

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 seven months of November 2017 to May 2018, compared to the previous seven months (April 2017 to October 2017) and the same seven months the previous year (November 2016 to May 2017); 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 6 December 2017, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- ❑ Brunswick, Maid's Causeway and Midsummer Common drug issues
- ❑ Road safety such as: Cycling down Burleigh Street, Fitzroy Street, Trinity Street and Sydney Street during the day time when cycling prohibited [; and] Anti-social driving
- ❑ Other acquisitive crime including cycle theft

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.

Brunswick, Maid's Causeway and Midsummer Common drug issues	
Objective	To review and action drug misuse/dealing and associated behaviour within the area.
Action Taken	The work around this priority has taken a number of different forms. The area has been subject to regular patrol activity by both the PCSOs in the team as well as police officers. We have also received support from the Community Action Team (CAT) who has run a number of operations within the area and one of their officers currently holds an ongoing portfolio for the issues in the area to support the City Centre Team. As a result of this operation, offenders have been searched and there have been a number of arrests for possession of drugs which have been progressed to court. As well as this target enforcement action, we have continued to work with both the City Council's Enforcement Team and Safer Communities to address this and linked issues. As well as work directly in the area, we have undertaken work around the Grafton Centre area to disperse the people who are using the area to purchase drugs in both this and the nearby areas. Work continues in this area to ensure that the intelligence picture that we hold is as up to date as possible.
Current Situation	There continues to be issues reported and the City Centre team, supported by the CAT team, now have plans in hand to deal with the issues.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Kevin Misik, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Road safety such as: Cycling down Burleigh Street, Fitzroy Street, Trinity Street and Sydney Street during the day time when cycling prohibited [; and] Anti-social driving	
Objective	To deal with Road Safety across the area.
Action Taken	<p>During the reporting period, the City Centre team has continued to address issues of road safety in a number of different forms across the City. The PCSOs on the team continue, on a daily basis, to challenge inappropriate cycling within the various pedestrian areas and one way systems within the City Centre. As well as this work, the City Centre team continues to address other issues of road safety, such as issues with taxi rank and drivers. Also, during this period, the PCC has supported Operation Velo which is a Tri-County operation aimed at reducing cycle casualties on the road through education and promotion of behavioural change. Whilst this is an operation which is being run across the whole of Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, it has been run in Cambridge City Centre and there is an understanding from the officer who is running the operation about the unique nature of the roads around Cambridge.</p> <p>The Road Safety Partnerships across the Tri-Force Strategic Alliance are committed to reducing the amount of people killed or seriously injured in collisions. To that end, we are keen to explore all initiatives that improve road safety, and the relationship and safety of each road user group who share the road environment.</p> <p>Operation Velo is dedicated to reducing cycle casualties on the road, and the safe integration of this mode of transport within the road environment.</p>
Current Situation	This remains part of the core work of the City Centre Team and with the support of other departments within the force.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Kevin Misik, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Other acquisitive crime including cycle theft	
Objective	To deal with acquisitive crime within the West/Central committee area.
Action Taken	The work within the priority is in two parts. There is the preventive work which is carried out by the PCSOs within the team. They have developed a patrol plan for the area based on the theft hot spots for theft within the area. This ensures that the most vulnerable areas are patrolled frequently. We also

	<p>work with a number of different partners, such as Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC) and the colleges to ensure that any identified suspects for theft matters, most notably cycle theft (considering the number of cycle users within the colleges), are shared with the most appropriate organisations.</p> <p>The second part of the work is around dealing with any suspects who are identified, via CCTV images and descriptions provided, for theft matters. The majority of this work is carried out by our Volume Crime team, but the City Centre team members have a key role to play in this as well.</p>
Current Situation	Again this work continues to be a core role for the constabulary and will continue to be so.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Kevin Misik, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

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Night Time Economy: We are working toward updating and providing standardisation to the work we carry out in partnership in the night time economy to better understand the risks and the actions that we take to mitigate and deal with them.

Policing of Green Spaces: As the summer approaches, we are increasing our work around the City Centre's Green Spaces due the increase in use of these spaces at this time of year.

Targeted work around the Street Life community: We continue to work with a range of partners within the City Centre to deal with the most problematic members of the Street Life community.

Working in Partnership with City Centre Business and Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC) to address theft: We continue to work with CAMBAC to address crime within the city centre.

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Work by the Safer Communities team continues around managing street based ASB. A number of individuals received warning letters due to begging and rough sleeping in the car parks, mainly Park Street Car Park and the Grand Arcade. Safer Communities and the police, along with partner support agencies, have been working together through the Street Life Working Group

to identify the most problematic individuals and provide a targeted approach using support and enforcement where necessary.

Cambridge Street Aid continues to be promoted across the City and there is some work on-going to promote this more widely across the next few months, with, in particular, contactless donation points.

A residents' community group in Brunswick Terrace made an application for Safer City grant funding to have an additional street light installed to prevent drug dealing and related antisocial behaviour in the area. It had been agreed with the County Council that they would fund the revenue costs of the street light (electricity and maintenance) if the City Council funded the capital costs. The street light has now been installed. A further report on the street light will be made at a future committee meeting.

4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CURRENT CRIME & ASB INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD

			Dwelling Burglary	Other Burglary	Violent Crime / *with injury	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
AREA	City West/Central	Nov 17 – April 18	22	46	367 / *115	18	10	113	427	276	127	666	2071	470
		Apr 17 – Oct 17	38	91	469 / *133	28	11	143	907	353	152	827	3017	790
		Nov 16 – April 17	21	60	323 / *146	14	2	60	477	274	103	607	1942	679
WARDS	Castle	Nov 17 – April 18	7	9	26 / *7	3	4	43	34	1	17	47	191	35
		Apr 17 – Oct 17	23	9	44 / *3	1	2	52	68	4	25	44	272	68
		Nov 16 – May 17	8	8	14 / *2	2	0	20	52	1	9	38	152	43
	Newnham	Nov 17 – April 18	11	13	20 / *3	0	2	61	24	2	18	36	187	21
		Apr 17 – Oct 17	8	12	22 / *4	1	5	57	59	1	22	53	240	63
		Nov 16 – May 17	7	15	16 / *3	1	2	23	46	1	15	39	165	29
	Market	Nov 17 – April 18	4	24	321 / *105	15	4	18	369	273	82	583	1693	414
		Apr 17 – Oct 17	7	70	403 / *125	26	2	34	780	348	105	730	2505	659
		Nov 16 – May 17	6	37	293 / *141	12	0	17	379	272	79	530	1625	582

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO IT ISSUES THE LAST FIGURES ARE FOR 6 MONTHS NOT 7.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

We seek views from this committee on those local issues that the police and partner agencies can work together to action and report on at the next committee meeting.