

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic & Legal Services

Report on North Yorkshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams – Priorities For York and Public Attitude Survey Results

Summary

1. This report provides information on the priorities set for North Yorkshire Police's (NYPs) Safer Neighbourhood Teams in York for the year 2009-10, and those rolled over or newly set for the first quartile of 2010-11. It also presents data gathered via NYPs Public Attitude Survey between October 2009 -March 2010.

Background

2. North Yorkshire Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) must target community safety issues that matter most to the public and focus resources to ensure positive community outcomes. Safer Neighbourhood Priority settings identify concerns raised by the residents in an area, enabling local consultation to influence policing when tackling local issues. Issues that are not resolved within the quartile time span are subsequently rolled forward to the next quartile until successfully actioned.

Consultation

3. As part of the Policing Pledge and the national agenda for Safer Neighbourhoods, each quarter the Safer Neighbourhood Teams consult with the local community, to identify three key policing priorities for an inspector led area.
4. The Public Attitude Survey involved 600 people chosen at random from the Safer York Partnership (CDRP) area.

Safer Neighbourhood Priorities For York

5. York has three Safer Neighbourhood Teams. The tables below show the policing priorities for each team per quarter for the year 2009-2010, and identifies where there was a need to rollover an incomplete action.

Safer Neighbourhood Team – York North

Priorities Qtr1	Priorities Qtr2	Priorities Qtr3	Priorities Qtr4
1. Youth related Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Earswick and Strensall areas	1. Youth related ASB in Earswick and Strensall areas	1. Youth related ASB in The Village and Northfields areas of Strensall	1. Youth related ASB in The Village and Northfields areas of Strensall
2. Theft from motor vehicles in Hull Rd and Osbaldwick	2. Theft from motor vehicles in Hull Rd and Osbaldwick	2. Theft of pedal cycles in Hull Road and Rural East areas	2. Theft of pedal cycles in Hull Road and Rural East areas
Priorities Qtr1	Priorities Qtr2	Priorities Qtr3	Priorities Qtr4
3. Underage drinking and associated ASB in Huntington esp. Victoria Way, Geldof Rd, Monkton Rd and Bell Farm Ave	3. Underage drinking and associated ASB in Huntington esp. Victoria Way, Geldof Rd, Monkton Rd and Bell Farm Ave	3. Underage drinking and associated ASB in Huntington esp. Victoria Way, Geldof Rd, Monkton Rd and Bell Farm Ave	3. Underage drinking and associated ASB in Huntington esp. Victoria Way, Geldof Rd, Monkton Rd and Bell Farm Ave

Safer Neighbourhood Team – York South

Priorities Qtr1	Priorities Qtr2	Priorities Qtr3	Priorities Qtr4
1. ASB in Cornlands Rd	1. ASB in Cornlands Rd	1. Youth ASB & criminal damage in Wenlock Terrace and surrounding streets	1. Youth ASB at gale Lane and Chesney Fields
2. ASB in Foxwood Lane	2. ASB in Foxwood Lane	2. ASB in at Leaside Park, Leaside, Sandcroft Road & Lerecroft Road, Dringhouses	2. Youth ASB, congregation of youths, intimidation & criminal damage in Fulford Cross, Danesgates Pupil support/skills centre Steiner School, Fulford Road & immediate surrounding streets.
3. ASB in Lindsey Ave	3. ASB in Lindsey Ave	3. ASB in Lindsey Ave	3. ASB in Lindsey Ave, Sowerby Rd, Bursall Drive, Birstwith Drive & Bouthwaite Drive

Safer Neighbourhood Team - York Central

Priorities Qtr1	Priorities Qtr2	Priorities Qtr3	Priorities Qtr4
1. ASB and crime at Spa shop, Lowther St.	1. ASB and crime at Spa shop, Lowther St.	1. ASB and crime at Spa shop, Lowther St.	1. Criminal damage in particular graffiti, and ASB on South Bank.
2. Increased ASB outside the shops on Crichton Ave., Clifton	2. Increased ASB outside the shops on Crichton Ave., Clifton	2. Increased ASB outside the shops on Crichton Ave., Clifton	2. Alcohol and drug-related crime and ASB on Union Terrace
3. Alcohol and drug-related crime and ASB on Walmgate, especially around the shops and Shannon House.	3. Alcohol and drug-related crime and ASB on Walmgate, especially around the shops and Shannon House.	3. Alcohol and drug-related crime and ASB on Walmgate, especially around the shops and Shannon House.	3. Alcohol and drug-related crime and ASB on Walmgate, especially around the shops and Shannon House.

6. The priorities set for the first quartile of the year 2010-11 are as follows:

SNT	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
York North	Youth related antisocial behaviour in The Village and Northfields area of Strensall	Underage drinking and associated ASB in the following areas of Huntington - Victoria Way, Geldof Road, Monkton Road and Bell Farm Avenue.	Theft of pedal cycles in Hull Road and Rural East areas.
York South	Police response to reports of anti social behaviour at Gale Lane and Chesney Fields, York.	Youth ASB, congregation of youths, intimidation & criminal damage in Fulford Cross, Danesgates Pupil support/skills centre Steiner School, Fulford Road & immediate surrounding streets.	ASB in Lindsey Ave, Sowerby Road, Bursall Drive, Birstwith Frive & Bouthwaite Drive
York Central	Criminal damage, in particular graffiti, and ASB on South Bank	Alcohol and drug-related crime and ASB on Walmgate, especially around the shops and Shannon House.	Not identified

Public Attitude Survey

7. The Home Office have requested that all forces undertake a local confidence survey in order to better understand level of public confidence at a more local level. The survey gathers information on the public's perception of crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB), the visibility of officers, and the levels of confidence in how The Police and their partners deal with community issues.
8. In order to do this, the Home Office published a set of Minimum Technical Requirements for local surveying which forces were mandated to comply with by setting up or amending their existing local perception survey provision. One of the main requirements asked that results are representative of the population at Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) level. To do this, forces must survey at least 600 people per CDRP per year an overall number of 4,600. The requirements also stated the sample collected should be random and representative of the population.
9. NYP re-worked its Public Attitude Survey in order to fall into line with these minimum requirements and ensure that the sample collected used the advised random collection methodology.
10. Annex A shows the first outturn of data for the period October – December 2009 and Annex B shows outturn for March 2010, allowing Members to compare York to other areas within the NYP region. The results are colour coded to flag up where a district is statistically significant to other districts (red = ?, green = ?). Members should note that if a result is shown as significant, it does not mean it is important, it simply means it is different from other results.

Analysis

11. A common priority running across all York's SNTs throughout the year 2009-10, and one of the main focuses of the Public Attitude Survey is 'Anti-Social Behaviour' (ASB). The first stage to successfully tackling ASB, is understanding it – which requires information exchange and analysis of the problems, by all those involved.
12. In October 2009, the Home Secretary made an announcement on ASB, which included the agreeing and publicising of local minimum standards by 31 March 2010, so that the public know what service to expect. The standards set out by the Home Secretary are not explicit, but provide a set of common sense principles which the public can expect from local agencies. These include:
 - reduce perceptions of ASB year on year
 - take reported cases of ASB seriously
 - recording, investigating, and keeping victims informed of action taken
 - provided regular information to residents on what action is being taken to tackle ASB
 - offer support and practical help to victims of ASB
 - ensure effective links between neighbourhood policing and neighbourhood management

- provide residents with a right of complaint to their local CDRP/CSPs, if effective action is not taken by local agencies through existing channels
13. Many areas will already have similar standards in place, therefore this is a not an exercise to create something new, rather to use the opportunity to publicise them.
 14. In the case of York, ASB is a major issue as evidenced by the SNT priorities above. However, it is recognised that the solution to ASB does not lie with one service or partner agency alone. Therefore, co-ordinating services including youth support, drug and alcohol action, policing and park management is important given their links to those involved in ASB. As the setting of the ASB standards heavily involves local councils, this committee may wish to look at what more this Council could do in the areas identified in the SNTs above, to further support the work of the Police.

Options

15. Superintendent Winward, the Safer Neighbourhood Commander for York will be present at this meeting. Having considered the information within this report, Members may wish to discuss with the Superintendent:
 - the Safer Neighbourhood Team priorities - the level of improvement if any, that has been achieved in the identified priorities and the reasons for any rollovers
 - the Public Attitude Survey results – the levels of satisfaction in York compared to other areas within the NYP region
16. Members may also choose to receive update reports on the statistics provided in this report either quarterly, bi-annually or annually.

Corporate Priorities

17. The scrutiny of crime & disorder issues supports the council's corporate priority to make York a 'Safer City' with low crime rates and high opinions of the city's safety record.

Implications

18. **Crime and Disorder** - The Council has a duty to fulfil the requirements of the Police and Justice Act 2006 by scrutinising crime & disorder issues. The regulations state that "A crime and disorder committee shall meet to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions, as the committee considers appropriate but no less than once in every twelve months". The responsible authorities are the partners that make up the Safer York Partnership (the local crime and disorder reduction partnership – CDRP).
19. There are no known Legal, HR, Finance, Equalities, Property or other implications associated with the recommendation in this report.

Risk Management

20. If there are no known risks, associated with the recommendation in this report.

Recommendations

21. Members are invited to:

- i. consider and comment on the SNT priorities, past and present that have been set for the city,
- ii. consider and comment on the Public Attitude Survey results
- iii. identify any further information required and/or any associated crime and disorder related topics for possible scrutiny review.

Reason: To fulfil the requirements of the Police and Justice Act 2006 in regard to scrutinising crime & disorder issues

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

Annex A - Public Attitude Survey Results for October 2009 – December 2009

Annex B - Public Attitude Survey Results for March 2010