

Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City West/Central Neighbourhood

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1 INTRODUCTION

Aim

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

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

Methodology

This document was produced using the following data sources:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident data for the five months of June 2016 to October 2016, compared to the previous five months (January 2016 to May 2016) and the same five months last year (June 2015 to October 2015); and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the West/Central Area Committee meeting of 12 July 2016, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- ❑ Continuation with licensed premises enforcement visits;
- ❑ Violent crime in the city centre;
- ❑ Traffic junction enforcement and general road safety (all road users);
- ❑ Cycle theft;
- ❑ Tackling rough sleeping in the city centre;
- ❑ Tackling drug dealing in the city centre, Arbury and Castle wards; and
- ❑ Theft from vehicles (Newnham).

The Neighbourhood Action Group assigned the actions to be taken and the lead officers for each of the priorities. The tables below summarise the actions taken and the current situation.

Continuation with licensed premises enforcement visits	
Objective	Ensure licensing conditions are being adhered to.
Action Taken	Regular visits to key venues in night-time economy are made by staff deployed within Operation Connect.
Current Situation	No premises identified as breaching conditions or causing concern at this time. Key venues are monitored by the Licensing Officer and scored according to the Cardiff Model.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Nigel Leadbeater, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Violent crime in the city centre	
Objective	Deter and reduce violent crime.
Action Taken	Dedicated resources have been receiving intelligence-led briefing and deployments as part of Operation Connect, utilising the Cardiff Model to identify and engage at locations identified as hotspots.
Current Situation	Violent crime continues within the night-time economy, however no individual location or venue is deemed high risk or under review at this time.
Lead Officers	Sergeant Nigel Leadbeater, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Traffic junction enforcement and general road safety (all road users)	
Objective	General road safety and junction enforcement.
Action Taken	Staff on the Partnership and Prevention team continue to work hard to ensure that all road users are using the road appropriately. This work is carried out in a number of ways.

	There have been foot and vehicle patrols to address the issues across the area. The City Centre team has been particularly key in this work, carrying out patrols of the key locations in the city centre which suffer from inappropriate cycling. As well as the work of the constabulary, there has been considerable support from the ever-growing Community Speedwatch which is now operating effectively across the city, though more members would always be welcome.
Current Situation	The work around road safety in the area continues.
Lead Officer	Sergeants Kevin Misik and Nigel Leadbeater, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Cycle theft	
Objective	To tackle cycle crime across the committee area.
Action Taken	During the reporting period, there have been a number of reports of cycle crime and a large number of these have been linked to the students and staff of the various colleges across the area. One individual has been responsible for a significant amount of this theft and following the work of the team he ended up with a prison sentence. However this didn't seem to change his behaviour and he has been arrested for the same offence, at the same location, twice and is currently on bail awaiting trial on these matters. As well as this work we continue to carry out targeted patrols in key hotspot locations.
Current Situation	There continues to be a level of cycle crime in the city as a whole and with the number of people cycling in the west central area this translates to a higher than normal level of cycle crime.
Lead Officer	Sergeants Kevin Misik and Nigel Leadbeater, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Tackling rough sleeping in the city centre	
Objective	Reduce anti-social behaviour
Action Taken	City centre officers and PC Shayle continue to work with partner agencies to provide support and diversion for homeless people who are rough sleeping. The City Council has a strategy, which includes information cards detailing where to obtain assistance, which Officers can share with rough sleepers.
Current Situation	Rough sleeping continues. The City Centre team will attend to prevent breaches of the peace as and when called upon by landlords / property owners wanting to move rough sleepers from their premises.
Lead	Sergeant Nigel Leadbeater, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

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Tackling drug dealing in the city centre, Arbury and Castle wards	
Objective	Tackling drug dealing
Action Taken	Work has continued to address the issue of drug supply within Cambridge. The work carried out takes place based on intelligence gathered by officers to target the most vulnerable people within our communities who allow their homes to be used to supply Class A drugs. The Partnership and Prevention teams have carried out a range of enforcement action, which has led to a number of people being charged with relevant offences regarding the sale of Class A drugs and a number of people are on bail to the police whilst enquires are completed. As well as the work to deal with the people who supply drugs we continue to work with a wide number of agencies to support those people who are using and trying to stop using to make positive changes to their life.
Current Situation	This work continues to underpin the work carried out by the Partnership and Prevention teams within the city and is targeted to protect the most vulnerable people within the city.
Lead Officer	Sergeants Kevin Misik and Nigel Leadbeater, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Theft from vehicles (Newnham)	
Objective	Dealing with theft from vehicles in the Newnham area.
Action Taken	There have been a number of thefts from vehicles over the reporting period and most of these have been from builders' vans in the area. Patrols are being carried out in the area and relevant prevention advice has been passed not only to the van owners themselves but also to the people who are having the building work carried out. These issues are similar to other areas within the city, most notably the south side where there are a large number of tradesmen working. An extensive patrol plan is in place for the effected locations.
Current Situation	There continues to be thefts from motor vehicles as described above but the overall number of offences is lower than recently.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Kevin Misik, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

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We continue to work to address issue of risk within the west central area. The LIT (Lights Instead of Tickets) scheme is about to restart. There continue to be patrols of areas affected by thefts from vehicles. There continue to be issues with rough sleeping around the area as well.

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The Safer Communities team continues to liaise closely with the police and homelessness agencies to tackle problematic rough sleeping and begging in various locations, including the city centre. Where appropriate, we also consider enforcement action for the most problematic individuals.

A Council-funded Support Post is now in place to work with the most problematic beggars and/or rough sleepers who have been referred to the City Council's multi-agency Task and Target meeting.

Anti-social behaviour behind Parkside Pool continues to be a priority and warning letters have been given to 6 individuals for problematic behaviour associated with their continued rough sleeping, including littering, defecating, fighting and drug use. All the individuals have been offered support.

We are working closely with Housing, Police and local businesses to tackle entrenched rough sleeping in both private and public spaces. Where we have had reports of rough sleeping in shop doorways, we have also involved Cambridge Business Against Crime (Cambac) to act as the link to the business community and to ensure their concerns are fed back to the Task and Target meeting.

The Safer Communities team is also working in partnership with Housing Advice to launch a new campaign, encouraging members of the public to donate to a specific fund rather than give money to those begging on the streets. The new campaign - Cambridge Street Aid - is due to be launched on 28 November 2016. The campaign focuses on encouraging members of the public to donate direct to the Cambridge Street Aid Fund, via text. Every penny donated will go directly to helping those on the streets. Support workers, homelessness charities and other community groups will be able to bid into the fund for projects that will make a real difference to people's lives; the only limitation being that it must help a person get off, or stay off, the streets. The campaign has secured start-up funding from Cambridge Bid and City Council's Safer City grant scheme.

4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CURRENT CRIME & ASB INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD

AREA			Dwelling Burglary	Other Burglary	Violent Crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
WARDS	City West/Central	Jun 16 – Oct 16	25	32	314	6	11	60	490	179	50	594	1824	612
		Jan 16 – May 16	40	53	409	25	4	100	589	351	164	898	1958	807
		Jun 15 – Oct 15	30	65	245	10	1	35	404	275	114	592	1770	493
	Castle	Jun 16 – Oct 16	5	12	16	0	1	19	51	3	13	37	157	73
		Jan 16 – May 16	8	17	29	1	2	29	63	2	21	48	220	76
		Jun 15 – Oct 15	14	8	16	1	1	16	33	3	18	35	145	52
	Newnham	Jun 16 – Oct 16	10	7	12	0	2	29	57	1	19	56	193	50
		Jan 16 – May 16	10	13	14	3	0	55	91	3	16	59	264	58
		Jun 15 – Oct 15	8	4	13	0	0	14	50	2	10	47	148	51
	Market	Jun 16 – Oct 16	10	13	286	6	8	12	382	175	81	501	1474	489
		Jan 16 – May 16	12	32	367	21	2	16	435	346	127	791	2149	681
		Jun 15 – Oct 15	8	53	215	9	0	5	321	270	86	510	1477	390

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❑ Anti-social behaviour associated with rough sleeping
- ❑ Alcohol-related violence within the night-time economy