



Cambridge City Council East Area Committee

Date: Thursday, 9 January 2020

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Cambridge United Hospitality Suite: The Abbey Stadium, Newmarket Road (turn into Cut Throat Lane) Cambridge. CB5 8LN.

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Agenda

Exhibition Item: Cambridge University Hospitals - Governor Elections

A Cambridge University Hospitals representative will have a display prior to the meeting to promote membership of the Foundation Trust and the opportunity to stand for election in the forthcoming 2020 governor elections.

- Cambridge University Hospitals is a Foundation Trust and has a Council of Governors.
- CUH are promoting the elections in terms of candidates but also encouraging people to sign up to be eligible to vote in the elections.

The 'Thinking of Becoming a Governor' guide is available on the CUH website.

<https://www.cuh.nhs.uk/about-us/our-management/council-governors/election-for-governors>

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- 5 Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods (Pages 17 - 24)
- 6 Open Forum
Residents of St Matthew's Gardens will be presenting a petition in the first part of the open forum. This concerns an increase in criminal activity and threatening behaviour in and around St Matthew's

Gardens and the need for CCTV in the area.

7 Estate Improvement Scheme (Pages 25 - 28)

8 East Area Committee Dates 2020/21

Members are asked to agree the following dates for the municipal year 2020/21.

Thursday, 9 July 2020, 7.00pm

Thursday, 17 September 2020, 7.00pm

Thursday, 3 December 2020, 7.00pm

Thursday, 18 March 2020, 7.00pm

City Councillors: Barnett (Chair), Moore (Vice-Chair), Baigent, Davies, Davey, Green, Hadley, Herbert, Johnson, Massey, Robertson and Smith

County Councillors: Jones, Kavanagh and Whitehead

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EAST AREA COMMITTEE

10 October 2019

7.00 - 9.00 pm

Present

Area Committee Members: Councillors Barnett (Chair), Moore (Vice-Chair), Baigent, Davies, Green, Hadley, Herbert, Massey, Robertson, Jones, Kavanagh and Whitehead

Officers:

Enforcement Team Leader: Nick Kester

Public Realm & Project Delivery Team Leader: John Richards

Head of Democratic Services: Andrew Limb

Committee Manager: Claire Tunnicliffe

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

19/28/EAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Davey, Johnson and Smith.

19/29/EAC Declarations of Interest

19/30/EAC Minutes

Councillor Green provided an update to the minute **19/21/EAC**

Had received positive notification from the Police to the matter of 'Hippy Crack', although this was more at national levels.

Councillor Massey provided an update to the minute **19/21/EAC**

The matter of keeping cycles safe at the train station park was being looked at by the relevant agencies; ideas being considered were colour coded sections, installation of turnstiles on entry and exit, or scanning in and out, a CCTV review with clearer advertising that CCTV was in use and lockable cages.

Councillor Robertson informed the Committee that Councillor Thornburrow has put forward a complaint regarding the cycle racks as they had proven not to be secure.

Councillor Massey explained that Police patrols would be increased to known hot spots of drug dealing/ taking and drug related activities in the East Area Committee as the evenings became darker.

Acknowledged that residents were put off reporting incidents of crime as they felt the Police were not following up their complaints; this had been reported back to the Police.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2019 were then signed as a correct record by the Chair.

19/31/EAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes

The Action Sheet was noted and an updated copy could be viewed at the following link under 'Committee Action Sheet':

<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=147&MId=3711&Ver=4>

19/32/EAC Environmental Report - EAC

The Committee received a report from the Enforcement Team Leader.

The report outlined an overview of City Council's Streets and Open Spaces, Environmental Health and Shared Waste service activity relating to the geographical area served by the East Area Committee over the past six months.

The Enforcement Team Leader made the following comments in response to the Committee's questions:

- i. There were at present forty four estate agents in Cambridge; thirty eight of which had been issued community protection warnings or notices (supersedes a warning) concerning the illegal placement of estate agent boards.
- ii. If three notices had been issued to one estate agent then prosecution proceedings could be begin with the maximum penalty of £20,000.
- iii. Each year a letter was written to all estate agents reminding them to comply with the regulations concerning advertising boards.
- iv. A business case would have to be put forward to use one of four demountable CCTV units at Abbey Road recycling centre to investigate

who was leaving piles of rubbish around the centre; a vehicle registration plate would have to be clearly seen.

- v. In the past there had been a number of fixed penalty notices which had been issued to members of the public.

Councillor Moore stated that as Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre she had instructed Officers to carry out a review of the recycling centres across the city as these were a hot spot for fly tipping.

Councillor Moore next advised she would speak to officers to clarify which bin shredded paper could be placed into. Corn starch bags / envelopes should be placed in the black bin or home compost and would speak to officers regarding advertising what materials went into the different coloured bins **(ACTION)**.

The Chair reiterated the Committee's thanks to the Enforcement Team Leader for such a comprehensive report.

19/33/EAC Open Forum

MOP: On Brook Road the play park for the smaller children has been refurbished but there is no fence around it which means that toddlers can get out and dogs can enter, there is also no seating; the fence along the road only has one bar which children can climb over or under.

Councillor Barnett advised she would speak with the relevant officers to discuss the matter **(ACTION)**.

MOP: Recently I attend a meeting concerning 'a vision for Mill Road' hosted by Councillor Baigent, where the issue of carbon emissions were discussed. I wanted to highlight the increase use of wood burners in the City and the pollution that they bring; there also appears to be an increase in bonfires. Does the Committee have any guidance on this matter?

Councillor Moore advised that bonfires were allowed but only garden waste was permitted to be burnt. If other material was being burnt, talk to your neighbour and/or report the matter to Environmental Health. The City Council had recently obtained a grant to undertake a feasibility study on the impact of wood burners in the city and would be looking at the restrictions that could be placed.

Councillor Jones explained there were national guidelines on wood burners and suggested guidance could be issued from the City Council to residents.

MOP: The paths through Parker's Piece need to be improved; is there a reason why this is used a share path between pedestrians and cyclist without a clear separation of the two. The shared path creates danger and conflict, especially if cyclists do not have lights on when it is dark. There are examples around the city of paths that clearly indicate separation of use, why has this not been done?

Councillor Barnett stated she would speak to Councillor Thornburrow for a response **(ACTION)**.

Councillor Whitehead advised that she had raised this issue with County Council officers who stated the current thinking was to widen the paths for cyclist to navigate around pedestrians which was deemed safer. Although not necessarily convinced divided paths did not always mean that pedestrians and cyclists stayed in their correct lanes.

Councillor Herbert stated there had been discussion with external agencies and local residents regarding how wide the paths should be on Parker's Piece; there had been resistance to really wide paths as the character and green space would be lost. Some monies from the redevelopment of the University Arms Hotel were being spent reinforcing the grass along the paths.

The Committee discussed the large number of cyclists in the city and how there must be 'give and take' from both parties; space was a premium in the City and separation was not always possible in some cases.

Councillor Green: Would like to highlight the matter of anti-social behaviour in Lyndewode Road which had escalated to residents being threatened in their own homes on occasion. The Police would be asked to treat this as a priority.

Councillor Massey stated she was also aware of these issues, which were mainly historic. The Police had been in regular touch updating her on these issues. The damage to vehicles seemed to be linked to criminal behaviour in Mill Road; with regards to a particularly violent incident the person was captured that night. Had asked Police to regularly look at Lyndewode Road due to its location to the train station.

19/34/EAC Environmental Improvement Programme

The Committee received a report from the Public Realm & Project Delivery Team Leader regarding the Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP). The report outlined changes to the EIP during 2018/19 and reviewed the latest round of applications within East Area.

The Committee were asked to recommend the following:

- i. Note the operating amendments to the programme agreed by the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces following Environment and Community Scrutiny on 21 March 2019
- ii. Note the allocation of funding to continue with a programme across all areas for the period 2019-21.
- iii. Consider the allocation of £10,890 from local area EIP funds in 2019/ 20 towards the provision of 66 summer hanging baskets along Mill Road.
- iv. Consider new project aspirations received in the latest 2019/ 20 round for funding from new central strategic, and local area, EIP allocations
- v. Identify those East area priorities to be recommended to the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces for funding from the central, strategic, EIP allocation.
- vi. Support those projects selected for implementation, subject to them being viable, obtaining consents as necessary, positive consultation and final approval by the Council's Place Board, Ward and Executive Councillors, where required.

In response to questions and comments the Public Realm Engineering & Project Delivery Team Leader said the following:

- i. There was currently over £28,000 new funding available for area led projects for this year; with a small remainder of funding from the previous year which should take the total to £35,000 approximately.
- ii. Suggested that only half the projects put forward would be affordable.
- iii. Confirmed there would be scope for discussion with the County Council regarding the strategic funding for verges and the County funding for footpaths.
- iv. The project (Romsey Planters) submitted by Councillor Baigent was not on the list in the report as officers did not consider it to be a viable and a deliverable project at this stage. Further work would be required to determine the scale and the cost to ask the Committee to prioritise funding.

- v. Any schemes not selected might be considered the following year, subject to annual budget setting.
- vi. Agreed to the Committee's request for an assessment of those projects that did not make the list which could be circulated at a later date.
- vii. Noted the request to remove E12 (Petersfield Green planting beds and benches) from the list for consideration.
- viii. The cost for providing hanging baskets for 2019 had already been incurred funded in 2018, subject to area committee approval the cost could be met by the Environmental Improvement Programme via a recharge if the Committee agreed; this would reduce the funding available for further schemes.
- ix. Might be possible to put forward funding for the hanging baskets for 2020 and not a recharge.
- x. To install the hanging baskets, the cost of the access platform and licence was considerable. There was also the cost of the servicing, though the cost would fluctuate dependent on the weather. Efforts had been made in recent years to conserve water through the type of baskets that had been purchased.

The Committee:

Resolved unanimously to:

- i. Support the following from the strategic funding:
 - E6: Whitehill Road verge protection, £10,000.
 - E9: Coleridge streets tree and verge protection, £10,000.

Resolved unanimously to

- ii. **Resolved** unanimously to allocate from the local area EIP fund to:
 - E1: Barnwell Road library beds planting, £2,000
 - E3: Dudley Road Recreation Ground addition of benches, £3,000.
 - E8: Birdwood Road bus shelter, £10,000.
 - E10: Petersfield ward streets window boxes, reduced from £10,000 to £7,000.
 - E11: North Petersfield noticeboards, £3,000.
 - E14: Romsey 'insect hotels', £2,000

- iii. **Resolved** to allocate from the local area EIP funds:
- £3000 towards the recharge for the provision of 66 summer hanging baskets along Mill Road in 2019/20.
- iv. **Resolved** to allocate from the local area EIP funds;
- £3000 to the suggested Romsey Planters project following further investigation work by officers if financially viable.
 - E10: Petersfield ward streets window boxes (£3,000 to top the full amount to £10,000 if available).
- v. **Resolved** to allocate in reserve from the strategic funding:
- E5: Wadloes Road verge planting, £8,000
 - E13: Gilsson Road (trees and tree pits (top up existing scheme), £5,000

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

CHAIR

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Committee	East Area Committee Action Sheet
Meeting Date	10/10/19
Updated on	15/10/19

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIME-SCALE	PROGRESS
<p>To speak with the City Council's Project Leader, John Richards, on producing a document that would go out to consultation on parking/ double yellow lines on Riverside and on reconfiguring the entrance to Stourbridge Common</p>	<p>Cllr Whitehead</p>	<p>11/01/18 2/07/18 22/10/18</p>	<p>The end of Riverside and Stourbridge was now being incorporated into a potential resident parking zone, which now included Riverside, Oyster Road, Garlic Row, Stanley Road and Newmarket Road. An informal survey with residents had been undertaken by Cllr Whitehead and the results would be published soon.</p> <p>The informal survey (results had shown that residents were in support of the parking zones) had been submitted to the County Council's Parking Officer. A formal public consultation was now being drawn up.</p> <p>The scheme was due to go out for formal public consultation in November with a drop in meeting for residents on 29th November.</p>
<p>To provide an update at the next meeting on a potential campaign regarding wheelie bins being left out in the street and information leaflet</p>	<p>Councillor Moore Councillor Smith Councillor Moore</p>	<p>11/01/18 11/01/18 12/07/18</p>	<p>If bins are left out on the street this becomes the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces.</p> <p>Due to a change in regulation it was now more problematic for the Council to take action. Discussion had taken place regarding the use of red stickers when the bins were not put away. A campaign was being planned to encourage residents to be more thoughtful to their neighbours when leaving their bins out, this would take place after the new recycling campaign.</p> <p>The Enforcement Officers had been working with Legal to look to target areas where the civic action route could be taken on those repeat offenders who left their bins out which became a nuisance.</p> <p>The sticker campaign was still in the planning stages.</p>
<p>To follow up with Officers on the notice issued of enforcement in relation to Walkers Garage site in Perowne Street</p>	<p>Councillor Robertson</p>	<p>11/01/18 12/07/18</p>	<p>A S215 had been served on the owners which came into effect in August 2017 which they had six months to comply. Officers would be undertaking a site visit in February and further action would be taken if required.</p> <p>Officers had received no response from the owner and would be seeking a contractor making the site safe and</p>

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIME-SCALE	PROGRESS
		10/01/19	<p>would also be looking at demolition of the building.</p> <p>No further action had yet been taken but Officers were still working on the matter.</p>
To arrange a Ward Walk About around Tiverton Way with Mrs Deards and Mrs Griffiths in May 2018 and look at possible places for bike racks to be installed.	Councillor Moore	12/07/18	The ward walk about had taken place but the officer responsible for the bike racks could not attend and had since visited separately. A meeting would be arranged with the officer to discuss this further.
Would liaise with officers what action could be taken regarding ball games being played when the signs in the area stated no ball games.	Councillor Moore	12/07/18	
To contact the Police to request additional patrols at certain time of the day along Wadloes Road (specific times had been passed on by residents to Councillor Whitehead).	Councillor Whitehead	04/14/19	
To ask Councillor Crawford to investigate the size of the parking spaces which been marked out along the Ancaster Way. It had been reported that there was not enough space in the allocated disabled bay to park to allow a wheelchair user to exit the vehicle.	Councillor Barnett	04/04/19	
Would speak with Cllr Smith (absent at the meeting) regarding signage at the Newmarket and Barnwell Road tennis courts.	Councillor Johnson	11/07/19	
To look at the licensing regulations concerning Strawberry Fair as a Member of EAC recalled that the licensing regulations stated the Fair should be advertised locally only; viewed as local event.	Councillor Massey	11/07/19 10/10/19	Had passed this to the relevant officers to look into. CLOSED
Would speak to Cllr Smith (absent at the meeting) regarding 107 Argyle Street for an update. A copy of the e-mail would also be sent to the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces (ACTION).	Councillor Barnett	11/07/19 10/10/19	Enforcement Action had been taken. CLOSED

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Neighbourhood Profile

Cambridge City East – January 2020



Wards: Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield and Romsey

Produced by:

Cambridgeshire Constabulary:

- Inspector Paul Rogerson
- Detective Sergeant Kiri Mazur

Community Safety Team, Cambridge City Council:

- Lynda Kilkelly, Community Safety Manager
- Sarah Steggles, Senior Community Safety Officer (Anti-Social Behaviour)



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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 on-going and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future areas of concern 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 data received from the following sources:

- The Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team for the area;
- The City Council's Community Safety Team;
- The general public, via online and telephone crime and intelligence reporting; and
- Consultation with elected Ward and County members.

2. Current Areas of Concern

At the East Area Committee meeting of 11 July 2019, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- Serious street-based violence, targeting offenders;
- Serious street-based violence, youth based interventions; and
- Drug related crime and acquisition crime related to drugs.

Lead officers and actions to be taken were agreed following the committee meeting. The work undertaken and current situation is detailed below.

Serious street-based violence, targeting offenders

Objective: To identify and disrupt the perpetrators of serious street-based violence.

Action Taken: We have undertaken to scan and review incidences of serious street-based violence in all East wards of Cambridge City, to understand whether there is a pattern of behaviour, specific individuals and/or specific locations that are identifiable as being hotspots for this type of violent incident. As part of this scanning, we have included locations notified to us by local residents and Councillors as being of concern. The main location raised by residents and councillors as being of concern has been St. Matthew's Gardens, however it is worth noting that most of these concerns relate specifically to drug use and dealing and that the pattern of calls and information reports to police for the

localised St. Matthew's Gardens area do not represent a significantly higher number than for other localised areas across the East of the City.

We recognise that drug use and dealing is often linked closely to serious street-based violence. There have been three incidents of serious street-based violence in the East of the City since the last area committee meeting, all of which are still live investigations and the minutiae of which therefore cannot be fully disclosed:

- Abbey Swimming Pool, 2 September 2019 – a 14-year-old male victim was stabbed by a 15-year-old male suspect following an argument in which several other young people were also involved. Serious injury was caused. The suspect was very quickly identified and arrested at his home address, and the victim received immediate medical treatment. A 13-year-old male was identified within 24 hours by local officers and has been interviewed for his part in instigating the argument. Both suspects remain under investigation with a charging decision expected soon from the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). In the aftermath of this incident, street surgery patrols were conducted jointly with Cambridge City Councillors and other community leaders. The feedback from residents in the wider Whitehill Road area was that they generally felt very safe and few were aware of the incident itself.
- Corrie Road, 19 September 2019 – a 33-year-old male victim was stabbed by a 25-year-old male defendant, causing serious injury. The victim received medical treatment and is now expected to make a full recovery. The 25-year-old male defendant has been charged with attempted murder and remains on remand in prison, awaiting trial. It became apparent in the early stages of this investigation that neither victim nor suspect had any personal connection to Corrie Road or the wider Romsey Ward. Immediately following this incident, the local neighbourhood policing team served a closure notice on a resident in a separate area of the city, to whose address all parties were believed to be connected through drugs. This has seen a noticeable drop in associated activity in the vicinity of this address and in the wider city. An Environmental Audit (EVA) was also carried out in the aftermath and several recommendations made to the Council about measures that could reduce its potential as a hotspot for serious street-based violence and other crime.
- St. Matthew's Gardens, 19 October 2019 – a 43-year-old male victim was stabbed by a 52-year-old male suspect, causing serious injury. The victim received medical treatment and is expected to make a full recovery. The suspect was identified and arrested within the week and remains under investigation pending a charging decision being received from the CPS. Neither the victim nor suspect have any personal connection to St. Matthew's Gardens or the wider Petersfield ward. In the aftermath, an EVA was carried out and several recommendations made to the Council about measures that could reduce its potential as a hotspot for serious street-based violence and other crime. We support the petition requesting cameras to be considered and installed, as this would complement the other measures suggested as a result of the EVA.

Current Situation: Where information and intelligence are passed to us regarding those areas susceptible to those intending to commit serious street-based violence, we include these areas in our local patrol plans using both overt and covert patrols. The Impact Team is regularly active in the East Wards of the City, proactively targeting those involved in

drug dealing; it is recognised that most persons engaged in this activity may be more likely to arm themselves or perpetrate violent offences.

All three suspects in the above incidents were identified and quickly arrested, and significant sentences are to be expected, if convicted. We continue to support the work of the investigators managing the above serious offences through local evidence and information gathering. Overt and covert patrols and proactive stop and search continue to be carried out by local officers and Impact Team officers to identify and remove weapons and disrupt the drug use and dealing that often leads to this type of behaviour.

Lead Officer: Detective Sergeant Kiri Mazur

Serious street-based violence, youth based interventions

Action Taken: A long planning process, started before the last area committee meeting, has now resulted in the launch of two new city-wide initiatives: the first aimed at diverting young people away from serious criminality, with proportionate interventions to local ASB reports; the second engaging with local secondary schools to provide young people with the suitable skills they need to avoid becoming embroiled in serious criminality in the first place.

Participation cohorts are drawn from all schools across the city; both schemes are in the pilot stage at present. Mechanisms for reporting positive outcomes and interventions into local area committee meetings are also still being drafted.

Current Situation: This piece of work is ongoing and remains a priority for Cambridgeshire Constabulary as well as our Local Safeguarding Children Board partners.

Lead Officer: Inspector Paul Rogerson

Drug related crime and acquisition crime related to drugs

Objective: To identify the scale of, and disrupt offenders involved in, acquisitive crime linked to drug dealing and use.

Action Taken: Immediately after the last area committee meeting, extensive scanning was carried out to identify the scale of the issue, with cycle theft having been put forward during the meeting as the perceived largest crime type linked to drugs. Scanning confirmed that a particular hotspot for cycle theft was the Cycle Point at Cambridge railway station (crime figures are publicly available at [POLICE.UK](https://www.police.uk)) with high numbers of recorded crime.

Following the scanning phase, a project was implemented in August 2019 to tackle this issue. We have worked closely with Greater Anglia, the company responsible for running and securing the Cycle Point, and have made several target hardening recommendations, including: improving signage; improving CCTV coverage in blind spot areas; improving information provided to the public on how to report crime at this location; removing old information that proved to be misleading; recommending that they consider implementing access control methods, such as swipe access or user registration; and installing a proportion of velo-box type lockable storage. Updates will have to be sought from Greater Anglia regarding which, if any, of these measures, is to be implemented as this is not a matter over which Cambridgeshire Constabulary retain any control.

We have also provided further upskilling and re-training of Constabulary staff to ensure that all are aware of the Cycle Point falling under our jurisdiction and not the British Transport Police (BTP), and that they are correctly contacting Greater Anglia when requesting CCTV.

Several public engagement events have been run at the Cycle Point aiming to increase the proportion of users registering and security marking their bicycles, and uptake of this has been good. This is vital to enable us to identify stolen and recovered bicycles. We have also increased covert and overt patrols in the location as a deterrent.

One prolific cycle thief has recently been charged with theft at this location and three others, believed to be prolific, have been arrested and remain under investigation pending the outcome of ongoing enquiries.

A warrant was also recently conducted at a Mill Road address suspected of handling stolen cycles and being involved in the supply of drugs. This was carried out in conjunction with BTP with whom we are also now working more closely and sharing information. Since this warrant was successfully conducted, there has been a marked reduction in the number of cycles being reported as stolen, down from an average 55 a week to 28. This action seems to have had a significantly positive impact, although the longevity of this remains to be seen.

It remains that a permanent police presence at Cycle Point is not realistic or achievable. Whilst we accept and understand that cycle theft is a massive source of frustration and represents a large proportion of reported crime in Cambridge, it will always score low against recognised objective indicators of high threat, risk and harm. Cycle crime will, therefore, remain unlikely to ever be adopted as one of our main priorities, but we are keen to identify any proportionate opportunities for proactive enforcement. The work already undertaken has been labour- and resource-intensive and has impacted on our ability to be present in areas subject to other types of crime and remains a lower priority than other higher harm crime types, such as serious violence or anti-social behaviour.

Our position is clear; where a crime is reported to us, we will centrally apply our triage principles to identify not only hypothetical solvability, but also the proportionality of the enquiries necessary to achieve a positive outcome. Inevitably, crimes with solvability dependent on CCTV do represent a significant investment of officer time and wider technological resources versus a very slim chance of a positive outcome. Even where CCTV is made available in a timely fashion and in a playable format, footage of any offender is rarely of sufficient quality from which an identification can be made. We will continue to assess every report on its own merits and where there are reasonable lines of enquiry and solvability is identified, we will endeavour to investigate.

Current Situation: Further periods of overt and covert enforcement are planned for the next month. The local team will continue working towards being seen as a centre of excellence for proactive response to cycle crime and will continue to focus on targeting spree offenders and handlers, and take action against those to reduce the resale market and thereby reduce the attractiveness of cycle crime as a means to fund a criminal lifestyle. We will not hold and investigate all cycle crimes, as to do so would mean we have no capacity to take on any but the smallest amount of additional work. Where crimes are held by officers on other teams, we will be intrusive and help with CCTV enquiries and

suspect location, arrest and search. We will also continue to regularly support partners at the Council and Greater Anglia with public engagement and cycle marking events but will look to extend this to additional beat areas across the City.

Lead Officer: Detective Sergeant Kiri Mazur

3. *Proactive Work and Emerging Issues*

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation remain priorities for the Constabulary. We are currently focusing on proactive identification, in conjunction with our partners, of those young people (aged under 18) who are most vulnerable to being exploited and becoming involved in county lines drug dealing. This is being used as a basis on which to engage with these young people directly, at home and with their parents and guardians present, or indirectly via school and other partner services, to offer support and opportunities for diversion away from criminal behaviour. We believe this is the most important piece of work for our team which supports all the aforementioned.

Cambridge City Council

During the last reporting period, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Officers in the Community Safety Team have been involved in dealing with several high-level cases and have acted, as appropriate, including:

- The Community Safety team has continued to work with police, housing and the street outreach support services regarding reports of street life community related ASB in the East area. We continue to look at these cases in terms of prevention and support and, where appropriate, enforcement action. In one case, we worked with a landlord who has taken practical steps in preventing the space from being used as a sleep site; in another case, we worked with housing, where again, practical, short term action has been taken to prevent the space being used as a sleep site.
- In July 2019, a committal application was submitted by the Community Safety Team, working with the Police, against an individual who had persistently breached his Injunction Order around begging and serious nuisance around the Grafton Centre and its surrounding areas. The individual received an immediate custodial sentence of six months.
- County Court action resulting in an outright possession against a tenant involved in serious nuisance in Ekin Road.
- Tenancy enforcement action was taken by the Community Safety Team, with the aim to reduce ASB in the Whitehill Road area.
- The Community Safety Team continues to be a key partner of CB1 and is responsible for making sure that issues of ASB are addressed and/or linked into the various partners working in the area. There have also been Christmas socials

organised which were set up to bring the residents and CB1 local businesses together.

- The Community Safety Team is in the process of working through the recommendations that arose out of Environmental Visual Audits (EVA) that were conducted in and around the open spaces within the East area. The Team is working with internal departments, such as street and open spaces, and housing, as well as the County Council, to address issues found in the EVAs.
- Preliminary work was carried out by the Community Safety Team, with Metropolitan Housing, in St. Matthews' Gardens. Metropolitan undertook a letter drop, asking residents to report any instances of ASB, and will feed results to the City Problem Solving Group. A joint visit to the area has been arranged for the new year, and Cambridgeshire Constabulary has completed an EVA.
- Door knocking was carried out in the Abbey ward by ASB Officers in the Community Safety Team, along with Councillors, people working in the ward and the local Police team, to reassure residents, following a serious incident that happened in the area.
- ASB Officers in the Community Safety Team attended a residents' meeting for Wycliffe Road and Seymour Street, due to the incidents of ASB that had been happening in the area. Residents said that things have been quiet and the ASB had stopped, due to several estate improvements that were undertaken.
- Preventative work, such as warning letters and joint visits with housing officers and police, was carried out to reduce ASB in Ditton Fields, Ekin Road, Ekin Walk, Headford Close, Stourbridge Common and Thorpe Way.
- The Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) that was signed during the last reporting period was successful, with the Council not receiving any further complaints about nuisance behaviour from the individual.

4. Additional Information

At neighbourhood level, the [POLICE.UK](https://www.police.uk) website allows for swift access to local crime and anti-social behaviour data at street level. The website can display crimes on a map as well as in chart format, along with trend lines. The three most important sections within this website are: 'overview'; 'crime'; and 'view detailed statistics'. This gives a good overview of issues within the local area.

5. Recommendations

The following local areas of concern are recommended for consideration:

- Serious street-based violence, targeting offenders
- Serious street-based violence, youth-based interventions
- Drug-related crime and acquisition crime related to drugs

Estate Improvement Scheme

As part of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) medium-term financial strategy the Housing Scrutiny Committee approved £1 million per annum for 5 years of capital funding for improvement to City Council owned housing estate. The criteria for each proposal need to meet two fundamental principles:

- The proposal will add value to the asset (the estate)
- The proposal should not act as a substitute for the planned maintenance programme, but it may be prudent for the Council to consider including works from the planned programme where it makes sense to incorporate them.

A steering group has been created to oversee the project, it includes council officers from stakeholder services and representatives from the police. The group has devised a set of additional criteria by which proposals are assessed. Any proposal brought forward as part of the EIS needs to meet at least one of the following objectives:

- Build out future cost (i.e. a spend to save initiative)
- Design out crime and anti-social behaviour
- Make a visible and positive difference to the aesthetics of an estate
- Contribute to strengthening the community on the estate
- Improve the health and safety and/or health and well-being of those living on the estate

The funding has been available from 1st April 2019. We are 7 months into the programme and although relatively little has been spent so far (approx. £10,500) there are 31 different proposals of varying value in the pipeline which should be delivered in relative speed now that a dedicated surveyor has been employed to the project. The current proposals range from a largescale crime prevention re-design project, making changes to mitigate ASB, installation of bike shelters, redesigning communal drying areas and repairing hard standings. Suggestions for proposals have largely come from residents through engagement and walkabouts and we continue to encourage more ideas by promoting the scheme in the residents' publication Open Door and at established resident involvement groups. Residents have played a central role in suggesting proposals and ward councillors have been consulted on specific proposals in their areas, but we would like to increase Member and resident involvement by promoting the scheme at Area Committees. David Greening, Head of Housing and Emily Watts Resident Engagement Officer are available to attend future Area Committees to give an overview of the scheme and answer questions. More information on the proposals can be found on the following page.

Process for Identifying a Proposal	
1	Suggestions comes from a resident, councillor, Housing Officer, Estate Champions
2	A proposal form is completed, this requires certain criteria to be satisfied and relevant services within the council to be consulted to confirm the changes are viable
3	The proposal form comes to the monthly EIS working group for discussion. If all members agree with the proposal consultation can begin
4	Resident Engagement Officer consults the impacted residents and ward councillors. Residents are given 3 weeks to respond to the proposals, if the amount of those in support outweighs those who do not, we have a mandate to begin work. We encourage resident feedback on the proposals, all of which are considered to see if additional changes or amendments can be made to suit those who live in the area.
5	Results are analysed and residents are written to a final time to confirm the consultation outcome and when/if the changes will be made. For very large-scale proposals (e.g. Kingsway) there are additional levels of consultation.

Applicable Area Committee	Proposals with Mandate for Delivery- Consultation has been undertaken	
North	1	Kingsway: Installing secure entry system from ground floor to prevent public access
East	2	East Road: Measures to prevent ASB and increase security
South	3	St Bedes Crescent: Install a metal pergola
East	4	Ditton Fields: Install new suited lock system on communal doors and bin stores
South	5	Fernwood, Bracondale and Heatherfield: Implement measures to reduce ASB and increase security including CCTV
South	6	Ainsdale and Tweedale:- Replace broken fencing and install bike stores
South	7	Fulbourn Road: Install a metal perimeter fence around the green to prevent illegal encampments
South	8	Cherry Hinton Library Flats: Install rear and front gates, lighting, clear alleyway and replace door. Linked to the Cherry Hinton Library planning application

Applicable Area Committee	Proposals in the Pipeline which have not been consulted upon- If these area are in your locality and you are not aware of them, it is because they are at stage 2 or 3 of the proposal process table	
East	1	Ashbury & Golding: Increase fire safety measures by extending the bin store and ensure the bin room is lockable, reconfigure the drying area to better use space for drying and bike storage.
East	2	Bill Briggs Court: Convert unused open garages which invite ASB into proper garages with lockable doors so they are usable by residents.
East	3	Davy Road: Install a new access gate for grass cutter access, repair existing broken gates and repair the perimeter security
East	4	Ditchburn: Install a mobility scooter store
East	5	Ekin Road: Reconfigure drying area so its more useable, providing space for cycle racks and drying space.
East	6	Fison Road: Reconfigure the old recycling area which attracts fly tipping to create a new cycle storage area
South	7	Hanover & Princess Court: Communal area repairs and mitigation of ASB through lighting and CCTV
South	8	Highdene Estate: Reconfigure drying area to provide dedicated bin storage to deliver on fire safety measures
West Central	9	James Street: A parking scheme has just been introduced so we will monitor its progress and potentially add more parking spaces based on demand.
South	10	Langdale: Removal of a broken wall and reconfigure a shed into bike storage
South	11	Litchfield and Neville: Construct a lockable bin store adjacent to the current store for the recycling bins to increase fire safety, install bike storage
East	12	Thorpe Way: Replace old broken wooden knee rail with galvanised metal equivalent
South	13	Upperhall Court: Complete communal area repairs which could not be added to the snagging list to be rectified by Keepmoat
South	14	Walpole St Bedes: Reconfigure drying area to provide dedicated bin storage to deliver on fire safety measures
West Central	15	Albion Yard: Upgrade the car park
North	16	Atkins Close: Upgrade bin store, entry system, install drying area and bike storage
North	17	Beales Way: Upgrade paths
North	18	Bermuda: Install storage for mobility scooters and bike trailers with extra bike storage. Install gate from Histon Road
North	19	Cockerell Road Flats: Upgrade door entry system and signs around the blocks, install drying areas
North	20	Dundee Close: Install bike storage
West Central	21	Honey Hill: Measures to reduce ASB by Install new dusk to dawn lighting, upgrade existing street lighting and landscape appropriately
North	22	Maitland Avenue: Upgrade bin storage area and remove individual bins for replacement with larger metal equivalent, improve fencing around site, remove bin chutes and balcony
North	23	Markham Close: Install secure undercover bike storage, upgrade paths

North	24	Molewood and Hazelwood Close: Upgrade bin stores, install secure undercover bike storage
North	25	Minerva Way: Install bike storage
North	26	Perse Way: Replacement of communal doors and locking mechanism, upgrade bin area, replace broken/ damaged fencing, create a new drying area
North	27	St Kilda Avenue: Upgrade paths and install bike storage

City wide Proposals	
28	Car Park Resurfacing: Augustus Close, Minerva Way, Litchfield Road
29	Fencing: Anns Road, Dennis Road, Britten Place, Helen Close, Rachel Close, Tiveron way, Trevone Place, Wycliffe Road, Velos Walk, Banwell Road, Caledon Way, Edgecombe, Maitland Avenue, Mortlock Avenue, St Kilda, Livermore Close, Rutland Close, Brackley Close, Fordwich Close, Aylesborough Close
30	Communal Lighting on City Homes Land: Replacing exiting broken lights and adding new lighting
31	Street Lighting on City Homes Land: Replacing exiting broken lights and adding new lighting