

Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City North 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 six months of May 2017 to October 2017, compared to the previous six months (November 2016 to April 2017) and the same six months last year (May 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 North Area Committee meeting of 22 June 2017, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- ❑ Child sexual exploitation
- ❑ Anti-social behaviour around Fen Road; and
- ❑ Road safety with specific reference to Arbury Road, Gilbert Road, Fen Road and Kings Hedges Road.

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.

Child sexual exploitation	
Objective	To work towards identifying and safeguarding victims and potential victims of Child Sexual Exploitation.
Action Taken	The work on this has primarily been lead by the PCSOs on the team and has been twofold. They have been conducting routine patrols of areas where people who are involved might be identified, be this outside the schools at the end of the school days or in the various green spaces around the north of the city. As well as these patrols they have been reinforcing the working relationship with our partners, most noticeably the secondary schools in the area. Whilst there are already established safeguarding protocols in place this grass roots level of communication has proved to be useful and has highlighted a number of concerns not solely about Child Sexual Exploitation but around wider safeguarding issues.
Current Situation	This work is ongoing and will continue.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Kevin Misik, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Anti-social behaviour around Fen Road	
Objective	To address issues of Anti-Social behaviour around the area of Fen Road.
Action Taken	A number of different tactics have been used in the area over the reporting period to deal with the different types of ASB that have been ongoing in the area. The police have been supported by the Special Constabulary in conducting patrols of the area to address a wide range of issues and they have had

	<p>some success including issuing warnings to vehicles being driven in an Anti-Social manner under section 59 of the Police Reform Act (2002). A Speed watch scheme has also been set up around the area and has had some success.</p> <p>There has also been a number of high visibility police patrols conducted of the area not only of the road itself but of a number of areas surrounding it, such as the surrounding estates and green spaces.</p> <p>Unfortunately this doesn't mean that there have been no issues in the area over the reporting period. However, when crime and disorder is reported it is dealt with promptly. A prime example of this is the recent spate of damages which have taken place around the East Chesterton area which was originally identified by our Volume Crime team. This was then treated as a high priority for the team to address and deal with.</p> <p>The City Council's Safer Communities team have been working with residents in the Water Lane area of Fen Road to tackle reports of problematic youths. The Redeployable camera was requested and installed. Unfortunately the camera was vandalised and upon further consideration by the CCTV specialist, the lamppost was deemed to not be high enough for a camera and there isn't another suitable in that area. The Safer Communities team are continuing to work with residents and looking at alternative solutions.</p> <p>The Police and the Safer Communities team continue to work in partnership to work towards sustainable solutions to the issues.</p>
Current Situation	There continues to be issues within the area and is discussed weekly at the Partnership Meetings.
Lead Officer	Lynda Kilkelly, Safer Communities Manager, Cambridge City Council / Sergeant Kevin Misik, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Road safety with specific reference to Arbury Road, Gilbert Road, Fen Road and Kings Hedges Road	
Objective	To deal with the increased reports of Anti-Social driving and road Safety in highlighted areas.
Action Taken	A number of different departments have been working towards this priority. The North team have received support from the Road Policing unit, the Special Constabulary as well as the wider policing team within in the city. There have been a number of successes: A number of vehicles have been issued

	<p>with warnings under section 59 and vehicles have also been seized for not having the appropriate documents, mostly for no insurance. A good example of this is the work which saw two mopeds seized from one person and they ended up being summonsed to court for a number of different offences related to his use of a vehicle he should have not been riding.</p> <p>As well as this work we have also been carrying out targeted high visibility patrolling to deter this kind of behaviour and other road traffic issues.</p>
Current Situation	There has been a marked reduction in the number of reports of Anti-Social Driving reported to the constabulary. Road Safety remains one of the core functions of the team.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Kevin Misik, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

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Over the reporting period there have continued to be issues in the area of Fen road as previously mentioned in the report. As well as this there have been a number of reports of anti-social behaviour and crime around the Brownsfield Community Centre.

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The Safer Communities team continues to work with individual residents and communities across the north of the city to tackle nuisance and anti-social behaviour. The team served three Notices of Seeking Possession to council tenants where there has been identified persistent nuisance behaviour, one council tenant signed a tenancy undertaking and two individuals were asked to sign an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC).

Three existing ABCs were reviewed and successfully completed because the behaviour of the individuals had improved significantly.

The Safer Communities team continue to work with the police and the residents in the Akeman Street area and are taking enforcement action where appropriate. The team is working to encourage residents to report incidents of anti-social behaviour to strengthen any enforcement action that is being pursued.

The Safer Communities team attended a Garden Walk residents' meeting that Metropolitan Housing organised to give advice and reassurance about concerns of nuisance and anti-social behaviour that had been raised.

There were reports of fires being set by a group of children at the start of the summer at Brownsfield Community Centre. The Safer Communities team contacted the Fire Service who conducted regular patrols in the area. The Safer Communities Team spoke to Years 4, 5 and 6 at Shirley School about anti-social behaviour before the summer holidays.

Recently there have been reports of more anti-social behaviour at Brownsfield Community Centre. The Safer Communities team are liaising with the Brownsfield Manager to identify those responsible for the nuisance behaviour. Once identified, the Safer Communities team will work with the police and other agencies to address the behaviour of the individuals.

The Safer Communities team have organised a multi-agency task group to examine concerns that a small number of individuals across the city are targeting adults at risk and exploiting them by taking over their properties. This is an on-going piece of work, and the Team will continue to work with the police and other agencies to explore solutions to this issue.

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 North	May 17 – Oct 17	124	68	475 (81)	23	24	157	204	97	203	499	1874	718
		Nov 16 – Apr 17	67	69	400 (91)	23	31	184	146	111	221	458	1710	556
		May 16 – Oct 16	110	68	413 (96)	24	25	77	186	68	199	379	1549	763
WARDS	Arbury	May 17 – Oct 17	29	21	103 (18)	7	9	41	48	29	54	146	487	156
		Nov 16 – Apr 17	14	15	83 (14 with injury)	5	6	45	31	32	44	121	396	122
		May 16 – Oct 16	25	14	111 (24)	7	5	14	43	15	49	100	383	200
	East Chesterton	May 17 – Oct 17	33	16	139 (23)	3	6	33	31	12	55	132	460	124
		Nov 16 – Apr 17	16	23	99 (22 with injury)	3	8	36	27	4	52	105	373	131
		May 16 – Oct 16	26	19	91 (26 with injury)	3	11	24	30	5	53	84	346	192
	King's Hedges	May 17 – Oct 17	38	22	155 (31 with injury)	9	5	40	48	42	51	133	543	273
		Nov 16 – Apr 17	21	10	142 (37 with injury)	5	9	66	37	52	59	123	524	187
		May 16 – Oct 16	28	14	129 (33 with injury)	8	4	26	22	36	63	113	443	204
	West Chesterton	May 17 – Oct 17	24	9	78 (9 with injury)	4	4	43	77	14	43	88	384	165
		Nov 16 – Apr 17	16	21	76 (18 with injury)	10	8	37	51	23	66	109	417	116
		May 16 – Oct 16	31	21	82 (13 with injury)	6	5	13	91	12	34	82	377	167

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Fen Road ASB: There continues to be issues around this area and as such it continues to be a recommendation. The work around this area would be targeted patrolling in the area and continued work with partners.
2. Brownsfield Community Centre ASB: There is currently a developing trend in the area of ASB. This work would be around target patrolling and work with partners around any identified offenders.
3. Dwelling Burglary: The figures show an increase in the number of offences over the previous six months. This work will be in support of the Burglary team and would be around targeted patrolling of locations across the area which are subject to dwelling burglary.
4. County Line drug dealing. There continues to be areas on the North of the City where people are being put at risk but this kind of activity. The work around this would be around highlighting vulnerable people and dealing with offenders.
5. Road Safety. This is a core role for the team and this would be an increase number of patrols around this issue.
6. Safeguarding Young People. This is a key function of the team and this adaption of the CSE priority previously set. The work around this Priority would be working in partnership with other agencies to identify and deal with identified risks. This would cover CSE and other types of risk.