



## NORTH AREA COMMITTEE



### AGENDA

**To: City Councillors:** Nimmo-Smith (Chair), Ward (Vice-Chair), Boyce, Bird, Brierley, Kerr, McGovern, O'Reilly, Price, Todd-Jones, Tunnacliffe and Znajek

**County Councillors:** Manning, Pellew, Sales and Wilkins

*Dispatched: Wednesday, 18 January 2012*

**Date:** Thursday, 26 January 2012

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Venue:** The Centre Hall, Shirley School, Nuffield Road, Cambridge CB4 1TF

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**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

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

**3 THE FEN ROAD AREA - ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS 7.30PM**

An opportunity for a community discussion on the ongoing traffic, highways and parking issues around the Fen Road area.

On hand to hear the public's views and discuss possible solutions will be City Council Environmental Improvement Officers, County Council Highways Officers, Ward Councillors and the local Police.

**4 POLICING AND SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS (Pages 1 - 16) 8.30PM**

Your Neighbourhood Police Policing Team Leader and the Council's Safer Communities Team Leader will give a brief overview of their present work and how they have responded to the issues you raised previously.

***You will be asked to give your views about policing and community safety issues in your area and then asked to prioritise them.***

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

**5 TO CONFIRM WHAT WAS SAID (MINUTES) AT THE LAST MEETING AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE (ACTION LIST) 8.45PM**  
*(Pages 17 - 26)*

**6 YOU WANT TO KNOW (OPEN FORUM) 8.55PM**

**ITEMS FOR DECISION**

**7 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE AREA COMMITTEE 9.15PM**  
*(Pages 27 - 28)*

As a result of the table discussions held at the last meeting on 24 November 2011, the Committee will be asked to formal approve a Work Programme for 2012/13 (attached).

**Meeting Close: 9.30PM (Approx)**

## INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

**The Open Forum section of the Agenda:** Members of the public are invited to ask any question, or make a statement on any matter related to their local area covered by the City Council Wards for this Area Committee. The Forum will last up to 30 minutes, but may be extended at the Chair's discretion. The Chair may also time limit speakers to ensure as many are accommodated as practicable.

***To ensure that your views are heard, please note that there are Question Slips for Members of the Public to complete.***

### **Public speaking rules relating to planning applications:**

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**Submission of late information** after the officer's report has been published is to be avoided. A written representation submitted to the Environment Department by a member of the public after publication of the officer's report will only be considered if it is from someone who has already made written representations in time for inclusion within the officer's report.

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At the meeting public speakers at Committee will not be allowed to circulate any additional written information to their speaking notes or any other drawings or other visual material in support of their case that has not been verified by officers and that is not already on public file.

### **To all members of the Public**

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# Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City North Neighbourhood



January 2012



Sergeant Jason Wragg, North Area Neighbourhood Sergeant

Lynda Kilkelly, Safer Communities Manager, Cambridge City Council



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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:

- Crime and Incident data, from September 11 – December 11 and as a comparison data from May 11 – August 11 and September 10 – December 10
- Information from the Neighbourhood Policing teams, December 2011.
- Environmental data from Cambridge City Council for the period August 2011 – November 2011, compared with the same period the previous year.

## 2. PREVIOUS PRIORITIES & ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

### Previous Priorities

At the neighbourhood panel meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011 the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities that were set:

<b>Parking issues at the new Shirley School</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Reduce complaints of obstructive parking and bad driving at the Shirley School, Nuffield Road, Chesterton
<b>Action Taken</b>	Local Officers have regularly attended the location at the relevant times, in order to show a visible presence and avail themselves to the local community. We have monitored calls for service and maintained contact with all concerned parties, through regular meetings. This has included inviting the City ASB Team to become involved; which they have. Initially it was intended to break the action plan into two phases – education (one month) and enforcement (two months). At this stage there has been no requirement for enforcement.
<b>Current Situation</b>	Shirley School has just completed its first full term, at the new Nuffield Rd. site. Initially there was some disquiet about parking issues, on both Nuffield Rd. and Laxton Way but this has declined. There are no (not for Nuffield or Laxton) recorded jobs related to this issue since September 2011, which bodes well. Local officers have regularly attended/monitored the situation and will continue to do so. The School are in talks with Cambridge County Council Road Safety and Parking Dept. with a view to placing various restrictions/controls on driving and parking in the relevant areas.
<b>Continue or Discharge?</b>	Discharge – continue to monitor as part of our everyday business. No immediate concerns.

<b>Anti-social behaviour - Victoria Road area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Reduce incidents of ASB in the vicinity of 222 Victoria Road (City Council to lead)
<b>Action Taken</b>	Members from the City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team met with staff at 222 Victoria Road about ongoing complaints

	<p>of nuisance and ASB around the hostel. It was agreed that the ASB Team would hold a street surgery with housing representatives, the police and other agencies, to meet with local businesses and residents to discuss concerns they might have in their community. This would also help to inform our work in the area and to make sure that we are targeting the issues that are affecting local residents. The surgery was held on the 16th January from 4-6pm and we will be able to feed back about this surgery at the committee meeting. Use made of Section 27 Violent Crime Act 2004 to disperse nuisance drunks outside, with several arrests made where appropriate and necessary. Daily contact with staff, with a regular presence from the local policing team, for varying periods of time. Sergeant Wragg has held meetings with both local and area management of Riverside ECHG and met with the three local councillors. Support for staff inside the hostel, where needed. There have been problems in a communal TV room, wherein officers have expelled or arrested trouble-makers as appropriate.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>Problems outside have declined considerably, but the colder weather has also undoubtedly helped. Inside the hostel the TV room has been closed for periods of the day to disrupt the circumstances leading to drunken ASB. Local police continue to visit on a daily basis and liaise with management and staff. Riverside ECHG has plans to considerably change the nature of the hostel in the near future.</p>
<b>Continue or Discharge?</b>	<p>This is a work in progress, with a long-term solution identified, but not yet attained.</p>

<b>Reduce deliberate fire setting</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<p>Continue the work commenced during the previous period to reduce incidents of non-accidental fires (Fire Service lead).</p>
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>Partnership community support efforts in the area have included joint house to house enquires, advice and support provision. An environment audit has been undertaken which will be supported by an action day on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the action day is to reduce the opportunity for arson, improve protection assets and waste management. Plans for a 'FireWatch' scheme similar to neighbourhood</p>



	watch are being developed.
<b>Current Situation</b>	Two serious fires have occurred since the last report to committee, both in the Aragon & Sackville Close areas. Police enquires continue and detection support has been deployed.
<b>Continue or Discharge?</b>	It is suggested this continues.

### 3. ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

We have continued with the Arbury Court “surgeries” on the last Wednesday of every month and have begun to introduce the same at the Brownsfield Centre in East Chesterton (although this has had a seemingly low take-up). On a weekly basis, we have put out Ecops messages, to subscribers. Generally this has been information of upcoming events, crime advice and good news stories. We have been able to report (within the strict constraints, in which we work) much good news this period. A great deal of this has been success against drug dealers and handlers of stolen goods. As a Team we execute at least one warrant per week and follow up the action with reassurance and door-to-door visits by PCSOs.

### 4. EMERGING ISSUES

#### Neighbourhood trends

Total crime in City North has decreased with 761 offences reported over this four month period, which is a 156 decrease compared to 917 offences in the previous period. Comparatively, there were 1099 offences reported in the same period last year. There has been a decrease in anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident levels in City North with 527 incidents reported over this 4-month period compared with 697 in the previous period. ASB levels are also lower than recorded for the same period last year (616 incidents).

#### West Chesterton

- West Chesterton offence levels have decreased to 170 offences reported from 216 the previous period. Comparatively, there were 265 offences reported in the same period last year.
- Violent Crime has increased by 4 offences with 37 reported in this period compared to 33 in the previous period. This is still lower when compared

to the same period last year which had 44 offences reported. Seventeen of these offences were domestic related.

- There have been no reported robberies in this period compared to 4 in the last period and 2 offences the same period last year.
- Dwelling burglary offences have increased in line with the seasonal trend (which peaks during the months of December to January), with 11 being reported, compared to 8 the previous period. The same period last year had 29 reported offences.
- Theft from vehicle offences have increased to 15 offences from 9 offences. Again this is in line with the seasonal trend where vehicle crime peaks during the months of September and October. Offences are still less compared to the same period last year (18). Six offences in this period, items were left in view and offenders have smashed the window of the vehicle to steal them.
- This quarter has seen a reduction in cycle thefts from 47 the same period last year to 39 this period. This is also a decrease from the previous period where there were 53 offences. Most of the cycle offences this quarter have been along Chesterton Road (9) and Histon Road (8).
- ASB levels have decreased from 117 incidents in the previous period to 94 incidents in this period. This is a decrease compared to the same period last year when there were 132 incidents. Victoria Road has had the most reported incidents, but the majority of these are associated to a local hostel. There have been on other trends of note.

### **Environmental Services Data**

- Between August and November 2011, there were 6 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 8 during the same period the previous year. This included 3 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 1, which was subsequently claimed by the owner. 2 vehicles were also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, 1 of which was subsequently destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine. There were no specific hotspots during either period.
- Between August and November 2011, there were 14 reports of fly tipping in the ward compared with 30 during the same period the previous year. There was no sufficient evidence to issue formal warning letters. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Downham's Lane (11) and Milton Road (4) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between August and November 2011, 22 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 34 during the same period the previous year. Birch Close (7) and Cutter Ferry Path (3) were the main hotspots during the current

reporting period. Herbert Street (3) was the main hotspots during the previous year.

- Between August and November 2011, 2 needles were reported compared with nil during the same period the previous year. The needles were removed from Trafalgar Street.

**East Chesterton**

- Offence levels have remained relatively consistent with the previous period, and are considerably lower than the same period last year. The vast majority of the reductions were seen in dwelling burglary and violent crimes.
- Of the 15 dwelling burglary offences reported, the majority occurred in November (6 offences) and December (5). Offender(s) were mainly jemmying rear windows/doors and targeting electrical goods and jewellery.
- Only 1 robbery offence was reported during the period following no reports in the previous period. The offence occurred in October where a female victim walking along the High Street was pushed into a wall by 2 males and her shoulder bag stolen.
- Violent Crime in East Chesterton has reduced in offences from 42 in the last period to 32 offences this period. During the same period last year there were a total of 63 offences. Compared to the same period last year offences this period are significantly less. Ten of these offences are domestic related, and no hotspots or trends have been identified in the offences.
- Thefts from vehicle offences have seen an increase of 5 on the previous period and 2 on the same period last year. This was largely due to a series of 9 offences throughout the period, where offender(s) have smashed windows to gain entry to vehicles during evening/overnight times. A further 4 offences during the period have targeted sets of index plates.
- Cycle theft offences have increased from the previous period but remains lower than the same period last year at 27 cycles reported stolen. Repeat streets for offences were Ferry Lane (2 offences), Green End Road (2), St. Andrews Road (2), Water Lane (2) and Water Street (3).
- An observed reduction in ASB incidents was seen against both the previous period and the same period last year with 119 incidents reported over the 4-month period. Hotspot locations for incidents were seen on High Street (9 incidents), Fallowfield (8), Discovery Way (8), Green End Road (8), Scotland Road (7) and Pearmain Court (7). The vast majority of these incidents were rowdy/nuisance, however, most of the Pearmain Court incidents were related to neighbour disputes.

**Environmental Services Data**

- Between August and November 2011, there were 9 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 18 during the same period the previous year. This included 3 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 1, which was subsequently claimed by the owner. 2 vehicles were also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not

having valid road tax, 1 of which was subsequently destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine. There were no specific hotspots during either period.

- Between August and November 2011, there were 41 reports of fly tipping in the ward compared with 32 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 6 formal warning letters to domestic offenders. Church Street (4), Downhams Lane (3), Dundee Close (3), Milton Road (3), Nuffield Road (3) and Oak Tree Avenue (3) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at Downhams Lane accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters being sent, Nuffield Road accounted for 2 letters and Oak Tree Avenue accounted for 1 of the letters being sent. Church Street (5), Green End Road (4), Maitland Avenue (4), Fen Road (3) and Kendal Way (3) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between August and November 2011, 14 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 20 during the same period the previous year. Nuffield Road (3) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. Union Lane (4), Bramblefields (3), Chesterton Recreation (3) and Cowley Road were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between August and November 2011, 16 needles were reported compared with 21 during the same period the previous year. 10 were removed from Oak Tree Avenue. During the previous reporting period 16 needles were removed from Church Street.

### **Kings Hedges**

- Total crime in Kings Hedges has fallen during the 4 month period with 194 offences reported compared with the previous period and the same period last year (261 and 304 respectively).
- Dwelling burglary offences remain consistent with the previous period with only 10 reported over the 4-month period. This is comparatively much lower than the 24 offences reported in the same 4-month period last year. It is unknown if the offences are linked as offender(s) have used varying methods to gain entry to properties.
- The number of violent crime offences has fallen to 49 reported crimes this period. This is a reduction of 9 offences from the previous period (58). When compared to the same period last year, there has been a reduction of 38 offences (87). Twelve of these offences are domestic related. There are no particular hotspots or trends.
- Robbery offences have increased to 7 offences this period from 4 offences the last period. No trend has been identified and the offences show no hotspot. The majority of these offences have occurred in the very early hours of the morning where cash has been taken from the victims. Robbery offences when compared to the same period last year have decreased from 9 offences.
- Similarly to crime levels, ASB in Kings Hedges has also seen a reduction against the previous period and the same period last year with 155 reported (against 185 and 174 respectively). Repeat streets for incidents include Campkin Road (26 incidents) and Arbury Court (19). The majority of the incidents make reference to large congregations of rowdy youths causing problems for the local residents and businesses. Other issues raised included intoxicated people acting in a hostile manner.

### **Environmental Services Data**

- Between August and November 2011, there were 13 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 8 during the same period the previous year. This included 2 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 4, which were subsequently claimed by their owners. 1 vehicle was also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax. Campkin Road (5) and Nun's Way (3) were hotspots during the current reporting period. There were no specific hotspots for the same period the previous year.
- Between August and November 2011, there were 128 reports of fly tipping in the ward compared with 95 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 22 formal warning letters to domestic offenders. In addition, 2 verbal warnings were issued. Arbury Court (25), Campkin Road (17), Woburn Close (4), Edgecome (8) and Minerva Way (8) were the main hotspots during the current reporting

period. The offences at Arbury Court accounted for 6 of the formal warning letters being sent and the offences at Woburn Close accounted for 4 of the warning letters being sent. Arbury Court (14), Minerva Way (10), Campkin Road (8), Edgecome (8), Nun's Way (5) and Sackville Close (5) were the main hotspots during the previous year.

- Between August and November 2011, 13 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 19 during the same period the previous year. Atkins Close (4), Cadwin Fields (4) and Campkin Road (3) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. Albemarle Way (4) and Minerva Way (3) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between August and November 2011, 1 needle was reported compared with 4 during the same period the previous year. The needle was removed from Arbury Court. During the previous reporting period 3 needles were removed from Nun's Way.

## Arbury

- Offence levels in Arbury have seen a notable reduction from 249 in the previous period to 203 in the latest 4-month period. This is also comparatively much lower than the same period last year, which recorded 276 offences.
- Dwelling burglary levels remain consistent with the previous period at 18 offences reported. Entry MOs employed included forced entry (6 offences), these were mostly seen in December, and smashed glass (4) in September and October. Repeat streets for offences include Hazelwood Close (3) and Roseford Road (2). Following on from the previous update, 2 further distraction burglaries took place, both of which occurred on the same day in December and offender(s) targeted vulnerable victims on Rutland Close and Humphreys Road by claiming they were from the water board to gain entry.
- Violent offences have increased this period to 59 offences from 46 offences the previous period. Offences have slightly decreased from the same period last year where there were 61 offences. Of the 59 offences, 15 were domestic related and 5 of those are repeat offences related to one issue. Also five of the violent offences related to a hostel in the area.
- Theft from vehicle offences have increased to 13 offences reported during the 4-month period. This is relatively consistent with the same period last year, which recorded 14. Offences occurred during September (5 offences) and November (8). Offender(s) have smashed windows of vehicles to gain entry in 4 offences. All of these offences occurred on a weekend. Cash and cash boxes were targeted in 3 of these offences. Five sets of index plates were stolen during the period, 4 of which occurred throughout November (accounting for half of November's theft from vehicle offences).
- Theft of pedal cycle offences has seen a minor decline in comparison to the previous period and same period last year. Repeat streets for cycle theft include Akeman Street (2 offences), Alpha Road (2), Chesterton Road (2), Hazelwood Close (2) and Histon Road (8).
- Over the 4-month period, 159 ASB incidents have been reported compared with 197 in the previous period. Hotspot areas include Victoria Road (35 incidents), Histon Road (26) and Darwin Drive (14). Darwin Drive incidents mainly refer to aggressive behaviour by groups of youths in the area. Histon Road incidents mainly related to alcohol-fuelled problems and several incidents of rowdiness by groups of youths. The Victoria Road incidents mainly relate to anti-social behaviour reported at the hostel, or drink related problems on the road.

## Environmental Services Data

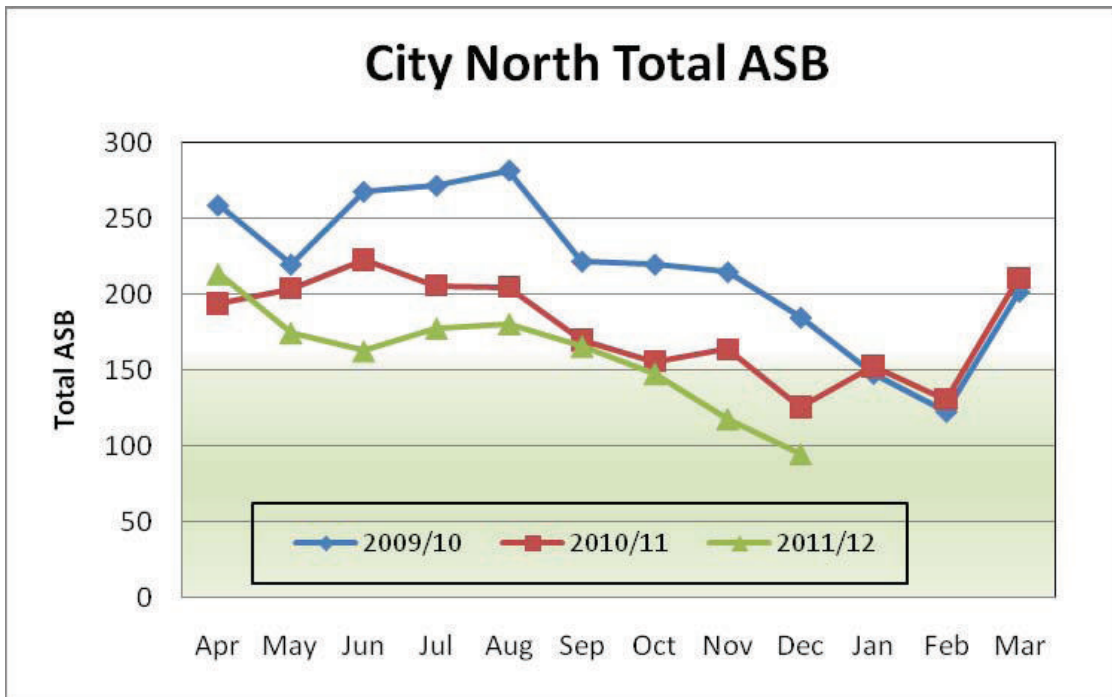
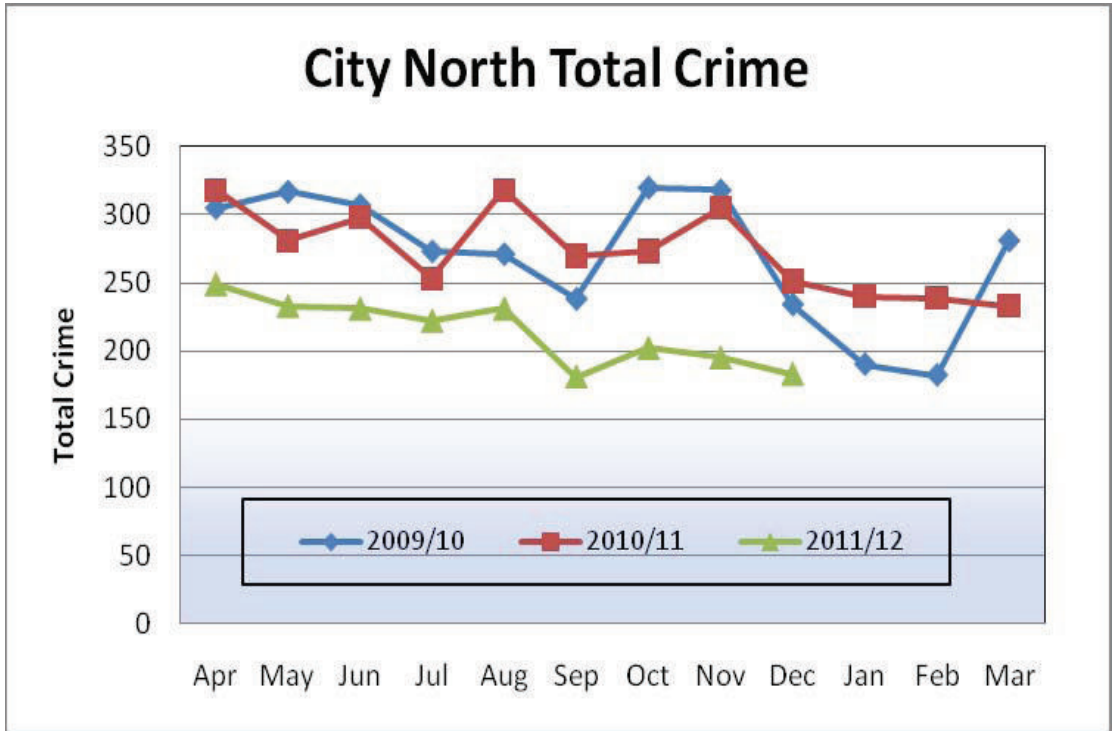


- Between August and November 2011, there were 10 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 14 during the same period the previous year. This included 2 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 1, which was subsequently claimed by the owner. In addition, 1 CLE26 notices was issued to an offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway, which will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. An additional vehicle is also currently pending further investigation. French's Road (3) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. There were no specific hotspots for the same period the previous year.
- Between August and November 2011, there were 89 reports of fly tipping in the ward compared with 134 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 3 formal warning letters to domestic offenders. Hazelwood Close (17), Aylesborough Close (9), Brackley Close (9), Harris Road (9) and Stretten Avenue (8) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at Hazelwood Close accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters being sent and the offences at Stretten Avenue accounted for 1 of the formal warning letters being sent. Molewood Close (17), Cockerell Road (12), Brackley Close (11) and Kingsway Flats (10) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between August and November 2011, 27 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 27 during the same period the previous year. Victoria Road (9), Cockerell Road (6), Bermuda Road (3) and Carlton Way (3) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. Cockerell Road (4), Carlton Way (3) and Stretten Avenue (3) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between August and November 2011, 14 needles were reported compared with 28 during the same period the previous year. 8 were removed from St Albans Road. During the previous reporting period 27 needles were removed from Histon Road.

## **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Continue to reduce ASB around 222 Victoria Rd.
- A number of complaints about cycling offences (no lights/on paths etc) have been received and should be given consideration.
- Continue with arson preventative work.

## 6. CURRENT CRIME AND INCIDENT LEVELS



**CURRENT CRIME AND INCIDENT LEVELS IN NEIGHBOURHOOD, BY WARD**

		Dwell. Burg.	Other Burg.	Violent Crime <sup>1</sup>	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Veh.	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
<b>Nhod</b>	Sept 11 – Dec 11	54	29	177	9	13	58	100	40	120	161	761	527
	May 11 – Aug 11	48	51	179	10	11	49	133	76	164	196	917	697
	Sept 10 – Dec 10	146	37	255	16	22	57	134	65	157	210	1099	616
<b>Wards</b>	Sept 11 – Dec 11	11	4	37	0	2	15	39	4	25	33	170	94
	May 11 – Aug 11	8	16	33	4	2	9	53	10	25	56	216	117
	Sept 10 – Dec 10	29	7	44	2	5	18	47	18	33	62	265	132
<b>West Chesterton</b>	Sept 11 – Dec 11	15	11	32	1	6	17	27	2	30	53	194	119
	May 11 – Aug 11	12	12	42	0	4	12	22	14	32	41	191	198
	Sept 10 – Dec 10	40	12	63	1	3	15	31	6	38	45	254	154
<b>East Chesterton</b>	Sept 11 – Dec 11	10	8	49	7	2	13	5	21	38	41	194	155
	May 11 – Aug 11	8	6	58	4	2	20	24	29	64	46	261	185
	Sept 10 – Dec 10	24	12	87	9	7	10	25	24	52	54	304	174
<b>Kings Hedges</b>	Sept 11 – Dec 11	18	6	59	1	3	13	29	13	27	34	203	159
	May 11 – Aug 11	20	17	46	2	3	8	34	23	43	53	249	197
	Sept 10 – Dec 10	53	6	61	4	7	14	31	17	34	49	276	156
<b>Arbury</b>	Sept 11 – Dec 11	18	6	59	1	3	13	29	13	27	34	203	159
	May 11 – Aug 11	20	17	46	2	3	8	34	23	43	53	249	197
	Sept 10 – Dec 10	53	6	61	4	7	14	31	17	34	49	276	156

<sup>1</sup> Excluding robbery

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**NORTH AREA COMMITTEE**

24 November 2011

8.23 - 10.07 pm

**Present:** Councillors Nimmo-Smith (Chair), Ward (Vice-Chair), Boyce, Bird, Brierley, Kerr, McGovern, O'Reilly, Price, Todd-Jones, Tunnacliffe, Znajek

**County Councillors:** Manning, Sales Wilkins

**Officers:** Jonathan James (Head of Customer Services, Graham Saint (Strategy Officer), Liz Bisset (Head of Customer and Community Services) and Glenn Burgess (Committee Manager).

<b>FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL</b>
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**11/64/NAC Apologies for Absence**

None.

**11/65/NAC Welcome and Introduction (including Declarations of Interest)**

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

**Declarations of Interest:**

None.

**11/66/NAC To confirm what was said (Minutes) at the last meeting and what we have done (Action List)**

The minutes of the 22 September 2011 meeting were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

11/54/NAC Open Forum - answer to question 4: The provision in the new Localism Bill, related to a community 'right to bid' clause (not a 'right to buy' clause).

11/54/NAC Open Forum - question 7: Related to the open space area at George Nuttall Close (not George Street).

Update on Action List:

Councillor McGovern confirmed that discussions were ongoing with officers in Property Services regarding the ownership of Milton Road Library building.

Councillor McGovern confirmed that the open space area at George Nuttall Close was owned by the City Council. Unfortunately the area would have to remain fenced until the Japanese Nut weed could be controlled. Upon completion of this work the area would be returned to open parkland.

A fully updated Action Sheet had been circulated to all members and was available via the North Area Committee webpages:

<http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/content/council-and-democracy/committees/area-committees/north-area-committee.en>

**11/67/NAC You want to know (Open Forum)**

**1) Resident: The Hawkins Road and Campkin Road Resident's Association expressed concern that a number of car parks were being considered for new housing. Parking in the area remained an ongoing issue and it was questioned how many land surveys would be undertaken before a decision was taken.**

The Director of Customer and Community Services confirmed that the Council would be looking at around 1000 garage sites across the City. Whilst any sites identified as underused could be considered for new housing, local residents would be fully consulted prior to any decision being taken. It was further emphasised that a site being surveyed was in no way a definite indication that it would be used for new housing.

Councillor McGovern reiterated that that Resident's Associations would be fully consulted prior to sites being agreed for development.

**Resident: Confirmed that 5 years ago a Working Party had looked at options for all undeveloped land in the City and there had been a strong emphasise on ensuring that all identified land was no longer in use. This exercise would be ongoing and, in preparation for the new Local Plan, should be seen as an opportunity to help shape the redevelopment of Cambridge.**

This comment was noted.

**Resident: Questioned whether the loss of garages would mean that residents would have to pay for parking.**

Councillor Ward confirmed that this would not be the case.

**2) Resident: Questioned why the public meeting with the management of 222 Victoria Road was not better advertised, and suggested that the proposals for a reduction in size should have been brought to the North Area Committee. It was also suggested that, as this had been agreed as a police priority, the management of 222 Victoria Road should be invited to the meeting Area Committee Meeting on 26 January.**

The Director of Customer and Community Services confirmed that the City Council takes a strategic role and works with all housing providers – of which 222 Victoria Road is just one. Due to the increased difficulty of managing a large unit, the Council had supported a reduction in the size and discussions were ongoing with the management team to help facilitate this.

Councillor Todd-Jones confirmed that Ward Councillors and the police were also involved in these discussions. Councillor Nimmo-Smith agreed to invite the management team to the meeting on 26 January 2012.

**Resident: In response to the comment about the meeting being poorly advertised, it was noted that over 120 leaflets had been sent out to local residents. Due to the limited size of the meeting room a decision had been taken not to publicise the meeting too widely but to target those residents directly affected.**

This comment was noted.

**3) Resident: Questioned whether positive steps could be taken to improve the facilities at Chesterton Recreation Ground. It was suggested that relocating the existing facilities would allow for the provision of a pavilion and a tennis court. It was also asked what S106 monies may be available for this type of community build.**

The Director of Customer and Community Services agreed to speak with officers from the Arts and Recreation Service and ask them to contact the resident to discuss the options in more detail.

**4) Resident: The Hawkins Road and Campkin Road Resident's Association expressed concern about rubbish being left to accumulate at recycling units in their area. Whilst the units were often closed, rubbish was still left by members of the public as they passed the facility. The City Council was asked to review the current system to help address these issues.**

The Director of Customer and Community Services confirmed that the City Council were aware of the issues, and due to a higher than anticipated usage, the collection regimes were being looked at.

**Resident: Confirmed that the main area of concern was St Kilda Avenue, and suggested that City Rangers could do more to address the issue.**

This comment was noted.

**5) Resident: Questioned whether it should be 'mob rule' or 'representative democracy' when setting police priorities at Area Committees.**

Councillor Nimmo-Smith proposed that police priorities be set as part of a two-stage deliberation and vote process. Open discussion would take place with the public as part of the 'Community Forum' and, based on this deliberation, the Area Committee members would then be asked to formally vote on their preferred priorities. It was hoped that this would enable public input, whilst ensuring that Councillors were accountable for the final decision. Councillor Wilkins and Councillor Todd-Jones spoke in support of this approach.

**6) County Councillor Manning and East Chesterton resident Clare Blair introduced a short report about the ongoing problems associated with Fen Road. It was hoped that officers could work on solutions as part of a formal consultation process.**



**The report is available via:**

<http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/democracy/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD723&ID=723&RPID=26205431&sch=doc&cat=13047&path=13020%2c13021%2c13034%2c13047>

Councillor Bird confirmed that over the last 12 weeks she too had been investigating the ongoing issues around Fen Road. A comprehensive survey had been completed with local residents and it was hoped that this could feed into any future discussions.

The Chair proposed that police representatives, relevant officers and local representatives be invited to the meeting on 26 January 2011 to discuss the item in detail. It was also suggested that the findings of Councillor Bird's survey be shared with officers in preparation for this meeting. The committee supported this proposal.

The Chair agreed to provide a written response to the following question, which was not covered due to the expiry of the period of time allocated.

**7) Resident: Questioned whether Councillors, or the Chair on behalf of the committee, had approved any Restorative Justice disposals.**

### **11/68/NAC A future work programme for the Area Committee**

The committee received an introduction on the Area Committee's future work programme from the Head of Customer Service.

Councillors and members of the public were asked to discuss items for future meetings based on the recent CB4 community consultation and any other items of local interest. The subjects should be of interest to a wider audience, help promote discussion, and allow the committee to formulate actions.

The following list of suggested topics was circulated to aid the discussion:

**More things for young people to do:** a discussion led jointly by the Locality Manager for children's services in the City and the City Council's ChYpPS manager, giving a feel for the provision of services and activities in the area.

**Better local housing**: the committee could promote discussion about projects that could use our Housing Standard money for improving housing estates.

**Let's say good things about the area**: a discussion about how we can improve the image of the area.

**People getting along**: providing a snapshot of community and voluntary sector activity in the area, perhaps led by C CVS.

**What is happening with health care in north area**: the local GP gives a view of new health structures and how people can get involved in local patient forums.

**The role of faith groups in north area**: a view of the different faith communities and the role they play in supporting and shaping the area.

**Looking at social inclusion in the area**: who might be left on the wrong side of the digital divide and how they could be included.

Through table discussions the following topics were made/supported:

Table 1:

- Street scene issues
- Better local housing
- More things for young people to do
- Let's say good things about the area
- People getting along
- What is happening with health care in north area
- Looking at social inclusion in the area
- Transport
- Development of the Local Plan
- Wider community safety issues: CCTV, magistrates etc

Table 2:

- More things for young people to do
- Let's say good things about the area – possible work with schools
- Street scene issues

Table 3:

- Chesterton Station – possible discussion at the March meeting
- Work out in the community with young peoples groups

Table 4:

- More things for young people to do
- Recycling issues
- What is happening with health care in north area
- 'Police on the beat' – more in-depth work with the police
- Parking issues
- Trees
- The role of faith groups in north area
- Schooling – insufficient places for local residents

Table 5:

- Engaging with young people in a different setting and the possibility of a 'Youth Area Committee'
- Raising aspirations of people living in the north area
- Holding the police to account in their interactions with educational establishments

The Chair thanked members of the public and Councillors for their contributions. It was agreed that a work programme for 2012/13 would be drafted and brought back to the January meeting for formal approval by the committee.

**11/69/NAC Future Meeting dates and venues**

The committee approved the following meeting dates for the municipal year 2012 –13:

- Thursday 17 May 2012
- Thursday 26 July 2012
- Thursday 27 September 2012
- Thursday 22 November 2012
- Thursday 31 January 2013
- Thursday 21 March 2013
- Thursday 16 May 2013

Members then discussed in detail the merits of alternating various meeting venues.

Councillor Ward commented that moving locations and start times had been tried previously and was unsuccessful. A member of the public also supported this view

Councillors Price, Manning and Todd-Jones however felt that moving locations could be beneficial. It was also suggested that, due to the planned discussions around Fen Road, the January meeting could be held in an East Chesterton venue.

The Committee Manager agreed to look at options and discuss this further with the Chair.

The meeting ended at 10.07 pm

**CHAIR**

## COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET

<b>Committee</b>	North Area Committee
<b>Date</b>	24.11.11
<b>Circulated on</b>	05.12.11

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>LEAD OFFICER/MEMBER</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
<u>222 Victoria Road</u> Invite management team to attend January meeting to update on progress of the police priority.	Councillor Nimmo-Smith	ASAP	Management formally invited to attend
<u>Chesterton Recreation Ground</u> Arts and Recreation Team to contact Mr Michael Bond regarding options for improving facilities.	Director of Customer and Community Services	ASAP	Pending
<u>Fen Road</u> Survey feedback to be forwarded to officers in preparation for January meeting	Councillor Bird	ASAP	To be fed back at January meeting
<u>Open Forum question</u> Provide written response to Restorative Justice question	Councillor Nimmo-Smith	ASAP	Pending
<u>Area Committee Work Programme</u> Draft proposal for 2012/13 Work Programme	Councillor Nimmo-Smith and Head of Customer Services	For formal approval at January meeting	Meeting scheduled with Chair
<u>Meeting venues</u> Look at options for alternative venues and discuss further with the Chair	Committee Manager	ASAP	Meeting scheduled with Chair

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Meeting Date	Community Forum Topic
26 January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safer Neighbourhoods</li> <li>- Fen Road – Issues and possible solutions</li> </ul>
22 March 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transport theme inc: Chesterton Station</li> <li>- Update on Street Scene issues</li> </ul>
17 May 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safer Neighbourhoods</li> <li>- Young People (inviting groups and organisations and engaging with young people)</li> </ul>
26 July 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health and Wellbeing (emphasis on sport and exercise to tie in with Olympics)</li> </ul>
27 September 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safer Neighbourhoods</li> <li>- The Voluntary Sector and Localism</li> </ul>

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