now have 7 Engagement Support Orders against sex workers secured through the courts, with 3 further cases pending, 2 behaviour change course delivered locally which has engaged 15 punters and generated a small amount of income (spend suggestions will be informed by community members) – a third course is planned for the New Year, and outreach services being delivered by local third sector organisations (Changing Lives, Terence Higgins Trust, Recovery Near You) and local volunteers to engage the sex workers and provide support for exit. Funding applications are being developed to support the programme of interventions being delivered.

Although the focus has been primarily focussed in Ettingshall, multi-agency training is to be delivered to for staff working in other locations in the New Year and good practice rolled out wider. Work has also started to consider how the new ASB legislation can be used to tackle hot spot locations.

Appendix 1

The Wolverhampton Local Policing and Crime plan for 2014/15.

<http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/media/293162/wolverhampton.pdf>