

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 2017 to October 2017, compared to the previous five months (January 2017 to May 2017) and the same five months the previous year (June 2016 to October 2016); 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 18 July 2017, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Street-based anti-social behaviour;
- Youth-related anti-social behaviour; and
- Alcohol-related violence and disorder.

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

Street-based anti-social behaviour	
Objective	To deal with issues of street-based anti-social behaviour.
Action Taken	<p>Over the reporting period, the City Centre Team has continued to address a wide range of issues under this priority, which range from directed patrolling in the early mornings, to deal with rough sleeping within the city centre, to targeted days of action, to deal with begging issues within the city centre. Over this period a number of successful applications have been made to the court for Criminal Behaviour Orders to address persistent anti-social behaviour and encourage engagement with relevant support services. This work is ongoing and a number of further applications are currently being completed. A number of these orders have been breached and the offenders have been sent back to court. Persistent offenders have been handed prison sentences for continued breaches.</p> <p>As well as targeted enforcement work, the police, City Council and a number of support agencies are working together through the multi-agency street life working group to ensure the most problematic or vulnerable individuals are dealt with appropriately. This work again is wide in scope, ranging from checking on the welfare of people and directing them into services, to ensuring that people access relevant medical help when it is needed. This two-pronged approach helps to ensure that people who want help are able to access it. Where supportive interventions are not having an impact on the behaviour, a stepped enforcement approach is taken to ensure their behaviour does not have a detrimental impact on the wider community, including other vulnerable individuals.</p>

	<p>The City Council's Safer Communities team continues to receive complaints about street-based ASB and drug-related activity across the city and in the following areas:-</p> <p>Jordan's Yard and Park Street car park: Noted hotspots for begging, rough sleeping and drug-related activity. A number of warnings have been given to individuals who have been identified as regular visitors to that area and causing nuisance by begging by the pay machines or rough sleeping in areas of high footfall. They have been offered support via the street life working group to ensure they are able to access accommodation or other support, if required. The City Council has installed additional CCTV in order to deter or identify persistent offenders and installed Cambridge Street Aid posters in notice boards near the pay machines to deter members of the public from giving money.</p> <p>Burleigh Street, Fitzroy Street and the city centre: We continue to receive reports of begging and rough sleeping in the shopping areas here. A number of the individuals are known to the agencies and both support and enforcement approaches are being taken as appropriate and in partnership with the street life working group.</p>
Current Situation	<p>This work continues over the winter period as the risk to the people involved is higher. The Council provides extra provision for rough sleepers during the cold weather period which individuals are signposted to via the police and agencies supporting them. In addition to promoting Cambridge Street Aid to the wider community, we also inform those on the streets about how they can access a grant through the fund.</p>
Lead Officers	<p>Sergeant Kevin Misik, Cambridgeshire Constabulary / Lynda Kilkelly, Cambridge City Council</p>

Youth-related anti-social behaviour	
Objective	<p>To address issues of youth-related disorder within the city centre.</p>
Action Taken	<p>The City Centre team has been working with a number of city centre business to impact on the issues of youth-related ASB in the city centre. This has been by way of targeted patrolling in areas which have been the subject of issues, such as the Lion Yard Library, to deter behaviour and to deal with offenders.</p>

	<p>Officers have worked with a number of different agencies to provide support and advice on this kind of issue. This has included security staff and the main shopping centres within the city centre, as well as store staff at locations which are more susceptible to this type of offending.</p> <p>We have been supported in this work by the Special Constabulary, who have assisted in carrying out high visibility patrols to impact of this type of behaviour.</p>
Current Situation	The issues, whilst they have not stopped, are at a lower level due to the time of year than at the beginning of the reporting period.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Kevin Misik, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Alcohol-related violence and disorder	
Objective	To deal with issues of alcohol-related crime and disorder within the city centre.
Action Taken	<p>We continue to work with a wide range of partners, including Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC), the City Council and the licenced premises and their staff, across the city centre to address the issues within both the day time and night time economies. As well as the direct enforcement and patrol work that is carried out towards this issue, we are also supported by the Cambridge Street Pastors, who assist in safeguarding the people who support those who are out and about during the night time economy. We continue to conduct patrols within the city centre during key periods and deal with issues and offences that take place within this environment.</p> <p>On top of patrol work, the Licencing Officer works in partnership to ensure that the licenced premises are working towards their licencing objectives. This work ensures that venues are aware of their obligations and the key role that they hold in ensuring that the night time economy is safe.</p> <p>The response to these issues within this environment continue to be driven by the principles of threat, risk and harm. This broadly means that our response is based on the potential risk or threat from incident and possible harm that a person could be subject to because of it.</p>

Current Situation	This work continues and with the upcoming festive period will only become busier with more people coming into the city centre.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Kevin Misik, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

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The team has been working towards of a number issues but the main developing issue is around the area of Maid's Causeway. There have been increased issues in the area linked to both the overt use of and sale of Class A drugs.

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Midsummer Common orchard and Maid's Causeway area: Hotspot for drug use, reports of needle finds and overt drug dealing. Safer Communities facilitated a residents' meeting on 18th October and are working with partner agencies, including the police, to prevent further incidents in this area. Information has been given to residents on how we are working to deal with the issues. Following up on concerns reported at the residents' meeting, we are also looking at the viability of CCTV in the area, additional lighting, a sharps bin and signage.

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 West/Central	Jun 17 – Oct 17	32	65	348(87with injury)	19	6	59	603	308	104	597	2138	545
		Jan 17 – May 17	20	71	308(100 with injury)	19	4	47	564	302	110	598	2042	670
		Jun 16 – Oct 16	25	32	314(88with injury)	6	11	33	462	235	113	594	1824	612
WARDS	Castle	Jun 17 – Oct 17	19	7	35(2 with injury)	0	1	33	44	3	15	33	190	49
		Jan 17 – May 17	10	5	17(1 with injury)	3	1	26	55	1	15	31	164	46
		Jun 16 – Oct 16	5	12	16(3 with injury)	0	1	19	51	3	13	37	157	73
	Newnham	Jun 17 – Oct 17	8	12	18(4 with injury)	0	4	4	43	36	17	44	183	50
		Jan 17 – May 17	4	10	11(1 with injury)	1	2	2	24	50	13	32	148	27
		Jun 16 – Oct 16	10	7	12(5 with injury)	0	2	2	29	57	19	56	193	50
	Market	Jun 17 – Oct 17	5	46	295 (81 with injury)	19	1	22	516	269	72	520	1765	446
		Jan 17 – May 17	6	56	280 (98with injury)	15	1	19	485	251	82	535	1730	597
		Jun 16 – Oct 16	10	13	286 (81with injury)	6	8	12	382	175	81	501	1474	489

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Street-based anti-social behaviour

This work would be around working with our partners to address not only the ASB itself but some of the underlying issues such as where possible diverting people into the appropriate services.

2. Night-time economy

With one of the busiest times of the year coming up this work would be around the policing of this key period.

3. Maid's Causeway drug issues

As mentioned in this report, there are increased reports of drug issues within this area. This would allow the team to address this issue via targeted patrolling as well as obtaining support from other police teams.

4. Non-dwelling burglary

The crime figures show a spike in the number of reported non-dwelling burglaries. This work would be around patrolling and prevention work around this type of crime.

5. Road safety

This work continues within the core business of the City Centre team. If adopted, this work would continue to be a core responsibility for the City Centre team and it would be supported by work from the wider constabulary.

6. Other acquisitive crime

This is a core function of the City Centre team but with the upcoming Christmas period there is expected to be a spike around this type of crime. This would be a series of patrols to prevent and detect this type of offence.