



Cambridge City Council East Area Committee

Date: Thursday, 2 December 2021

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Agenda

- 1 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence (Pages 5 - 6)
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Minutes (Pages 7 - 16)
- 4 Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes (Pages 17 - 18)
- 5 Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods (Pages 19 - 24)
- 6 Making Connections: Have Your Say on Greener Travel in Greater Cambridge Consultation
To welcome representatives from the Greater Cambridge Partnership who will provide a presentation on the Making Connections Consultation. This will then be followed by a Question and Answer Session.
To find out more or to take part please go to <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/making-connections-2021>
- 7 Presentation: Newmarket Road Improvements by Greater Cambridge Partnership
To welcome representatives from the Greater Cambridge Partnership who will provide a presentation on the Newmarket Road Improvements as part of the Eastern Access Consultation. This will then be followed by a Question and Answer Session.

To find out more or to take part please go to www.greatercambridge.org.uk/NewmarketRd2021

8 Open Forum

9 Presentation: Greater Cambridge Local Plan by
Greater Cambridge Planning Services

To welcome officers from the Greater Cambridge Planning Service who will provide a broad outline of the Greater Cambridge Plan and the formal consultation; how to signpost on how residents and businesses can comment.

This will be followed by a question and answer session.

The Greater Cambridge Local Plan First Proposals consultation can be found on the Greater Cambridge Planning website:
<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan>

10 Title: City Centre COVID Recovery Project Update -
Area Committee Briefing Note (Information Only) (Pages 25 - 26)

City Councillors: D. Baigent (Chair), Bennett, Copley, Davey, H. Davies (Vice-Chair), Healy, Herbert, Moore, Pounds, Robertson, A. Smith and Thornburrow

County Councillors: Bulat, Shailer, Howitt and Goodliffe

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Information relating to Area Committee meetings

Council agreed on 27 May 2021:

“That Area Committees continue to be run virtually up to 31 December 2021 initially, with a review by Civic Affairs Committee in the autumn on a more permanent change and to request that the Monitoring Officer make necessary immediate amendments to the Council’s Constitution to give effect to this change.”

As Councillors will be aware, the Government did not extend the provisions in the Coronavirus Act 2020 beyond 7 May 2021 to enable councillor decision making to take place virtually.

Area Committees, by being virtual and not in person, will therefore not be able to make any decisions either independently or that have been delegated by the Executive (eg area committee grants-which are not scheduled to be considered until spring 2022).

Civic Affairs Committee will consider the pros and cons of continuing with virtual Area Committees in the autumn. At Council on 27 May, Members asked that other considerations are also included in the review (eg the boundaries of the current Area Committees, the format). Councillors views will be canvassed as part of the review.

The Constitution needs to be amended to reflect that Area Committees will be non-decision making **for as long as they are held virtually**.

The changes to the Constitution are as follows:

Article 8

8.2.5 Area committees have these principal purposes:

- ~~To make decisions concerning executive and regulatory functions of the Council which have been delegated to them;~~

Deleted as Area Committees cannot make decisions whilst being held virtually.

Part 3 Section 11

This section describes the Council functions for which area committees are to be responsible for.

This will not apply in so far as Area Committees operating as virtual meetings cannot be decision making. Area Committees can advise and decisions will be taken subsequently by the relevant person or body empowered to do so taking into account the views of the Area Committee.

County Councillors present at Area Committee

Members are reminded that County Councillors are co-opted to the area committee where the clear majority of the County Council Division is within the area committee. [When making decisions as an Area Committee County Councillors may vote on all matters except for any decision relating to city council funding and the election of the Chair and Vice Chair].

Note-some county councillors have chosen to also attend area committees where less than the majority of a Division is in that area.

EAST AREA COMMITTEE

16 September 2021

6.30 - 8.40 pm

Present

Area Committee Members: Councillors D. Baigent (Chair), Bennett, Copley, H. Davies (Vice-Chair), Healy, Moore, Pounds, Robertson, A. Smith, Bulat, Shailer, Howitt, Goodliffe and Beckett

Officers:

Head of Corporate Strategy: Andrew Limb

Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager: Wendy Johnston

Committee Manager: Claire Tunnicliffe

Meeting Producer: Liam Martin

Other Officers in Attendance:

Lead Project Manager, Greater Cambridge Partnership : Jo Baker

Communications and Engagement Officer, Greater Cambridge Partnership:
Isobel Larter

Lead Project Manager: Greater Cambridge Partnership: Donal Trimble

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**21/46/EAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Herbert, Councillor Thornburrow and Councillor Davey.

21/47/EAC Declarations of Interest

Item	Name	Reason
All	Councillor Baigent	Personal: Cam Cycle
All	Councillor A Smith	Personal: Cam Cycle

21/48/EAC Minutes

Councillor Bennett highlighted the following amendment to the text on page 4 of the agenda pack:

Item ii: to add and footpaths after highways.

The Committee noted the notes from the meeting held on 24 June 2021.

21/49/EAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes

Councillor A Smith informed the Committee that in response to the community engagement question submitted at the last public meeting, she had spoken with representatives from the Cambridge Junction and welcomed Emma Boswood to give an update on the new community project.

The Committee were informed of the following:

- i. Cambridge Junction was currently in consultation with six local wards (Coleridge, Cherry Hinton, Petersfield, Romsey, Trumpington and Queen Edith) to discuss with residents' community engagement.
- ii. Workshops known as 'Bakeries' would be taking place in November and December to examine what projects Cambridge Junction could undertake to serve the community.

Committee Manager note:

The link to the Bakeries and to sign up is here:
<https://www.junction.co.uk/bakery-of-slow-ideas>

The bakery dates are as follows:

- Sunday 10th October - The Edge Cafe 9:30 - 3:30pm (for Romsey & Petersfield)
- Thursday 14th October - St Andrew's Church Cherry Hinton 10 - 4pm (for Cherry Hinton)
- Saturday 16th October - St Philip's Church 10 - 16:30 (for Coleridge)
- Tuesday 2nd November - Cherry Hinton Baptist Church 10 - 4pm (for Cherry Hinton)
- Friday 5th November - St Philip's Church 10 - 4pm (for Coleridge)
- Sunday 7th November - The Edge Cafe 9:30 - 4pm (for Romsey & Petersfield)

21/50/EAC Environmental Report - EAC

The Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager introduced the report and advised the fly tipping and environmental health figures shown in the officer's report were for the period of 2020/21 and not 2021/22.

The Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager made the following comments in response to the Committee's questions:

- i. Would speak to the Shared Waste Service Team regarding the allocation of sites to deposit small electrical items for recycling; small electrical items could be taken to the community clean-up days which had been planned.
- ii. Further community clean-up days had been scheduled to take place in approximately in the East during October and November and residents would be notified of the date via delivery of a event flyer.
- iii. Noted the comment to thank officers who had worked with those individuals who were magnet fishing.
- iv. Was not aware of the 'freelance' scrap man working in East area. If unlicensed and operating this would be breaking the law. Would make the relevant officers aware to investigate the matter further and take the appropriate action.
- v. Could not state that having to book an appointment at the tip had created an increase in fly tipping. Due to the pandemic, community clean ups had not been able to take place which may have had an impact. There could been several reasons.

Councillor Moore informed those present the City Council was looking to extend the number of recycling points for small electrical items. Mixed recycling was not permitted at some of these sites as they could be deposited in the blue bin.

The Chair of the Committee thanked the Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager for their report and for the hard work of all the officers that had been undertaken since the last report.

21/51/EAC Cambridge Eastern Access project

The Chair welcomed Jo Baker (Project Manager) and Isobel Larter (Communications and Engagement Officer) from the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP).

The Committee were presented with an update on the Cambridge Eastern Access project which was agreed by the GCP Executive Committee at a meeting on 1st July; the reports agreed were the strategic outline business case and consultation report.

A copy of the Cambridge Eastern Access presentation can be viewed at the following link:

[\(Public Pack\)Cambridge Eastern Access Project Presentation Agenda Supplement for East Area Committee, 16/09/2021 18:30](#)

The Committee discussed several issues concerning Newmarket Road, including the problems caused by traffic to McDonald's with congestion and parking, Elizabeth Way Roundabout, Coldham's Lane Roundabout Barnwell Road and Cambridge North Station.

It was noted there was also a lack of signage for pedestrians and cyclists when reaching certain junctions in and around the city and more information was required.

The Project Manager noted the request for signage on the cycle path NC51 (running parallel to Newmarket Road) but lighting on green open spaces was not a commitment that could be made. This would create a light pollution issue on local ecology; but a safe cycle path lit along Newmark Road could be considered.

Acknowledged the suggestion there needed to be engagement with external agencies such as the Combined Authority, Cambridgeshire County Council and the rail companies when looking at certain projects.

The Committee next discussed the City Access project and while the two projects would align, City Access was to manage the demand for car traffic into the city centre; whilst the Cambridge Eastern Access Project was looking at the radials into Cambridge. The two projects would complement one and other.

After discussing the possibility of number plate readers added to the cost of the modal filters to recognise those vehicles which were registered to disabled users, the Chair thanked both the Project Manager and Communications and Engagement Officer for their attendance.

21/52/EAC Open Forum

Q1: Free parking at the Retail Park and Beehive Centre have been cited as major drivers for through traffic in Romsey, bringing pollution, noise, and congestion to our doorstep. Please can you explain the state of planning to reduce this free parking and install more bike racks in its place.

A: The land was private and therefore the City Council had no powers to reduce the free parking. If more bike racks were required, this issue could be addressed with officers to highlight with the landowners. When planning permission was granted for retail use and parking, the volume of traffic was

very different to what it is today. Improved public transport was required and allocation of bike parking for a variety bikes such as cargo bikes (**ACTION Cllr Baigent**).

Q2: Residents have asked councillors to have Coldham's Lane added to the Council's suggested route for HGVs to avoid. This would make a significant difference to residents' peace. Please can you take this action forward?

A: It was suggested that this was a discussion for the City Access Consultation which would be on the agenda for the next East Area Committee in December; this would also be part of the discussion of the East Area Action Plan.

Q3: Repair and remedial work near Coldham's Common Play Area have built up over the lockdown and now need action. Please can you address works to:

- a. Replace the missing upright steel bar on top of the skateboarding slope; children could fall from a height
- b. Repair the bus stop opposite the Common, which has missing planes
- c. Address the illegal advertising with canvas banners on Coldham's Lane Rail bridge?

What actions are councillors taking to address these matters, and when do they envisage the works be completed?

A: Would speak with officers to investigate the missing steel bar and repair of the bus stop. With regards to the illegal advertising it was agreed that all advertising should be removed, they were oversized and untidy. Due to the limited capacity of the enforcement officers it was difficult to action, but the enforcement team would be contacted on this matter (**ACTION Cllr Baigent**)

Q4: Progress on the Chisholm Trail has been encouraging for all residents to see. Please can you comment on how the Chisholm Trail is intended to cross Coldham's Lane, recently described by Cllr Herbert as 'one of the worst congested roads in Cambridge'?

A: The Chisholm Trail crosses Coldham's lane at the junction with Cromwell Road. Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) have just closed their consultation on an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) in this location. Should the County Council seek to implement a ETRO in this location then the Trail will continue to use the existing infrastructure as the traffic will be significantly reduced as a result of this measure. However, if CCC do not implement an ETRO then the Trail proposes to make alterations to

the junction of Coldham's Lane / Cromwell Road to improve safety and the operation of the junction.

Committee Manager note: The response above was supplied after the meeting by the Communications and Engagement Officer, The Greater Cambridge Partnership.

Q5: Ainsworth Area Residents Association would like to apply for funding to support the aims of our group to promote community cohesion by actively improving our street scape, by organizing regular community events, having a grant to develop and maintain a website, plus noticeboards and a community book lending library, integrated with planters and electronic car chargers and planters and bug houses and biodiversity to enhance our area. This weekend we are coming together for a street gathering and want to develop ideas for improving our neighbourhood, plus discuss with our residents who we may match the various requests from the community with the funding opportunities in the City and County that may be available. Guidance is therefore urgently needed.

In first instance we wish to scope funding for AARA for a five year period to support our residents association as we grow to welcome new residents on Ainsworth Street, Court and Place, but also on Hooper St at IronWorks, with online and in person activities and events:

- costs of hosting and creating a website (costs of annual fees to squarespace and godaddy and coaching by site developer for residents to sustain and update website)**
- publishing regular newsletters (costs of printing for those not on email, but also hosting chimpmail with GPDR)**
- 3 noticeboards for the Ainsworth Area Residents Association with funding also for posters and laminates and a community laminator for window campaigns**

Residents had spoken to Cllr Mike Davey in past about this type of funding, and two years ago were waiting to hear back about how to make this kind of application. But we have never received a form or format for how to go about making a specific application to the East Area Committee for community funding. If the Committee can answer our question by appointing relevant council officer/s to give AARA guidance for making funding application/s that will be appreciated...

We feel we have had a tough time during the construction of the IronWorks development with very high levels of dirt and noise and anti-social behaviour inflicted on us by the site, which although we've complained often about the bad behaviour also of the construction workers abusing our area with excessive littering and spitting and pissing in our neighbourhood and intimidating the elderly, this anti-social behaviour has never been successfully stopped. However, we remain a very friendly neighbourhood and want to retain our identity after we've come together in solidarity to help one another through covid times, and we are distinct from IronWorks and cannot be presumed to be gaining yet from that site as a neighbourhood, rather we want our streetscape and residents to be supported by our area community activities so we can be resilient and more able to welcome all the new residents at IronWorks.

We now understand that after a hiatus of waiting for assistance that we need community officers at the Council to be assigned to helping us so that we can have specific direction as to what funding is available and what information is needed so that AARA has support with the logistics of making application/s, and hope that the Cllrs as a body at the East Area Committee can assign help to us so that we can make a successful application/s in order to receive funding to grow and flourish.

A: Details of how to apply for a community grant had been passed to the Ainsworth Resident Association in the summer but to date there had been no application received. A pilot project was being planned to increase biodiversity in Ainsworth Street, York Street and Gwydir Street to place window boxes on the front of the houses. Community contacts were currently being sought to assist in the implementation of the project. Locations were also being investigated to plant trees as part of the tree canopy project. Work was being planned to improve the biodiversity and greenery of the Petersfield ward.

Q6: Re the Cambridge Airport site scheduled for inclusion in the Gtr Cambridge emerging local plan 2030-41, please could I make the case for a new lifelong learning centre on the site with playing fields and opening out onto the open green space/urban country park area.

Some of you may have read my blogposts on this and will be aware of the Minister's response to Daniel Zeichner MP following his query to the Dept for Education on my behalf (see <https://cambridgetownwl.com/2021/08/19/ministers-must-approve-the-construction-of-and-funding-for-new-adult-education-colleges/>).

Given that the Minister has confirmed she has both the legal powers and funding competency to establish such institutions, please could councillors explore with the Mayor Dr Nik Johnson about the possibility of making a funding bid to ministers for such an institution.

Given the indicators of multiple deprivation in Abbey Ward, plus the potential accessibility to villages east of Cambridge, I think such a facility could help lift Abbey ward and provide them with a facility that they and the rest of the city will be proud of.

This should be a separate institution to a much-needed secondary school in East Cambridge - esp considering the proposed house building figures.

A: The Head of Adult Learning (Cambridgeshire County Council) had been contacted to highlight this statement with the relevant officers. As the City Council were leading on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Region of Learning Project would encourage this idea to be submitted for the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan which was being developed.

Further education was usually supplied from secondary schools and in the evenings. As there was a secondary school proposed on the airport site it may be beneficial to lobby for this to be a dual-purpose site rather than a second further educational site.

It would be beneficial to contact the Combined Authority Mayor Dr Nick Johnson for his views and to investigate further with County Council Officers **(ACTION Councillor Bulat)**

Q7: Having been in touch with my local Cllr Hannah Copley, as I was quite shocked to see people from the council just spraying plants outside my fence last month (no warning, no notice), the same plants my little one was touching and playing with the same morning. Had I not seen the two council employees, I would have left my son playing with dandelions and mauve flowers in the afternoon!! (to say nothing about the sadness to see the wildflowers wither and die and the damages to the wildlife...) Abbey Resident.

A: Highways and footpaths were a County Council matter; whilst the City Council had redesigned their programme for dealing with herbicides this was currently being addressed by the County.

City Council officers had recommended a couple of trials take place in specific locations and recommend that Abbey Ward was one of the locations. The Committee also heard that officers had suggested that residents could take over this matter in the long-term future. **(ACTION Cllr Shailer)**

Q8: Burnside Resident Association would like a CCTV camera to be installed in Burnside following three cars being broken into and bicycles stolen over the August Bank holiday weekend.

A: It was recommended that this request would be passed on the Anti-Social behaviour Team and the local Police to highlight this problem. **(ACTION Cllr Baigent).**

21/53/EAC Chisholm Trail

The Chair welcomed Donal Trimble (Lead Project Manager, Greater Cambridge Partnership) who provided an update on phase 1 of the Chisholm Trail.

Work had started on Coldham's Common progressing down Coldham's Lane to Fen Road and beyond; work should begin on Fen Road in October.

All footpaths down Newmarket Road were now opened and fully operational to the public as was the footpaths on Coldham's Common with fencing removed this week. The Bridge installation would be completed early October. Phase 1 was approaching completion with the planned completion at the end of the year (weather permitted), early 2022.

Planning work for phase 2, conversations were being held with landowners and stakeholders, access to land owned by Network Rail and other landowners was required for the trail to be completed. The design elements had started to be considered, including improvements to road sections including junctions and how they could be improved.

In response to the Members' question the Lead Project Manager advised that any future phase 2 development concerning the station was at the pre-construction phase and an update could be provided outside the meeting by the relevant Project Manager.

The Chair thanked the Lead Project Officer for their presentation.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm

CHAIR

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Committee	East Area Committee Action Sheet
Meeting Date	16/09/21
Updated on	12/11/21

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	ACTION	PROGRESS
<p>21/52/EAC MOP reported the following at Coldham's Common Play Area:</p> <p>1. Replace the missing upright steel bar on top of the skateboarding slope; children could fall from a height.</p> <p>2. Repair the bus stop opposite the Common, which has missing planes</p> <p>3. Address the illegal advertising with canvas banners on Coldham's Lane Rail Bridge</p>	Cllr Baigent	04/10/21	<p>1. The City Council's Project Engineer reported: Skate ramp has been checked. One bar is missing but this will not cause any issues as the gap is does not exceed dimensions for a child to be able to fall through. (about 100mm to 150mm) repairs will be undertaken but not as a high priority.</p> <p>2. The bus shelter referred to is not owned by the City Council. The damage will be reported to the shelter owners in by the Project Engineer, but the shelter is safe to use.</p> <p>3. The issue of illegal advertising had been reported to enviocrime@cambridge.gov.uk in the first instance.</p>
<p>21/52/EAC 4. To discuss with the Combined Authority Mayor, Dr Nick Johnson and to investigate further with County Council Officers a separate adult education centre in Cambridge as part of the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan</p>	Councillor Bulat	14/11/21	Not yet managed to meet with Dr Johnson but would provide a verbal update at December meeting with some points from County Council.
<p>21/52/EAC 5. To speak with County officers regarding the use of herbicides. The County Council were currently designing their programme on this matter and would provide an update.</p>	Councillor Shailer	14/11/21	Would continue to seek a response from County Officers.
<p>21/52/EAC Burnside Resident Association would like a CCTV camera to be installed in Burnside following three cars being broken into and bicycles stolen over the August Bank holiday weekend.</p>	Councillor Healy and Councillor Pounds	20/11/21	Had met with residents to discuss their concerns and had identified two places with the residents where cameras could be sited. Also met with anti-social behaviour officers who have advise the process for an application for an RCCTV camera. Residents should be completing the form and once sent to officers the process will start.

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Neighbourhood Profile

Cambridge City East – December 2021

Wards: Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield and Romsey



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Produced by:

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- Rachel Fairhead, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer



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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 24 June 2021, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- Anti-social Driving;
- Cycle theft; and
- Drug dealing and the protection of local young people – child criminal exploitation.

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

Anti-social Driving

Objective: To mitigate the impact of anti-social driving on residents in the East of the City, and to identify and act against repeat anti-social drivers.

Action Taken: The city-wide operation to target anti-social use of the roads remains in effect. In the East area of the city, we have made an effort to focus on the anti-social use of mopeds, low-power motor cycles and electric scooters (not mobility scooters), which seem to be the primary driver for most of the anti-social vehicle reports we receive. Much of this activity is currently carried out by volunteers from the special constabulary, using powers under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002. Officers have been out in the

Riverside, Barnwell Road, Peverel Road, Ditton Fields, Thorpe Way and Dudley Road areas.

Current Situation: Residents are encouraged to keep reporting incidents of anti-social road use in their neighbourhoods. Although many road traffic offences need to be “found-committing” in order for a successful prosecution to take place, an accurate picture of where the primary focus for our patrols should be is essential, if the time we can devote to this issue is to remain effective and meaningful.

Lead Officer: PS453 Jim STEVENSON

Cycle theft

Objective: To reduce the impact of cycle theft on those living, working, and parking their bicycles in the East area of the City.

Action Taken: The city-wide policing operation targeting the organised theft of cycles, which began at the end of 2020, has continued since the last committee report. Cycle theft for Cambridge City as a whole remains well below the pre-pandemic level, with the total number of crimes recorded for Theft of Pedal Cycle in Cambridge being down 40% compared to the same period 2 years ago, and down by a third compared to the same period last year. Proactive activity using new tactics continued over the summer and enforcement action against identified handlers of stolen cycles has also been maintained. For the period July to October this year, Cycle Theft was no longer the largest recorded crime type for Cambridge City, although it still is probably one of the most under reported crime types in our professional opinion.

A multi-agency Cambridge Cycle Crime Prevention Task and Finish Group was set up in October 2020 to respond to increasing concerns about cycle crime. Cambridge City Council is the interim chair, with stakeholders from local businesses and various agencies, including the voluntary sector, working together. The Task Group has launched a [Save Our Cycles](#) campaign to encourage the locking and registering of cycles. In addition, work has taken place around infrastructure to identify opportunities for safety and security improvements. We continue our enforcement work and ask for cycle thefts to be reported [online](#) or by calling 101.

Current Situation: The situation remains that cycle crime is still one of the most prevalent crime types in Cambridge City. The fact remains that the most effective means of tackling cycle theft is still good crime prevention advice: in other words, the use of locks and effective cycle racks to lock cycles to; and the use of national crime property databases, such as National Bike Register and Immobilise, to register bicycles.

Lead Officer: PS2146 Chris BOCKHAM

Drug dealing and the protection of local young people – child criminal exploitation

Objective: To identify and disrupt the perpetrators of organised drug dealing, and to safeguard and divert young people at risk of becoming victims of criminal exploitation linked to drug dealing and County Lines.

Action Taken: The lead for enforcement activity against organised crime groups and County Lines organisations remains with the Neighbourhood Support Teams (NST). Support from the East Team for this activity comes mainly from information from the public, which is then researched and verified by the East Team officers to make sure that the intelligence acted on by the Neighbourhood Support Team is as accurate as can be. Other enforcement options, such as Closure Orders or Community Protection Notices, can then be used against verified addresses and regular offenders. The NST have been active in the Mill Road and Peverel Road areas, as well as across the Coleridge and Romsey wards, especially around the recreation grounds and green spaces. Supporting work from the East Team includes intelligence submissions about suspect people and vehicles, and preparatory work for another Closure Order to deal with an address where a series of County Lines dealers have been found and arrested.

Current Situation: Regular and verifiable information from the public remains a vital link in tackling this type of organised criminal activity. Community intelligence can be reported [online](#) or via [Crimestoppers](#).

Lead Officer: PS453 Jim STEVENSON

3. *Proactive Work and Emerging Issues*

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Our proactive work will continue to focus on the areas of concern identified at the last area committee meeting.

Cambridge City Council

Further to the last neighbourhood profile in June this year, a temporary CCTV camera was installed at a location in the Petersfield ward. Since installation, there has been a reduction in reports of anti-social behaviour in the area.

There was also an application submitted for a temporary CCTV camera at a location in the Abbey ward, which, after the necessary checks, has now been installed.

Residents have been reporting an increase in youth-related anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the Abbey area, especially on Barnwell Road and Peverel Road. An ASB Officer, with support from a PCSO, held an ASB Surgery at the Abbey Hub, and has carried out a letter drop and door knocks, referring raised issues to the multi-agency Problem Solving Group. In addition, a number of parents of the young people involved have been written to or had meetings with the ASB Officer. The police are conducting patrols in the area and investigating a number of incidents reported to them. The police and Community Safety Team (CST) are working in partnership and involving other agencies, such as youth teams, to address these issues.

As reported in the last profile, the CST has been leading on the [Cambs Against County Lines](#) project to raise awareness about County Lines and Criminal Exploitation in the City, for school-aged children, professionals, and adults. A film and accompanying resource pack have been developed and we have started to deliver this in schools. To date, we have delivered these to almost 300 secondary school students in the City. This resource

has been very well received and we are hoping to deliver sessions in more schools across the City and to the wider community.

4. *Additional Information*

At the 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 map'; and 'statistics'. This gives a good overview of issues within the local area. To access the local area's relevant data, type "Cambridge" into the search engine on the homepage and then select the relevant area (Cambridge City Centre policing team, Cambridge – North policing team, or Cambridge – South policing team).

5. *Recommendations*

None are advised. We seek views from this committee on those local areas of concern that the police and partner agencies can work together to action and report on at the next reporting committee meeting.

To: North, South, East and West Central Area Committees

From: Joel Carré, Head of Environmental Services

Date: 8th November 2021

Subject: **City centre COVID recovery project update**

Introduction

1. The purpose of this briefing paper is to update each of the Council's Area Committee on progress with various Council led strategic projects to support city centre economic recovery following the pandemic.

Cambridge Visitor Welcome 2021

2. In November 2020, the Council, in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge BID and Fitzwilliam Museum Enterprises Ltd, secured a £710K capital grant from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. The purpose of the grant award is to invest in a proposed programme of city centre measures to improve the city's visitor offer and thereby support its economic recovery following the pandemic.

3. Under the title 'Cambridge Visitor Welcome 2021', the grant funding is being used to deliver a range of city centre focused infrastructure improvements to be completed by spring 2022, including the following:

- Outdoor seating including tables, chairs and awnings
- Cambridge mobile visitor information centre
- Cambridge visitor website with bookable product functionality
- Cambridge visitor app and associated digital wayfinding tool; and
- Enhanced public realm architectural and decorative lighting

4. To date, the Council and its partners has delivered a range of new city centre picnic tables, modular benches and decorative lighting across the city centre, including the Market Square and Peas Hill, which have been well received.

Welcome Back Fund

5. In July 2021, the Council was awarded £110K from the Government's Welcome Back Fund to invest in a programme of measures to support the city centre and neighbourhood shopping areas following the pandemic, to be completed by March 2022.

6. The focus of this programme will be to invest in a programme of 'seasonal' events and activities, which attract visitor footfall and spend and thereby help to support economic economy recovery, especially in the retail, hospitality and cultural sectors. The programme will include the following elements:

- Major city centre lighting-based arts projection event and associated outreach arts projection events at neighbourhood shopping areas in February 2022
- 'Meanwhile use' programme that enables local artist and community groups to re-animate vacant retail space in city centre and neighbourhood shopping areas for cultural visitor experiences; and
- Seasonal outdoor lighting at neighbourhood shopping areas

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