

Tier 1 Premises – Outline Strategy (York)

Introduction

Tier 1 premises are set to be one of the key building blocks in our approach to Safer Neighbourhood Policing.

Tier 1 premises are described, in the Chief Constable's Road Map Towards 2012 as "shop fronts/shared service centres based in town or village centres, serving as Safer Neighbourhood Team operational bases".

For York, this will necessitate the three Safer Neighbourhood Teams of North, South and Centre, deciding where their teams could be based to give the maximum effect.

Tier 1 premises are likely to take different forms from fairly temporary locations where police surgeries could be held from time to time, through to more established premises where officers can be based. This will include mobile facilities.

The type of facilities required will also vary. The temporary locations for surgeries will need minimal equipment and facilities, probably just a desk and chairs. The more permanent bases will require more space, computer equipment and other facilities.

Some Tier 1 premises will be set up for maximum public access, eg a shop front. Other locations may be less suitable for public access, but more appropriate for a permanent base eg. Established police buildings or Safer School Partnership initiatives.

Work to date

Last year work was undertaken to identify possible sites for Tier 1 premises across the city. A list of 38 premises was put forward. These premises range from schools and libraries to community centres and the hospital. The list is attached at Annex Two

The 3 Safer Neighbourhood Inspectors are currently reviewing this list and coming up with a short list of proposals to be progressed during 2008. Also, new premises have been added to the list as opportunities arise such as St Clements Hall and the railway station.

We have not yet reached the point where we are able to submit a definite list of proposed premises. Also, negotiations about individual premises are at different stages with the owners of the buildings where sites are shared. It may be that some of these initial proposals turn out not to be feasible.

The Westfield School initiative is going ahead as a pilot site for North Yorkshire Police. It will be the first site of its kind developed in York and North

Yorkshire. This initiative is supported by the school and the North Yorkshire Police Authority.

Emerging findings

The following premises are coming to the fore as favourite sites for operational teams to be based at :

York North Derwent School, Clifton Moor Police Station or Athena House

York South Westfield School

York Centre Clifford Street Police Station, St Clement's Hall, York District Hospital

Each area has also put forward numerous possibilities for smaller, more locally based premises which would be sites for public contact and access.

These options are being collated and mapped by the HQ Property and Facilities Department, and where approved will be progressed during 2008.

Some of the Tier one sites may well be used for Tier two staff whilst on the 'beat' enabling a more responsive service to our communities.

A mobile data platform would assist the deployment of local officers.

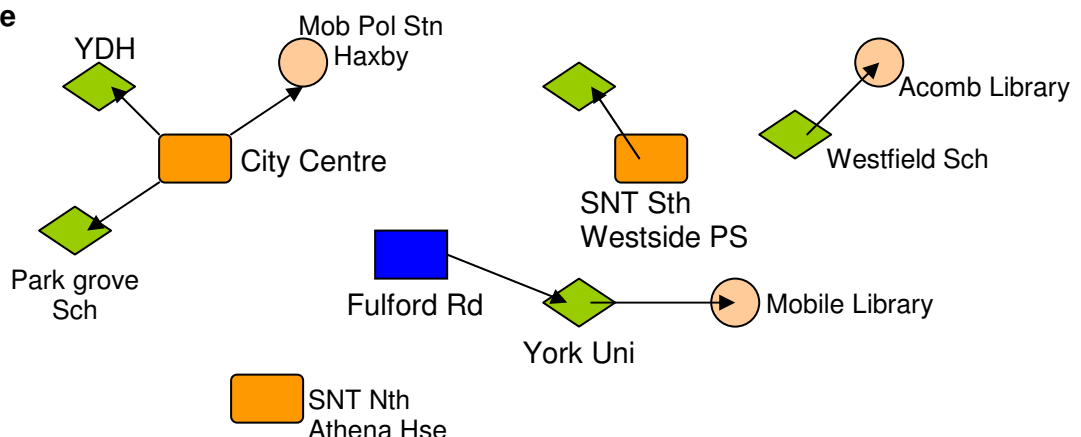
Next Steps

The Central Area Management Team, in conjunction with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Partners need to agree the final list of proposed premises.


Each premise will need to be identified as either a potential site for police/multi-agency surgeries, or whether the building is being put forward as one which could become an operational base for the team.


An agreement to extend this to existing mobile platforms Library Services, Fire Service and Mobile Police Stations etc needs to be explored.


Example



Annex Two

 Fixed asset ie Police station where officers start and finish, IT currently connected or could be.

 Temp site where officers work from during their shift, could start and finish and may be able to use internet access. Flexible to current demands.

 A point used for engagement by SNT on a regular basis when needed and can easily be changed when needed without cost.