

Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City South 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 on-going 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 six months from March 2017 to August 2017, compared to the previous six months (September 2016 to February 2017) and the same six months last year (March 2016 to August 2016); and
- ❑ Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the South Area Committee meeting of 24 April 2017, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- ❑ Combatting 'county lines' drug dealing;
- ❑ Burglary (in response to the recent crime spike); and
- ❑ Sexual exploitation (specifically of women coerced or controlled as sex workers).

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

Combatting 'county lines' drug dealing	
Objective	Combatting 'county lines' drug dealing.
Action Taken	Through a combination of proactive and analytical work, we have targeted county lines activity in the south of the City. We review and assess daily intelligence reports relating to drug dealing. We positively share intelligence with other Forces about cross-border drug dealing. Since starting the priority, incidents of violence that can be attributed to gang related activity have been reduced. Drug warrants are sworn out and executed on a regular basis, and proactive plain-clothed patrols continue to be very effective for locating and arresting offenders. We have recently responded to community concerns about drug use in Russell Court and have assigned dedicated patrols in the area to reassure the public. We have also been in dialogue with partner agencies to ensure that the area is made a more hostile environment for this type of illegal and antisocial activity. We have worked with the Council and housing authorities to secure the convictions of persons known to actively and persistently deal in drugs, or house drug dealers, in the south of the City. Recent examples include addresses in Trumpington ward, Chalmers Road and Lichfield Road. One recent conviction resulted in the occupant receiving a four year prison sentence for their part in aiding these organised crime groups.

Current Situation	Disruption work will continue to prosecute offenders and safeguard vulnerable residents. Should this continue as a priority we will prioritise vulnerable individuals exploited by these gangs, as well as prosecuting those who willingly aid and abet this type of offending.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Burglary (in response to the recent crime spike)	
Objective	To conduct high visibility reassurance patrols in known burglary dwelling hotspots.
Action Taken	The 'Burglary Team' at Parkside has primacy for investigating burglary offences, and are supported by officers across the District in the arrest and prosecution of offenders. As a result, just over thirty Cambridge residents have been arrested for dwelling burglary offences over the past reporting period; most of whom had committed multiple crimes. On a daily basis, partnership staff have been checking police systems for any overnight burglaries in the area, and have focussed their additional patrols in known burglary hotspots. These patrols have been used to: reassure local residents; provide crime prevention advice; and collect intelligence about suspicious activity. Moreover, a high visibility presence in these areas is firmly aimed at disrupting and deterring potential burglars or return visitors. A small snapshot of this patrol activity includes: • 29th July – Patrols of Cornwell Road, Hills Road and Whittle Avenue; • 5th August – Patrols of Babraham Road and Lingrey Court; • 18th August – Patrols of Alpha Terrace, Hartington Grove and Barrow Road; • 27th August – Patrols of March Lane, Wulfstan Way and Hulatt Road; • 4th September – Patrols of Rotherwick Way and Nightingale Way.
Current Situation	The large majority of burglary offences are committed by a small minority of spree offenders. The Partnership &

	Prevention team role is to support the Burglary Team with local enquiries and provide a high-visibility presence to reassure local residents.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Sexual exploitation (specifically of women coerced or controlled as sex workers)	
Objective	To conduct welfare visits on persons believed to be involved in prostitution, in a bid to safeguard any vulnerable individuals.
Action Taken	‘Operation Mantis’ was launched just over two years ago to safeguard people who may be coerced or controlled as sex workers. Piloted in Cambridge, this has now been adopted force-wide. Officers collect online information about sex workers operating in the city and visit them to ensure they are not being exploited or intimidated. Officers ensure that sex-workers know how to contact police if they need assistance and signpost them to support agencies if required. Recent examples of visits include Great Northern Road, Warren Close, Cherry Hinton Road and Glenalmond Avenue. We continue to analyse where sex workers operate from and send advisory letters to landlords where brothels have been found to ensure they are made aware of the police focus on this activity and inform them that their properties are being used in this potentially criminal manner. In response to concerns about ‘pop-up brothels’ in the CB1 area, we have been engaged in communication with various partner agencies to deal with and reduce this activity in this specific area. This has also included multi-agency workshops and meetings.
Current Situation	This industry is obviously secretive. As a result, it is often difficult to engage with the persons working in it. Intelligence-led welfare visits will continue to be conducted as part of ‘Operation Mantis’. Enhanced activity around this, such as the letter to landlords, can continue if this remains a priority.

Lead Officer	Sergeant Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
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3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

The summer period remains the busiest time for police work in Cambridge. Officers continue to respond to reports to a wide range of crime and ASB, but localised focus has been on recent reports of drug dealing and drug use around Coronation Street and Russell Court. We have been conducting enhanced patrols of the area and have been engaging with local residents and partner agencies to resolve the issue. Despite media interest, only three calls for service were received by police about this matter in the past six months.

Cambridge City Council

Safer Communities team has tackled a number of serious cases of nuisance behaviour across the south of the city. Tenancy enforcement action has been taken through the Court which led to two Possession Orders being granted and one Injunction Order granted for 12 months. Four Notices of Seeking Possession (NOSP) have been served and an Introductory Tenancy has been extended due to ongoing nuisance behaviour.

Safer Communities team also ran two surgeries: one for local residents of a local sheltered scheme who have been experiencing nuisance behaviour; and another community surgery. A door knock was also carried out in the south as part of an on-going investigation of ASB. The team also carried out 2 workshops at Trumpington Meadows School; one for Year 5 and one for Year 6.

CB1

To gain a clear perspective of concerns raised at previous South area committee meetings, Brookgate (the masterplan developer for CB1), appointed a third party independent organisation to engage with all local stakeholders. This was a two-stage process: firstly, one to one interviews with stakeholder representatives to gather a clear view of current issues; and secondly, coordinating and hosting an all-parties stakeholder workshop, which was held on 14th July.

The objective was to establish current areas of concern, programmes already in place, and identify any gaps to embed a multi-agency partnership approach to enhance the CB1 area on behalf of the community. One to one interviews were carried out with 24 individuals including 5 residents and 3 students. 12

service delivery organisations were represented and interviews typically lasted 30-40 minutes. Following the interviews, a workshop with 28 stakeholders was held with an initial brief as follows: i) to develop a shared understanding from CB1 stakeholders on the current issues; ii) to agree a shared approach and practical steps on how CB1 can be improved for all; and, iii) to agree some short- and long-term actions to achieve this objective.

Three clear themes from the workshop were agreed by participants for improvement (in priority order): **communication**; **anti-social behaviour**; and **community cohesion**. There was a clear sense of commitment from all stakeholders who work, deliver services to, and live in the area, to push forward these objectives. The shared goal was to develop concrete actions and plans to bring together all current programmes, avoid duplication and develop a clear communication route accessible for all.

A second workshop is being set up at the end of October to firm up actions and continue a joint multi-stakeholder partnership.

4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CURRENT CRIME & ASB INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD

			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
AREA	City South	Mar 17 – Aug 17	84	70	288 (172 with injury)	11	15	70	198	30	102	310	1,178	407
		Sep 16 – Feb 17	63	68	227 (152 with injury)	7	13	82	136	19	92	259	966	401
		Mar 16 – Aug 16	45	34	227 (133 with injury)	6	12	94	158	28	72	241	917	375
WARDS	Cherry Hinton	Mar 17 – Aug 17	24	7	85 (54 with injury)	2	4	12	23	7	31	63	258	87
		Sep 16 – Feb 17	26	18	90 (67 with injury)	2	2	18	14	5	29	55	259	109
		Mar 16 – Aug 16	20	14	89 (56 with injury)	2	5	17	12	9	26	59	253	139
	Queen Edith's	Mar 17 – Aug 17	31	20	75 (43 with injury)	1	3	22	41	0	31	88	312	87
		Sep 16 – Feb 17	24	22	47 (25 with injury)	0	2	20	20	0	18	76	229	73
		Mar 16 – Aug 16	15	6	48 (29 with injury)	1	3	28	34	1	13	62	211	84
	Trumpington	Mar 17 – Aug 17	29	43	128 (75 with injury)	8	8	36	134	23	40	159	608	233
		Sep 16 – Feb 17	13	28	90 (60 with injury)	5	9	44	102	14	45	128	478	219
		Mar 16 – Aug 16	10	14	90 (48 with injury)	3	4	49	112	18	33	120	453	152

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

There are 6 recommendations of which the Committee is asked to nominate their Top 3 for focus over the coming months.

1. Combatting drug use around Coronation Street
We would provide evidence of our proactive work in this area, and ensure enhanced visible patrols of the area.
2. Streetlife ASB
We will disrupt members of the street life community from known ASB hotspots around the South of the city, mainly Hills Road and Station Road. We would also evidence activity undertaken to target the most persistent offenders.
3. Combatting 'county lines' issues
We would conduct targeted patrols in known drug-dealing area around the South of the city, prioritising vulnerable individuals being exploited by these organised crime groups and seek to prosecute individuals willingly housing and aiding them.
4. Burglary patrols
We would continue enhanced reassurance patrols in known burglary hotspots. As well as dedicating PCSO patrols to individual crimes as they are reported to deter repeat offending.
5. Road safety
We would evidence work of our efforts to promote road safety in the South of the city, using CRASH data to identify the locations where enforcement of safe driving standards would be most effective.
6. Operation Mantis
We would continue to deliver an enhanced level of activity, particularly around the warning to landlords about their possible criminal liability for the actions of their tenants.