



## NORTH AREA COMMITTEE



### AGENDA

**To: City Councillors:** Todd-Jones (Chair), Price (Vice Chair), Pitt, Tunnacliffe, Abbott, Austin, Bird, Gawthrop, O'Reilly, Perry, Sarris and M. Smart

**County Councillors:** Manning, Onasanya, Sales and Scutt

*Dispatched: Tuesday, 19 August 2014*

**Date:** Thursday, 28 August 2014

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Venue:** Shirley Primary School, Nuffield Road, Cambridge CB4 1TF

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**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION (INCLUDING DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST)**

**'YOU SAID, WE DID, YOU WANT TO KNOW'**

**3 TO CONFIRM WHAT WAS SAID (MINUTES) AT THE LAST MEETING AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE (ACTION LIST)**  
*(Pages 5 - 22)*

**4 FREQUENCY OF FUTURE NORTH AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS** *(Pages 23 - 24)*

At the Council meeting of the 24th July 2014, it was agreed that Area Committee meeting frequency was to be altered from the current 'every eight weeks' to 'at least four times per year' commencing from October 2014. Each Area Committee would set its own timetable of meetings for the municipal year.

Members are asked to review the meeting schedule for the coming year.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Agenda Items</b>
30/10/14	Open Forum
18/12/14	Open Forum Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods
12/02/15	Open Forum
09/04/15	Open Forum Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods Community Grants

Current schedule (September 2014 – May 2015) attached.

## **5 YOU WANT TO KNOW (OPEN FORUM)**

### **COMMUNITY FORUM – JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THESE ITEMS**

## **6 POLICING & SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS (Pages 25 - 40)**

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**NORTH AREA COMMITTEE**3 July 2014  
7.45pm - 10.19 pm

**Present:** Councillors Todd-Jones (Chair), Price (Vice Chair), Tunnacliffe, Abbott, Austin, Bird, Gawthrope, O'Reilly, Perry and M. Smart

**County Councillors:** Manning, Onasanya, Sales and Scutt

**Officers: present:**

Tim Wetherfield: Urban Growth Project Manager

Andrew Preston: Project Delivery & Environment Manager

Alistair Wilson: Asset Manager

Glenn Burgess: Committee Manager

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL****Request to film the meeting**

The Chair gave permission for Mr Richard Taylor to film the meeting. It was confirmed that the filming would cease if members of the public or speakers expressed a desire not to be filmed. Members of the public were given an opportunity to state if they did not want to be filmed.

One member of the public requested not to be filmed and this was communicated to Mr Taylor.

**14/53/NAC Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Pitt and Councillor Sarris.

**14/54/NAC Welcome and Introduction (including Declarations of Interest)**

The Chair welcomed the public and explained the format of the meeting.

Thanks were expressed to Councillor Pitt for Chairing the meeting during 2013/14 and new members of the committee were welcomed.

Declarations of Interest

Item	Councillor	Interest
14/58/NAC	Scutt	Personal: Member of the Friends of Mitcham's Corner
14/59/NAC	Manning	Personal: Lives on the Vie Estate

**14/55/NAC TO CONFIRM WHAT WAS SAID (MINUTES) AT THE LAST MEETING AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE (ACTION LIST)**

Councillor Manning proposed the following addition to 14/41/NAC – Open Forum (page 9 of the agenda):

Response to Mr Richard Taylor's question regarding the Fen Road Steering Group:

*“Councillor Manning pointed out that the Fen Road Steering Group was a public meeting, advertised at both preceding Area Committees. Councillor Manning also stated that he had repeatedly told Mr Taylor this personally, as well as in public.”*

Councillor Manning proposed the following addition to 14/42/NAC - Proposed 20mph for Victoria Road (page 15 or the agenda):

Addition underlined

“Councillor Manning prompted those present that the proposal was about protecting local residents and should not be about protecting Stage Coach's profits.”

Councillor Price noted that the question regarding hate crime figures (14/41/NAC Police and Safer Neighbourhoods - page 11 of the agenda) should be attributed to Mr Timothy Sykes and not Mr Timothy *Bond*.

Mr Michael Bond proposed the following amendment to his public question regarding 20mph speed limits (14/41/NAC Police and Safer Neighbourhoods – page 10 of the agenda):

Delete and replace with:

**Michael Bond: I was delighted to see the team in Arbury Road enforcing the 20mph speed limit which did have an effect on driver's behaviour. I acknowledge that it is difficult to keep to the 20mph limit.**

With these minor amendments it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 8 May 2014 would be signed by the Chair at the next meeting.

The Committee noted the updated actions as detailed on the action sheet.

The following oral updates were noted:

Via the Chair, Councillor Pitt had requested that the replanting of trees on Milton Road which were being affected by the bus route be added to the Action Sheet. This requested was noted.

13/81/NAC Open Forum – cycle signage: Councillor Onasanya confirmed she had received a draft plan based on the initial survey. This was not a definitive map but an indication of 'work in progress'.

14/9/NAC Open Forum – enforcement vehicle and penalty notices for pavement parking: Councillor Manning suggested that the committee write to the Community Safety Partnership for an update on the action taken. This requested was noted.

14/40/NAC Open Forum – cost of repairs to bridge at Jesus Green: Councillor Manning confirmed that the cost was likely to be around £330,000 and would form part of the railway station project.

14/26/NAC – tree roots causing a trip hazard: Councillor Manning confirmed that the issue was ongoing.

14/40/NAC Open Forum - improvement to communication regarding future work projects: Councillor Onasanya confirmed that she had spoken with officers and had been assured that communication had been as wide as possible. Officers requested feedback from the public where they thought consultation and communication could have been improved.

**14/56/NAC YOU WANT TO KNOW (OPEN FORUM)**

**Michael Bond:** The Chesterton Festival took place last week and was a success with nearly 50 stalls, good weather and a lot of money raised for charity. I would like to thank the North Area Committee for funding this.

Noted

**Michael Bond:** St Andrew's Church Hall would only be closed for two weeks during August and then be open for the remainder of the building work. The first Manager of St Andrew's Hall, Eleanor Whalley, had left to take up a curacy at St Neots, having been ordained as a Deacon. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work.

Noted

**Lil Speed:** I would like to ask Councillor Manning how long he has been an East Chesterton Ward Councillor, how much he is paid and what he has done for the local area?

Councillor Manning responded that he had been elected in 2010 and the basic allowance for a County Councillor was £7400. He had worked on many projects in the area such as the Penny Ferry planning application, the new station development and helped raise over £100,000 for the Fen Road area.

**Lil Speed:** You have not improved paving in the area or addressed pothole issues. Who is your boss?

Councillor Manning responded that local residents were his 'boss' as they had elected him as a Councillor.

**Richard Taylor:** I support Councillor Pitt's request to keep the Milton Road trees issue on the Action List.

Councillor O'Reilly agreed to provide an update to the next meeting.

**Richard Taylor:** I suggest that no work be progressed on the cycle signage draft plan received by Councillor Onasanya until a final definitive version is agreed.

Noted



**Richard Taylor: I cannot find any information of the City Council's 'Public Access' system regarding conditions on the development at the junction of Milton Road and Woodhead Drive. Can the North Area Committee please look into this?**

Councillor Onasanya agreed to liaise with County Highways regarding the safety assessment.

### **14/57/NAC Revised project appraisal for the BMX track at Brown's Field**

The committee received a report from the Asset Manager regarding the BMX track at Brown's Field, which NAC had previously identified as a local S106 priority project.

The committee had considered an earlier project appraisal last February but had asked officers to revise the project proposals (without the need for additional funding beyond the £30,000 already assigned) and undertake further consultation in order to take account of concerns from some local residents. Arrangements were now being made to select a contractor to develop specific design proposals. Consultation on these proposals would then be undertaken this summer.

An update on the specific design proposals for this project and the feedback from subsequent consultation with local residents and BMX track users will be reported back to the NAC Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokes (or full Area Committee, if appropriate) before going ahead with this project.

In response to Member's questions the Asset Manager said the following:

- i. He was confident that the final scheme proposed for the site would work for all involved.
- ii. The Children and Young People's Participation Service (ChYpPS) were assisting with the consultation on the design proposals.

**Resolved** (by 8 votes to 0):

Financial recommendations –

- To continue this scheme, which is included on the Council's Capital & Revenue Project Plan (PR031b).

- The total cost of the project remains as £30,000 which is funded from developer contributions listed in Appendix B of the officer's report.
- That the ongoing revenue costs of the project are £1,500 per year over 20 years funded from existing repairs and renewals budgets.

#### **Procurement recommendations:**

- To approve the carrying out and completion of the procurement of a BMX facility to the value of £30,000.
- Subject to:
  - The permission of the Director of Business Transformation being sought prior to proceeding, if the quotation or tender sum exceeds the estimated contract.
  - The permission from the North Area Committee Chair being sought before proceeding if the value exceeds the estimated contract by more than 15%.
  - A further consultation on concepts and designs shortlisted from a Request for Quotation.

#### **14/58/NAC PROPOSED S106 DEVOLVED GRANT FOR MITCHAM'S MODELS PUBLIC ART PROJECT**

The committee received a report from the Urban Growth Project Manager regarding the Mitcham's Models Public Art Project. It was proposed that the following additional grant condition be included alongside those listed in section 5.8 of the officer's report:

- i. The grant recipients must take into account public safety matters and acquire the necessary safety approvals.

The committee agreed this additional condition unanimously.

In response to member's questions the Urban Growth Project Manager said the following:

- ii. The S106 Public Art contributions were ideally suited to fund this type of project.

Paddy Mannion (Friends of Mitcham's Corner) spoke in support of the project and confirmed the following:

- i. The mannequins would be professionally installed.
- ii. A full risk assessment had been undertaken.
- iii. Whilst a mannequin would be sited on a fire escape at 135 Chesterton Road this escape point was redundant and no longer is use.
- iv. Whilst the mannequin at Dumbleton's would be sited on a fire escape it would not be blocking the escape route.

Members spoke in support of the public art project.

**Resolved** (unanimously) to:

Agree the grant-funding request from the Friends of Mitcham's Corner for £2000 of devolved public art S106 contributions towards the costs of the Mitcham's Models project, subject to the grant conditions below:

- the mannequins must be decorated appropriately and not bring the Council into disrepute;
- the grant recipients must have permission from the landowner to site the mannequins on their land;
- as part of your Health & Safety Policy, please ensure that your risk assessment, amongst other issues, assesses the risks of using paint and the positioning of the mannequins;
- you must also consider what insurance might be required;
- the grant recipients must take into account public safety matters and acquire the necessary safety approvals.

#### **14/59/NAC Environmental Improvement Programme - NAC**

The committee received a report from the Project Delivery and Environment Manager.

An updated covering report, updated Appendix A, additional scheme N28 (Vie Estate parking management) and updated Appendix E were tabled. These documents can be accessed via:

<http://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/documents/b8303/Updated%20Environmental%20Improvement%20Report%20and%20appendices%2003rd-Jul-2014%2019.30%20North%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=9>

It was also noted that the school warning sign project had been omitted from Appendix E. With this correction the remaining sub-total should read £965.

In response to member's questions the Project Delivery and Environment Manager said the following:

- i. In response to complaints from the public the contractors responsible for the hanging baskets along Chesterton High Street would be asked to be mindful of causing a noise disturbance early in the morning.
- ii. It was more cost effective to advertise the Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) together where possible.
- iii. A lengthy statutory legal process was required when progressing TRO's. This could only be undertaken by County Council officers, and not City Council officers.
- iv. Scheme N1 would not form part of the new station area improvements.
- v. The average cost of a single dropped kerb would be £2500-£3000 but this would be dependent on the site.
- vi. Tackling dropped kerbs across the whole of the North area would be a resource intensive task. It was suggested that consultation be undertaken with Ward Councillors and disability groups to identify the highest priority areas.
- vii. The issue with the flooding outside shops was being addressed through the County Council's S106 process. Consultation would be undertaken in due course but the issue would be raised further with the City Council's property team.
- viii. Officers had visited Chesterton High Street to assess the proposed pavements and kerb improvements (Scheme N26). The main problem was the level of the carriage way, not the level of the footway. The proposed £15,000 may not be sufficient and therefore, as it was a highways issue, the County Council may be asked for additional funds.

Mr Skeffington and Mr Romsopoulos spoke in support of Scheme N7.

Councillors spoke in support of their preferred schemes as listed in the officer's amended report.

The committee:

**Resolved** (unanimously) to

- i. Note the progress of existing schemes listed in Appendix C of the officer's report.
- ii. Allocate funding of £5,954 for the annual provision and maintenance of 36 hanging baskets along Chesterton High Street.

**Resolved** to:

- i. Allocate the following match funding to the schemes that have secured a contribution from Cambridgeshire County Council's Local Highway Improvement Programme:

- N1: Agreed by 7 vote to 0 - £1000 as requested
- N3: Agreed unanimously - reduced amount of £1000
- N7: Agreed unanimously - £1000 as requested
- N12: Agreed unanimously - £1000 as requested
- N13: Agreed unanimously - £5000 as requested
- N28: Agreed unanimously - £500 as requested

**Resolved** to:

- ii. Allocate to the following projects as listed in the amended Appendix A of the officer's report:

- N2: Agreed (unanimously) - £2500 as requested
- N5: Agreed (unanimously) - £3000 as requested
- N11: Agreed (by 8 votes to 0) - £1000 as requested
- N18: Agreed (unanimously) - £5000 as requested
- N21: Agreed (unanimously) - £5000 as requested
- N22: Agreed (unanimously) - £5000 as requested
- N24: Agreed (unanimously) - £2000 as requested
- N27: Agreed (unanimously) - £2500 as requested

**Resolved** (unanimously) to:

iii. Defer a decision on the following projects as listed in the amended Appendix A of the officer's report:

- N4
- N6
- N8
- N9
- N16
- N17
- N20
- N26

**Resolved** (unanimously) to:

iv. Incorporate N14, N15 and N23 as part of the strategic N25 dropped crossing improvements scheme (total allocation of £25,000)

**Resolved** (by 8 votes 0) to:

v. Remove N10 from the list.

**Resolved** (unanimously) to:

vi. Remove N19 from the list.

**Resolved** (unanimously) to:

- vii. Approve the delivery of the minor traffic regulation orders listed in the amended Appendix E, at an estimated cost of £3,350, funded by the remainder of the North Area Committee 2011/12 joint minor highway works budget.
- viii. Approve the projects for implementation, subject to positive consultation where required and final approval by Ward Councillors.

**Resolved** (by 8 votes to 0) to:

i. Allocate the remaining £15,777 to the strategic N25 dropped crossing improvements scheme.

The meeting ended at 10.19 pm

**CHAIR**

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**COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>North Area Committee</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014</b>
<b>Circulated on</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> August 2014</b>
<b>Updated on</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> August 2014</b>

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>LEAD OFFICER/MEMBER</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
Trees on Milton Road affected by the bus route			Added to the Action Sheet at the request of Councillor Pitt – and with the agreement of the committee on 3 July 2014.
Developer Contributions and Devolved Decision Making - First Round Priority-Setting for Play Area Improvement	Alistair Wilson, Streets and Open Spaces Asset Manager	Final update requested when projects out to consultation / delivered	To follow:  Claire Tunncliffe e-mailed for an update on 14/05/14
13/81/Open Forum (12) Request action from County Council to improve cycle signage in the North Area.	Councillor Onasanya	Additional updates provided	<p><b>Update: Mike Davies, Team Leader - Cycling Projects</b></p> <p>I have been following the North Area Committee's discussions about cycle signage and lack of clarity etc. Dugald Peebles has been talking to a colleague of mine, and I have given the matter some further thought. It seems to me that to look into this properly is quite a large piece of work, and indeed Cambridge Cycling Campaign and various bloggers have created a large resource of information that we need to review, as well as inspecting on site and comparing with what we believe is shared use and what isn't.</p> <p>I therefore propose to give this 'project' to a new member of staff who is due to start here in March. I would hope that a report with recommendations and details of new signs and markings needed will be ready by July. We will then work with maintenance colleagues to put new signs/markings in place and we'll work to</p>

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			<p>deploy new areas as shared use or indeed to take away shared use provision in other places.</p> <p>Where Milton Road is concerned it seems that there are different 'eras' of signage there, and as one scheme has gone in the older scheme has not been reviewed.</p> <p>This probably sounds like a long way away, but at least the whole issue will then be wrapped up and dealt with properly – <b>On-going</b></p> <p><b>Update from Cllr Onasanya (at 3 July meeting)</b></p> <p>Draft plan based on the initial survey has been received. Whilst not a definitive map – it is an indication of 'work in progress'</p> <p><b>Update from Cllr Onasanya post meeting</b></p> <p>I was advised that information had come back to confirm the Traffic Regulation Orders in place on Milton Road, in other words this tells me where you can legally cycle on the footway.</p> <p>Armed with this information, they have advised they now need to double check what is on the ground and then to tweak our proposals for improving signage.</p> <p>They have apologised that this is all taking a while, but advised that this is because it has to compete with other issues that , given certain funding deadlines, have taken priority at the moment.</p>
14/9/NAC Open Forum – Request use of enforcement vehicle and penalty notices for pavement parking that causes an obstruction	County Councillor Onasanya		<p>Consultation completed. Results and any further action to follow.</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> April - Update in respect of the pavement parking, Philip Hammer has advised that Civil Parking Enforcement Powers (legislation under the Traffic Management Act 2004) that the Council use are essentially based around "signs and lines". As such the Police still retain the right to enforce against illegal parking and Mr Hammer has advised that if the Police insist we should</p>

			<p>address parking where no restrictions are in place, to give them his details and he will clarify the matter with them.</p> <p>His details are as follows: <a href="mailto:Philip.Hammer@cambridgeshire.gov.uk">Philip.Hammer@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Update from Cllr Manning (at 3 July meeting)</b></p> <p>Suggested Committee write to Community Safety Partnership for an update.</p> <p><b>Letter has been sent.</b></p>
<p>14/13/NAC – Speed awareness courses for 20pmh offences. Who will provide them and will they be offered locally.</p>	Councillor Ward		<p><b>Update:</b> This matter would remain on the action sheet to allow Officers to discuss the matter further with the Police.</p> <p>There is a local provider of speed awareness courses, and drivers don't have to take them in Cambridge. Details of the company to follow.</p> <p>However whilst national rules allow for speed awareness courses for 20mph violations there is currently no local course set up. Police are investigating what needs to be done to achieve this, and Councillor Ward will report back later - <b>On-going</b></p>
<p>14/26/NAC - Tree roots opposite Co-op Green End Road causing trip hazard</p>	Councillor Manning		<p><b>Update:</b> Additional tree has been added to the list for remedial work but the item is still on-going.</p> <p>Further update: given the cost and the fact that there is now an EIP in that area, and a project I have got added to the Northern Area Corridor Transport Plan pot, it will be done as part of one of these. Officers have confirmed this won't affect either project (in terms of adding extra cost or stopping elements from being done).</p>
<p>14/40/NAC Open Forum - Investigate the cost of repairs to the bridge at Jesus Green.</p>	Councillor Manning		<p><b>Update:</b> E-mailed County Cllr Cearns (West / Central Area Committee) requesting if he could find out the cost of repairs, sent 16.05.14</p>

			<p><b>Update from Cllr Manning (at 3 July meeting)</b></p> <p>Cost was likely to be around £330,000 and would form part of railway station project</p>
<p>14/40/NAC Open Forum – The Chair requested that County Officers were advised that communication needed to be improved for future work projects, particularly when an area is to be shut. Communication had been sparse concerning the bridge at Jesus Green.</p>	<p>Councillors Manning &amp; Onasanya</p>		<p><b>Update from Cllr Onasanya (at 3 July meeting)</b></p> <p>She had spoken with officers and they assured her that communication had been as wide as possible. Officers had requested feedback on how it could be improved.</p>
<p>14/41/NAC To investigate the possibility if the Crime Figures could display drug related offences in a separate column of the report.</p>	<p>Councillor Pitt</p>		

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## Agenda Items Suggested by the Public and, as yet, not delivered

1. Invite County Council Officers/Members to comment on Highway repairs.
2. Discussion on pavement damage/repairs including problems with tree roots.
3. Dual use crossings and the timings of traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing.
4. Report on changes to Brownfields and the impact of changes to the Children and Young People's Participation Service (ChYpPS).
5. S106 Transport Corridor Workshop feedback.
6. Resident Parking.
7. Play Areas including a progress report on Hawkin Road.
8. Location of recycling areas.
9. Improvements to Cycle Paths Yellow Lines
10. Community Events section on every agenda
11. Fen Road
12. New Bridge over the River Cam.
13. Progress on New Primary School.
14. 20mph data monitoring.
15. Recognition/discussion that a large section of the attendees at this meeting do not wish to be filmed.

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# Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City North Neighbourhood

August 2014



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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **Aim**

The aim of the Neighbourhood profile update is to provide an overview of action taken since the last reporting period, identify ongoing and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future priorities and activity in order to facilitate effective policing and partnership working in the area.

The document should be used to inform multi-agency neighbourhood panel meetings and neighbourhood policing teams, so that issues can be identified, effectively prioritised and partnership problem solving activity undertaken.

### **Methodology**

This document was produced using the following data sources:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident data for May to July 2014, compared to the previous reporting period (February to April 2014) and the same reporting period in 2013.
- City Council environmental services data for the period April to July 2014, compared to the same reporting period in 2013; and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

## 2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the North Area Committee meeting of 8 May 2014, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Combat drug dealing in the North area.
- Road safety issues (including 20mph compliance) in the North area.
- ASB in the green areas in the North area.

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 15 May 2014, assigned the actions to be taken and lead officers for each of the priorities. The tables below summarise the action taken and the current situation.

<b>Combat drug dealing in the North area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Combat drug dealing in the North area
<b>Action Taken</b>	The North team has had a number of successes since the last meeting, albeit down on previous occasions, with seven persons arrested; six of these were from outside Cambridge, five being from London. However, four more have been sent to court, for offences of possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply. The paperwork and investigative burden on officers, in such cases is considerable and explains the decline in street activity. We have continued to focus on disruption to drug dealers coming into the North of Cambridge, with stop/searches and focussed patrols. Officers continue to gather information and obtain warrants to further disrupt this trade. We are now working with a number of other forces around the region to better understand the market and the City's place within it. It is important to note that London-based dealers are still intent on servicing the Cambridge market, bringing with them inherent issues of increased violence.
<b>Current Situation</b>	The continued fall in local shoplifting would seem to be indicative of disruption to supply, as is theft from motor vehicles. However, cycle theft (another crime linked to drug-motivated criminals) has gone up, despite success in supporting a prolific cycle thief into rehab.
<b>Lead Officers</b>	Inspector Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>Road safety issues (including 20mph compliance) in the North area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Address road safety issues (including 20mph compliance) in the North area
<b>Action Taken</b>	With the support from the Special Constabulary we have continued to address issues around road safety, concentrating on areas with schools or where we have had complaints. A number of people have been processed for offences ranging from not wearing a seatbelt to speeding.
<b>Current Situation</b>	We have appointed a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) who will continue to work with the Special Constabulary to deal with issues of road safety including speed enforcement within the neighbourhood. PC Doug MacKenzie is the SPOC and as an ex-traffic officer is the perfect appointment.
<b>Lead Officers</b>	Inspector Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>ASB in the green areas in the North area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Address ASB in the green areas in the North area
<b>Action Taken</b>	Both officers and PCSOs have undertaken patrols of green areas. Officers have often been in plain clothes and combined this work with their efforts to combat drug dealing and use. We have continued to receive limited reports of anti-social behaviour in these areas but expected that increase over the summer months and the school holidays.
<b>Current Situation</b>	Anecdotally, PCSOs are reporting a decrease in issues on the green spaces. It is encouraging that crimes associated with recs and parks (for example, ASB, robbery and criminal damage) have fallen quite considerably, which cautiously suggests that this shows the success/impact of making this a priority.
<b>Lead Officers</b>	Inspector Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

### **3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES**

- There has been a considerable reduction in antisocial behaviour (ASB) by comparison to the same period last year; of course it has increased from the previous “colder” reporting period.
- There has been an increase in recorded violent crime by comparison to both the previous reporting period and this same period last year. This is reflected across the City and is currently being scrutinised. Reporting procedures have changed and the City Centre is busier which may be responsible for some of this. It is worth noting that “violent crime” includes

relatively minor public order offences and reassuringly, Addenbrooke's reports NO increase in injury caused by assault.

- There has been a reduction in theft of and theft from motor vehicle by comparison to both the previous reporting period and this same period last year. This is encouraging, albeit that there seems a current trend wherein cars are stolen during burglaries.
- Robbery has decreased but cycle theft has seen a surprising increase, which we need to address.
- The North team continues to hold its community engagement surgeries at Arbury Court (last Wednesday of every month: 11am to 1pm) and Tesco Express, High Street Chesterton (last Tuesday of every month: 1pm to 3pm).

**4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**CURRENT CRIME & ASB INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD**

AREA	WARDS	Dwelling Burglary	Other Burglary	Violent Crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
<b>City North</b>	May 14 – Jul 14	32	22	128	5	8	22	99	38	77	184	615	332
	May 13 – Jul 13	32	17	114	5	14	30	64	53	91	148	568	417
	Feb 14 – Apr 14	28	32	93	15	10	17	81	46	50	241	613	288
<b>Arbury</b>	May 14 – Jul 14	9	4	24	3	4	7	26	13	14	45	149	79
	May 13 – Jul 13	14	6	32	1	6	5	21	17	22	37	161	110
	Feb 14 – Apr 14	12	12	26	2	3	2	16	20	18	51	162	73
<b>East Chesterton</b>	May 14 – Jul 14	9	4	32	0	1	6	25	4	22	51	154	93
	May 13 – Jul 13	5	4	29	1	1	6	8	2	32	20	108	114
	Feb 14 – Apr 14	6	3	25	3	2	5	20	6	11	73	154	72
<b>King's Hedges</b>	May 14 – Jul 14	6	7	49	1	3	7	19	16	28	46	182	103
	May 13 – Jul 13	7	4	33	2	3	12	10	27	22	44	164	110
	Feb 14 – Apr 14	5	15	31	6	2	2	12	6	16	75	170	90
<b>West Chesterton</b>	May 14 – Jul 14	8	7	23	1	0	2	29	5	13	42	130	57
	May 13 – Jul 13	6	3	20	1	4	7	25	7	15	47	135	83
	Feb 14 – Apr 14	5	2	11	4	3	8	33	14	5	42	127	53

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA**

### **Arbury**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- April to July 2014: 10 reports, which included
  - 4 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 3 vehicles subsequently claimed by their owners
  - 1 vehicle impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having a valid tax disc
  - 1 vehicle held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 6 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- April to July 2014: 52 reports, which included
  - 6 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
  - 1 verbal warning
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 24 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- April to July 2014: 9
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 5

#### *Needle finds*

- April to July 2014: 1
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 2

### **East Chesterton**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- April to July 2014: 10 reports, which included
  - 1 vehicle not on site following inspection
  - 8 vehicles subsequently claimed by their owners
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 8 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- April to July 2014: 15 reports
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 2 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- April to July 2014: 10
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 10

#### *Needle finds*

- April to July 2014: 194<sup>1</sup>
- Hotspots: Nuffield Road (180)
- April to July 2013: 7

### **King's Hedges**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- April to July 2014: 15 reports, which included
  - 9 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 1 CLE26 notice issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying a valid tax disc on a public highway
  - 1 vehicle held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 7 reports

#### *Fly tipping*

- April to July 2014: 43 reports, which included
  - 10 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- Offences at Cadwin Field accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 8 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- April to July 2014: 3
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 6

#### *Needle finds*

- April to July 2014: 3<sup>2</sup>
- Hotspots: Campkin Road (3)
- April to July 2013: 2

### **West Chesterton**

#### *Abandoned vehicles*

- April to July 2014: 4 reports
- Hotspots: None

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<sup>1</sup> 180 needles were collected securely by a City Council Ranger from the Shirley Primary School, which had been handed in to the school office during April. Additionally, 14 used needles were recovered from the riverbank.

<sup>2</sup> 3 needles recovered behind flats



- April to July 2013: 1 report

#### *Fly tipping*

- April to July 2014: 14 reports
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 2 reports

#### *Derelict cycles*

- April to July 2014: 8
- Hotspots: None
- April to July 2013: 18

#### *Needle finds*

- April to July 2014: 7<sup>3</sup>
- Hotspots: Hawthorn Way (7)
- April to July 2013: 4

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Continue with the work against drug dealers: this is a situation which could easily escalate and attracts other, potentially more serious, criminality. As an organisation, we are now putting more resources into this and linking with other Forces; the Met being one.
- Continue with the support of the 20mph limit to assist in embedding it in local culture.
- Address cycle crime: this has gone up and focussing on this will also assist in arresting anti-social cycling. We are getting some good information of this area of business, which will hopefully lead to successful action.

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<sup>3</sup> 7 used needles recovered from garage block; reported to Environmental Health by a contractor and Streets and Open Spaces collected them.

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## **Extract from Minutes of meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

### **Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods - North Area Committee**

The Committee received a report from Sergeant Wragg regarding Policing and Safer Neighbourhood Trends.

The report outlined actions taken since the North Area Committee of the 6 February 2014. The current emerging issues/neighbourhood trends for each ward were also highlighted (see report for full details).

Members of the public made the following comments:

**Leila Dockerill: Who is assessing the 20mph zones, do you need to have a Traffic Warden as the Police do not have much time to do this?**

Sergeant Wragg explained that the scheme for 20 mph compliance was still in the early stages but with the data that was being received, problem areas could be identified, allowing the Police to better engage their resources, ensuring more visible enforcement where required.

**Kay Harris: With the lighter evenings will there be an increase in surveillance? The figures in the report showed Kings Hedges as having the highest crime rate. Will we see a higher percentage of surveillance in this area, particular in the evenings?**

**Kay Harris: Having listened to Sir Graham Bright at a recent meeting of the North Area Committee regarding future plans, are we going to see more people on the beat?**

Sergeant Wragg advised that he could not answer those questions.

**Timothy Sykes: Would like the Committee to note that I am supportive of the proposed priorities. I am aware how short staffed the Police are and would like to thank them for all their hard work.**

Sergeant Wragg thanked Timothy Skyes for his comments

**Richard Taylor: Would like to see a more formal consultation brought into the public domain regarding how anti-social driving can be tackled on Fen Road, not just discussed within the Fen Road Steering Group.**

Councillor Manning pointed out that that Fen Road Steering Group was a public meeting, advertised at both proceeding Area Committees. Councillor Manning also stated that he had repeatedly told Mr Taylor this personally, as well as in public.

**Richard Taylor: I attended the Kings Hedges Anti-Social Behaviour meeting on 2 April and am surprised to note that there was no reference to that meeting in the Police report. Two areas of concern raised at the meeting were:**

**Dog Fouling (It would be nice to know the outcome of the poster campaign in the area).**

**Littering left on Campkin Road outside Tesco (an allegation was made that the litter was caused by students and members of the meeting were informed that the Police did not take action as they did not give out enforcement notices to young people).**

Councillor Price informed the Committee that he also attended the same meeting where he had advised attendees that it was City Council Enforcement Officers not the Police who did not issue enforcement notices to under 18's for a number of reasons. It was important not to blame the students entirely for littering but it had been recognised there was more littering during term time.

**Michael Bond: I was delighted to see the team in Arbury Road enforcing the 20mph speed limit which did have an effect on driver's behaviour. I acknowledge that it is difficult to keep to the 20mph limit.**

Sergeant Wragg thanked Michael Bond for his comments.

**Kay Harris: Police enforcement for speeding is needed overnight, perhaps cameras are needed to combat this problem.**

Sergeant Wragg stated that the Police did carry out enforcement at night but had to prioritise their resources. Greater Police presence was required at the most vulnerable times such as the school run when the roads / pavements were being used by a high proportion of people as opposed to late at night or the early hours of the morning.

**Colin Davidson: As more Police presence is needed to enforce the speed limits set in the North Area perhaps cardboard cut outs of Police Officers could be used.**

Sergeant Wragg replied that there were some Police Forces that had used cardboard cut outs as deterrents in empty shops that seemed to have a positive effect. But queried where the cut-outs could be positioned without being vandalised.

**Timothy Sykes: What percentage of the Crime Figures were hate crime, in particularly disability hate crime?**

Sergeant Wragg replied that this was very low.

The Committee made the following comments:

Councillor Ward acknowledged that there were a number of roads in the North Area which would benefit from the road safety priorities, such as Arbury and the top end of Histon Road.

Councillor O'Reilly stated that she supported the three priorities and would like to highlight Roseford Road and the top end of Histon Road as hot spots for police enforcement.

Councillor Todd Jones queried if there was a time period before drivers started to feel comfortable after the introduction of 20mph before enforcement started particularly on persistent hot spots.

Councillor Wragg acknowledged that it did take time for drivers to get used to the changes and to become aware of new signage and their environment. The Police were working on educating the public to those 20mph changes as this was still in the early stages. More

details could be supplied at the next North Area Committee when Police Priorities Settings were on the agenda.

Councillor Manning referenced Nuffield Road as a hot spot for enforcement, particularly outside the School. He then asked if the Police would be able to report back to the Committee those areas where signage, particularly for 20mph, needed to be improved.

Councillor Bird recommended that County Council work with the Parking Enforcement Officer to try to elevate some of the issues during the school run on Nuffield Road.

Councillor Ward advised that signage issues should be reported to the Environment Improvement Manager who advised the Committee that there were restrictions on where signage could be placed.

Councillor Tunnacliffe stated that he believed Gilbert Road to be a hot spot with the issue of people cycling on the pavement. He had also received a number of complaints about motorbikes and scooters being driven that do not have silencers on and create a high level of noise.

Sergeant Wragg acknowledged that Gilbert Road was a problem and that there were a number of issues with the road, including the design. If Officers did spot or hear a motor cycle breaking the noise level the driver would be stopped.

Councillor Bird inquired where the domestic violence figures had been recorded in the Crime Figures and noted that fly tipping had increased and questioned the reason why.

Sergeant Wragg advised that the domestic violence figures had been recorded in Violent Crimes. With regards to fly tipping he could not offer any explanation.

Councillor Brierley asked for the crime figures to show drug related offences in a separate column. This would give visibility to those crimes and assist in identifying trends. He also suggested that Kings Hedges Road should also be included as a hot spot and queried if collaboration working would be beneficial and had been considered.

**Action: Councillor Pitt.**

Councillor Price stated that he was in agreement with the recommended priorities. But the crime figures in King's Hedges showed an increase in many areas and queried if the priority settings took away from the day to day police presence in Kings Hedges. With only one PCSO in the area did the Police hope to recruit more?

Sergeant Wragg advised that the recruitment freeze for PCSO's had been lifted so there should be a visible increase in the area in the near future.

Councillor Pitt asked that the list of hot spots identified during the meeting be minuted. These were:

Top end of Histon Road

Roseford Road

Orchard Park

Gilbert Road

Nuffield Rod

Kings Hedges Road

Arbury Road

The Committee:

**Resolved** (unanimously) to prioritise the following:

Combat drug dealing in the North Area

Road safety issues (including 20mph limit compliance) in the North Area.

Anti-social behaviour in the green areas in North Area.

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