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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:

- Crime and Incident data, from May 11 – August 11 and as a comparison data from January 11 – April 11 and May 10 – August 10
- Information from the Neighbourhood Policing teams, September 2011.
- City Services Data -

2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

Previous Priorities

At the neighbourhood panel meeting on 10th June 2011 the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities that were set:

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) associated with Sex Workers in Histon Road	
Objective	To reduce complaints of ASB relating to sex-working in Histon Road.
Action Taken	<p>There have been distinct phases to this problem, over the reporting periods to date in different areas. Given the problem affecting areas in both the North and West of the City, the two neighbourhood policing teams have worked together closely to ensure a consistent approach.</p> <p>In the region of 350 hours of patrols have been conducted in the period, on foot and in vehicles and in plain clothes and uniform. Women engaged in prostitution have been spoken to, warned and then moved on.</p> <p>Where alcohol has been a significant factor, use of Section 27 powers to disperse offenders from the area have been used on two occasions. Three arrests have been made for public order offences.</p> <p>The specific problems linked to sexual activity in Rackham Close have ceased, with the completion of the building work and the gating of the parking area.</p> <p>Over the last couple of months, a similar situation has developed in the garage block of Belmore Close, in City West, where one woman has been leaving “litter” – evidence of her activity and causing concern for the local residents.</p>
Current Situation	It is important to note that the prostitution on Histon Road primarily involves two females. One of these is a resident in hostel accommodation where a letter warning that her tenancy is at risk, should she not desist, has been issued. We have enough evidence now, on these two, to pursue other courses of action – ASBOs for example – in the near

	<p>future.</p> <p>Other women are occasionally in evidence, with some suggestion, that they are engaged in “clipping” (stealing/robbing from men seeking sex). Clearly the impact on residents in Belmore Close is causing considerable concern.</p> <p>West Area Committee has recently adopted this issue as a priority given recent focus in their areas immediately adjacent to the North. It is proposed that the specific North priority is withdrawn, the proviso being that North and West resources will continue to work together on this theme irrespective of immediate geographic location.</p>
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge, but continue reporting at future committees concerning work achieved.

ASB and underage drinking in Kingsway Flats	
Objective	Tackle reports of under-age drinking and ASB in Kingsway Flats
Action Taken	<p>Foot patrols have been conducted around the flats at all hours to a total of approximately 200 hours.</p> <p>Whilst some youths have been engaged and advised concerning nuisance and the impact of their behaviour on others, there have been no criminal offences revealed.</p> <p>A channel of communication has been developed between residents and Police via e-cops.</p> <p>Suggestions that drug misuse seems to be taking place amongst the group is possible, but officers are yet to locate any drugs during patrols and engagement with youths.</p> <p>One household in Kingsway, that was attracting youths, has been engaged by Police and the City Council concerning the effects of allowing such congregations.</p>
Current Situation	Very little of note. Children tend to play “manhunt” around the site, which occasionally causes nuisance and annoyance to some local residents.

	For an area of the size and dimensions of Kingsway, there doesn't appear to be any disproportionate issue.
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge.

Prevention of Arson (Fire Service lead)

Objective	Implement arson preventative work to reduce number of non-accidental bin fires in the neighbourhood.
Action Taken	<p>Regarding the wheelie bin priority, five young people have been dealt with by police with cautions for fire setting and nine young people have been dealt with through the CFRS (Cambridge Fire and Rescue Service) Fire Setters Engagement Scheme. Two more young females have come to notice and will be dealt with through the fire setters scheme and school.</p> <p>The homes of a number of others identified as being in the area at the time have been visited by CFRS and PCSOs with suitable advice being offered to parents and the young people involved. All of the visits were positively received.</p> <p>The number of fires has reduced significantly however they do continue. The environment and the opportunities created by the poor management of bins by householders and in some cases the problems with storage are being addressed by a working party of officers whose aim is to try and improve that situation and deploy where appropriate enforcement in respect of fly tipping in the streets.</p>
Current Situation	<p>There has been an outbreak of deliberate fires alongside the A14 embankment at the top of Fen Road that have destroyed some property on the farms in that location. Informal allegations have been made to fire crews attending these fires that they are the result of fly tipping. The material is then ignited to destroy it. As a result, property and infrastructure in the area has been damaged or destroyed. The owners are reluctant to complain formally for fear of reprisal.</p> <p>Smoke has been blown across the A14 causing a significant hazard to traffic on more than one occasion. This could provide a means of engagement with the resident Fen Road</p>

	community, which will be less contentious.
Continue or Discharge?	Continue.

Dwelling Burglary across the Neighbourhood

Objective	Reduce offence of burglary dwelling across the neighbourhood
Action Taken	<p>Cambridge City maintains a full-time Serious Acquisitive Crime Team whose focus is the investigation of Dwelling Burglary, Robbery and Vehicle Crime.</p> <p>In addition to reactive investigation, the team conducts proactive intelligence-led operations in support of neighbourhood policing. There has been no need for specific actions during the period in addition to the routine operation of this team in City North.</p> <p>During the period, the level of dwelling burglary offences has been exceptionally low. A number of persistent offenders remain in custody following Operation Northwood, where large quantities of stolen items were recovered and most the City's suspected burglars brought to justice.</p>
Current Situation	48 offences occurred in the reporting period compared to 131 in the same period last year and 119 in the previous period.
Continue or Discharge?	Discharge.

3. Emerging Issues

Neighbourhood trends

Total crime in City North has decreased with 917 offences reported over this four-month period compared to 961 offences in the previous period. Comparatively, there were 1150 offences reported in the same period last year.

There has been a slight decrease in anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident levels in City North with 697 incidents reported over this 4 month period compared with 709 in the previous period. ASB levels are also lower than recorded for the same period last year (838 incidents).

West Chesterton

- Offence levels in West Chesterton have decreased to 216 offences reported from 225 the previous period. Comparatively, there were 287 offences reported in the same period last year.
- Dwelling burglary offences have decreased with only 8 being reported, compared to 33 the previous period. The same period last year had 34 reported offences. Five of those offences occurred where either windows or doors had been left insecure.
- Violent crime offences have increased compared to the previous period (33 vs. 30 offences) but have decreased compared to the same period last year (46 offences). Five offences were domestic related.
- Theft from vehicle offences have decreased from 12 offences in the previous period to 9 offences in this period. In 5 of these offences the offender stole sat navs/electrical items and on 2 offences the number plates were stolen.
- There were 53 cycle theft offences in this period compared to 42 offences in the previous period and 86 offences in the same period last year. Similar to the previous period, the majority of the offences are clustered in the vicinity of Chesterton Road.
- Theft from shop offences have decreased compared to the previous period (10 offences vs. 17 offences). The same period last year had 12 reported offences. Half of these offences occurred at a shop in Milton Road, and half occurred at 2 different shops on Chesterton Road.
- Criminal damage offences have increased slightly from 24 offences in the previous period to 25 in the current period and have also increased in comparison to the previous year (19 offences). There were 3 offences of criminal damage to banks/businesses overnight 16/17th June in Chesterton Road and Milton Road where offenders have spray-painted

writing on ATM's and windows. There were 7 offences where vehicles were damaged.

- ASB levels have decreased from 137 incidents in the previous period to 117 incidents in this period. This is a decrease compared to the same period last year when there were 152 incidents. Chesterton Road is a hotspot for ASB with 19 incidents, but there didn't appear to be any trends in the incidents.

Environmental Issues – City Services Data

- Between April and July 2011, there were 15 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 8 during the same period the previous year. This included 6 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 2 which were subsequently claimed by their owners. In addition, 2 CLE26 notices were issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway, which will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. 1 additional vehicle is also currently pending further investigation. De Freville Avenue (3) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. There were no specific hotspots for the same period the previous year.
- Between April and July 2011, there were 7 reports of fly tipping in the ward compared with 21 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 1 formal warning letter to domestic offender. In addition, 1 verbal warning was issued. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Chestnut Grove (3) and Springfield Road (3) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between April and July 2011, 7 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 102 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Chesterton Road (25), Beaulands Close (10), Herbert Street (7), Carlyle Road (5), Manhattan Drive (5) and Milton Road (5) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between April and July 2011, 2 needles were reported compared with 11 during the same period the previous year. Both were removed from Hurst Park Avenue. During the previous reporting period 9 needles were removed from Chesterton Road.

East Chesterton

- Offence levels in East Chesterton have decreased to 191 offences reported from 222 the previous period. Comparatively, there were 292 offences reported in the same period last year.
- There was a decrease in dwelling burglaries in this period with only 12 being reported, compared to 23 offences in the previous period and 21 offences in the same period last year. Seven of those reported offences

occurred where offenders had gained entry through an insecure window or door. No specific hotspots could be identified.

- There were 42 violent crime offences in this period compared to 67 offences in the previous period and 75 offences in the same period last year. In 18 of these cases it was a domestic dispute. Out of all the violent crimes, 24 have had an offender arrested and dealt with (16 Charged, 4 received cautions, 1 Final Warning and 1 summons).
- Theft from vehicle offences have remained the same since last period with 12 offences reported, this is compared to 26 offences in the same period last year. In 2 separate offences batteries were stolen from vehicles. For one offence, the vehicle was a lorry and the batteries were heavy duty. These 2 offences occurred whilst parked at a business yard in Cowley Road (one on a Friday at 17.00 and the other on a Sunday at 18.00). In another offence a catalytic converter was stolen.
- ASB incidents have decreased compared to both the previous period (198 incidents vs. 214 incidents) and the same period last year (233 incidents). Fitzgerald Place was a hotspot during the period with 15 of the 22 incidents at that location from the same address. Other hotspots were Kendal Way (15), St Andrews Road (14) and Green End Road (14).

Environmental Issues – City Services Data

- Between April and July 2011, there were 6 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 7 during the same period the previous year. This included 2 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 3, which were subsequently claimed by their owners. There were no specific hotspots during either period.
- Between April and July 2011, there were 33 reports of fly tipping in the ward compared with 55 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 3 formal warning letters to domestic offenders. Dundee Close (5), Church Street (4) and Fen Road (3) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. Church Street (13), Dundee Close (7), Maitland Avenue (6) and Mortlock Avenue (4) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between April and July 2011, 12 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 55 during the same period the previous year. Logans Way (4) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. Church Street (5), Logans Way (4), Scotland Road (4) and Union Lane (4) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between April and July 2011, 27 needles were reported compared with 18 during the same period the previous year. 13 were removed from Church Street and 5 from Nuffield Road. During the previous reporting period all 18 needles were removed from Church Street.

Kings Hedges

- Offence levels in Kings Hedges have decreased to 261 offences reported from 268 the previous period. Comparatively, there were 274 offences reported in the same period last year.
- Dwelling burglary offences have decreased considerably with only 8 being reported in this period compared to 24 in the last period. This is a decrease compared to the same period last year (44 reported offences). No hotspots, specific pattern of entry or items stolen.
- Violent offences have decreased in the ward (58 offences compared to 63 in the previous period). This is also a decrease from the same period last year when 79 offences were reported. An offender has been arrested and charged in 14 of the offences. In 17 offences the violence appears to be domestic violence.
- Theft from vehicle offences have decreased compared to the previous period (20 offences vs. 30 offences) but slightly increased compared to the same period last year when 12 offences were reported. No specific pattern for items stolen. The only hotspot was Buchan Street which had 3 offences recorded, but no pattern for days/times of offences.
- There were 29 theft from shop offences in this period compared to 28 offences in the previous period and 11 offences in the same period last year. Nearly half of the offences occurred at a shop on Milton Road (15) but there were no pattern of items that were stolen.
- ASB incidents in this period have increased compared to last period (185 reported offences vs. 162) but decreased from the same period last year (218). There were 11 calls from the same address at Aragon Close in which a female stated that a male is repeatedly banging on her door, this was also the case in the last period where the same address was repeatedly calling to report the same thing. Other hotspot areas are Arbury Court (18), Campkin Road (20) and Milton Road (15).

Environmental Issues – City Services Data

- Between April and July 2011, there were 9 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 16 during the same period the previous year. This included 2 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 2, which were subsequently claimed by their owners. 2 vehicles were also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax, 1 of which was subsequently destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine. 1 additional vehicle is also currently pending further investigation. Crowland Way (3) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. Nun's Way (8) was the hotspot for the same period the previous year.
- Between April and July 2011, there were 105 reports of fly tipping in the ward compared with 121 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 8 formal warning letters to

domestic offenders. In addition, 3 verbal warnings were issued. Arbury Court (12), Sackville Close (8), Camberon Road (6), Campkin Road (6), Hanson Court (6) and Woburn Close (6) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at the above streets accounted for all 8 of the formal warning letters being sent. Arbury Court (24), Campkin Road (15), Minerva Way (10), St Kilda Avenue (7) and Nun's Way (6) were the main hotspots during the previous year.

- Between April and July 2011, 11 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 59 during the same period the previous year. St Kilda Avenue (3) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. Albemarle Way (5), Edegcombe (5), Minerva Way (5), Hanson Court (4) and Nun's Way (4) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between April and July 2011, 19 needles were reported compared with 16 during the same period the previous year. 11 were removed from Aragon Close and 5 from Kings Hedges Road. During the previous reporting period 9 needles were removed from Nun's Way.

Arbury

- Offence levels in Arbury have increased to 249 offences reported from 246 the previous period. Comparatively, there were 297 offences reported in the same period last year.
- Dwelling burglary offences have decreased compared to the previous period (20 offences vs. 39 offences) and compared to the same period last year (32 offences). On three occasions there were distraction burglaries. One of the distraction burglaries offenders tried to push past the occupier but were unsuccessful and no entry was gained. The other two occasions the offenders have been let into the property and then the occupier has realised items have been stolen after offenders have left.
- First distraction burglary (May) – occurred at lunchtime and offenders used MO of checking to see if water had leaked from flat above. Offender described as being aged 50-60 male and wearing a high viz orange vest, dark jacket and dark trousers.
- Second distraction burglary (August) – occurred at lunchtime and offenders have used MO stating that there had been a gas explosion and the occupier needed to run the water to see if it had been contaminated. Offender described as being in male. Aged in his 40's and wearing navy jumper and navy trousers.
- Violent crime offences have slightly increased to 46 offences in this period compared to 44 offences in the previous period. This is a decrease compared to the same period last year (65 offences). For 17 of those offences, offenders have been arrested and charged. In 11 offences the violence appears to be domestic violence.
- Theft from vehicle offences have slightly increased to 8 offences from 7 in the previous period but has decreased compared to 24 in the same

period last year. Offenders have targeted taxis in 2 of these offences and have smashed the window and taken the cash box/holder from within. No specific pattern of days/times of offence.

- There were 23 theft from shop offences in this period compared to 16 offences in the previous period and 18 offences in the same period last year. All of these offences occurred in various shops on Histon Road and on 10 occasions the offenders stole various items of meat.
- ASB incidents have slightly increased compared to the previous period (197 offences vs. 196 offences) but decreased compared to the same period last year (235 offences). Specific hotspot locations for incidents were Histon Road (29 incidents including varied issues such as prostitution, street drinking and vehicle nuisance) and Victoria Road (36 incidents, mainly general disorder issues).

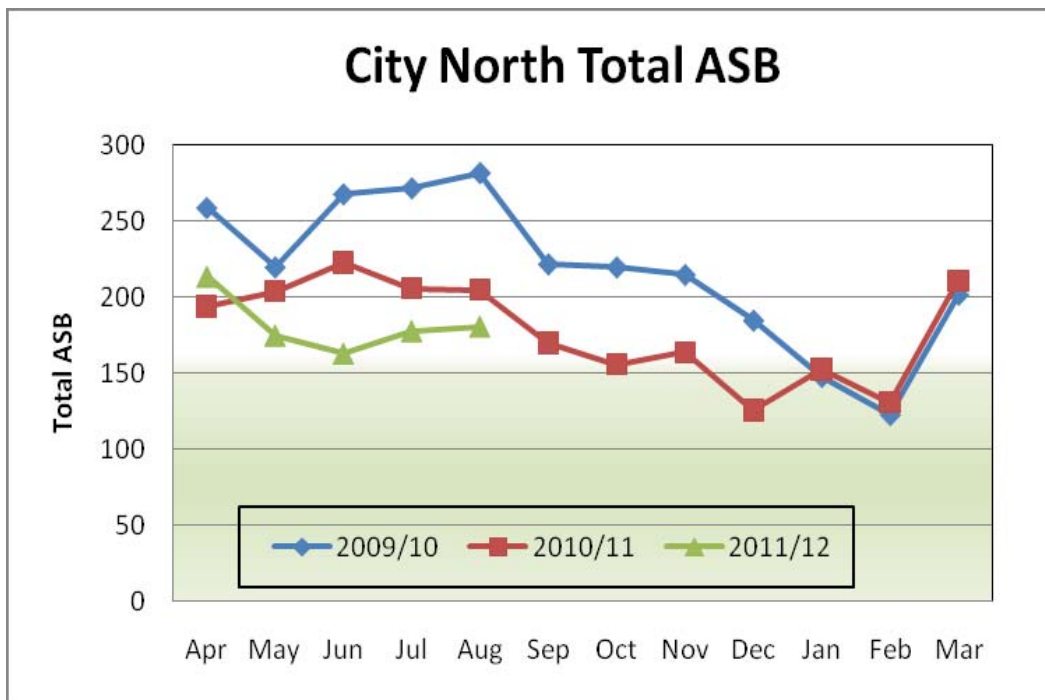
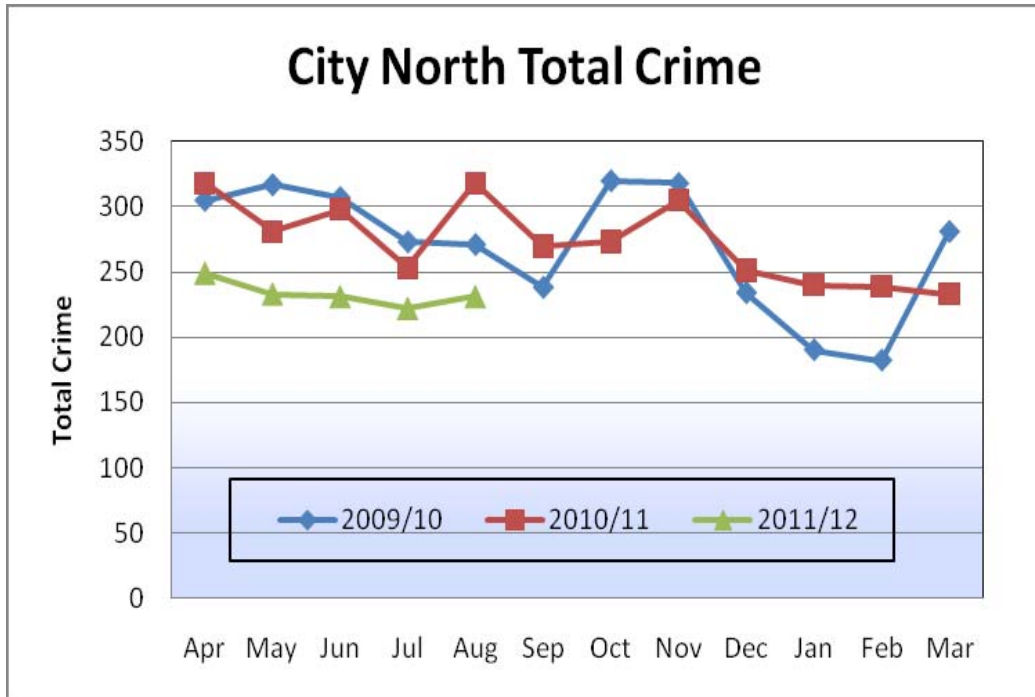
Environmental Issues – City Services Data

- Between April and July 2011, there were 5 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 18 during the same period the previous year. This included 3 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Histon Road (3) was the hotspot for the same period the previous year.
- Between April and July 2011, there were 77 reports of fly tipping in the ward compared with 114 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 2 formal warning letters to domestic offenders. In addition, 1 verbal warning was issued. Cockerell Road (10), Brackley Close (8), Harris Road (7), Francis Darwin Court (6) and Stretten Avenue (4) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at Stretten Avenue accounted for 1 of the formal warning letters being sent. Molewood Close (12), Kingsway Flats (9), Fordwich Close (8), Hazelwood Close (8) and Rutland Close (8) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between April and July 2011, 10 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 97 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Stretten Avenue (14), Victoria Road (11), Cockerell Road (7), Carlton Way (6) and Chesterton Road (6) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between April and July 2011, 3 needles were reported compared with 1 during the same period the previous year. The 3 needles were removed from Histon Road. During the previous reporting period the needle was removed from Victoria Road.

4. Recommendations

- Continue with prevention of arson work

5. Current Crime and Incident Levels



Current Crime and Incident Levels in Neighbourhood, by Ward

			Dwell. Burg.	Other Burg.	Violent Crime ¹	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Veh.	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
Nhod	City North	May 11 – Aug 11	48	51	179	10	11	49	133	76	164	196	917	697
		Jan 11 – Apr 11	119	35	204	8	16	61	98	74	128	218	961	709
		May 10 – Aug 10	131	47	265	20	17	85	199	43	162	181	1150	838
Wards	West Chesterton	May 11 – Aug 11	8	16	33	4	2	9	53	10	25	56	216	117
		Jan 11 – Apr 11	33	7	30	1	1	12	42	17	24	58	225	137
		May 10 – Aug 10	34	11	46	4	6	23	86	12	19	46	287	152
	East Chesterton	May 11 – Aug 11	12	12	42	0	4	12	22	14	32	41	191	198
		Jan 11 – Apr 11	23	10	67	3	4	12	13	13	26	51	222	214
		May 10 – Aug 10	21	12	75	1	6	26	47	2	52	50	292	233
	Kings Hedges	May 11 – Aug 11	8	6	58	4	2	20	24	29	64	46	261	185
		Jan 11 – Apr 11	24	8	63	1	9	30	21	28	39	45	268	162
		May 10 – Aug 10	44	6	79	7	3	12	27	11	46	39	274	218
	Arbury	May 11 – Aug 11	20	17	46	2	3	8	34	23	43	53	249	197
		Jan 11 – Apr 11	39	10	44	3	2	7	22	16	39	64	246	196
		May 10 – Aug 10	32	18	65	8	2	24	39	18	45	46	297	235

¹ Excluding robbery