

# Report of the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on Thursday 14 September 2017

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## **Subject:**

Bradford East Neighbourhood Policing Team activity to address the “Safer Communities” priorities within the Bradford East Constituency Ward Plans for 2016 / 2018

## **Summary statement:**

This report gives an update of some of the work undertaken by the Bradford East Area Neighbourhood Policing Team and an overview of the Bradford East Constituency Performance data.

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## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report gives an update of some of the work undertaken by the Bradford East Area Neighbourhood Policing Team and an overview of the Bradford East Constituency Performance data.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Appendix A gives an overview of the Bradford East Area between April 2016 and July 2017 and gives a comparison with the same period in the previous year.

## **3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 There are now named Police and Council Ward Officers aligned to Wards across the Area who are supported by designated staff with allocation to specific areas. The boundaries are co-terminous and therefore enable effective co-ordination, tasking and problem solving.
- 3.2 Bradford East Neighbourhood Policing Team works closely with Bradford Council's Neighbourhoods Team across the East Constituency. A number of joint community initiatives have taken place including piloting new contact points, street surgeries, attendance at parents' consultation events, fun days and also attendance at other public engagement opportunities. Days of Action have been undertaken including information-giving, door knocking by staff from the teams, traffic operations, fines warrants, anti-theft number plate road shows and environmental activities.
- 3.3 A new pilot arrangement merging the Ward Partnership Team meetings, supported by elected members across Idle and Thackley, Eccleshill and Bolton and Undercliffe, has been launched to facilitate more regular meetings and support informed cross- ward boundary problem solving and information-sharing focussing on strategic priorities, entrenched issues and emerging challenges. If this is successful this approach could be extended to merge other Ward Partnership Teams subject to negotiations with Ward Councillors and partners.
- 3.4 Neighbourhood officers from the Council and Police have participated in more robust joint patrols and enforcement activities managing school gate parking issues to reduce traffic congestion, illegal / inappropriate parking and risks to pedestrians as well as other road users. Traffic operations are planned throughout the year. The Council's CCTV car is also deployed to support enforcement activities. Where possible, engagement work including school assembly presentations, attendance at school events to meet parents, children taking part in speed watch and other road safety educational activities also take place.

## **4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

- 4.1 Not applicable.

## **5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

5.1 No significant risks.

## **6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

6.1 There are no known legal implications.

## **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

### **7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

7.1.1 The information in the report seeks to address emerging crime and community safety priorities across all communities within the Area.

### **7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

7.2.2 The involvement of a wide range of partners in working together to address community safety and crime issues contributes to finding sustainable solutions.

### **7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

7.3.1 No impacts.

### **7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

7.4.1 All the work identified within this report contributes to improving community safety.

### **7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

7.5.1 No specific implications.

### **7.6 TRADE UNION**

7.6.1 None.

### **7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

7.7.1 The information provided in this report is relevant to all Wards within Bradford East Area.

### **7.8 AREA COMMITTEE WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

7.8.1 The actions contained within this report impact on all the priorities within the Safer Communities theme in all Ward Plans.

## **8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

8.1 None.

## **9. OPTIONS**

9.1 This report is presented primarily for information.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That Bradford East Area Committee notes the work undertaken by the Bradford East Neighbourhood Policing Team from April 2017 to July 2017 that contributed to addressing priorities within the ward plans for the Bradford East Area.

10.2 That the Bradford East Area Committee notes the positive partnership working that has been established with Elected Members, Council Officers, community organisations, volunteers and residents within the Bradford East Area.

## **11. APPENDICES**

11.1 Appendix A – Bradford East Performance Data – April 2016 and July 2017.

## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

12.1 None.

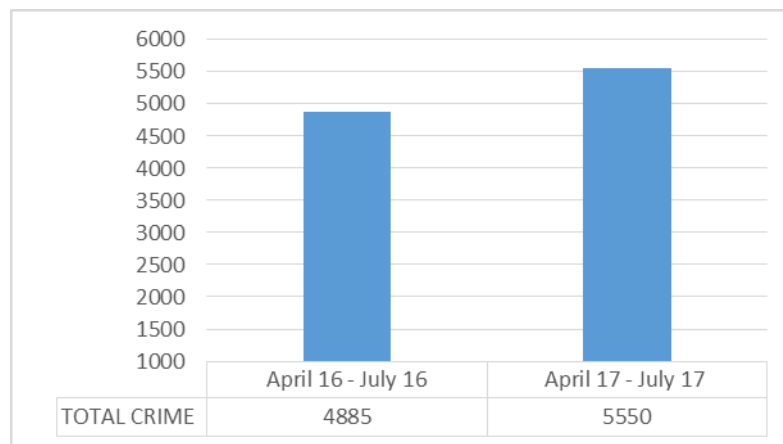
## BRADFORD EAST

- Bolton and Undercliffe
- Bowling and Barkerend
- Bradford Moor
- Eccleshill
- Idle and Thackley
- Little Horton Neighbourhood

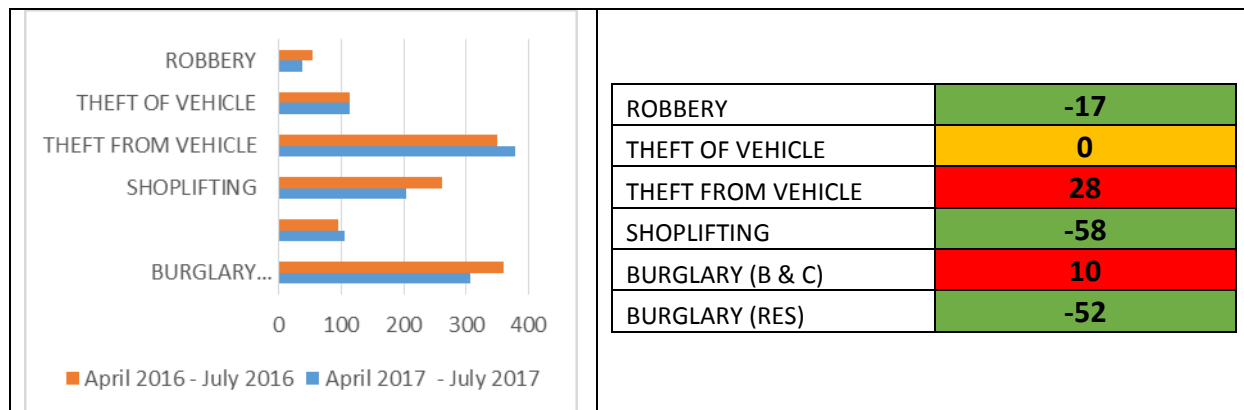


## CRIME FIGURES

The following data highlights figures for the main crime types in Bradford East for the year to date (this will equate to crime figures between beg April 2017 to middle of July 2017 with a comparison of the same period from the previous year):



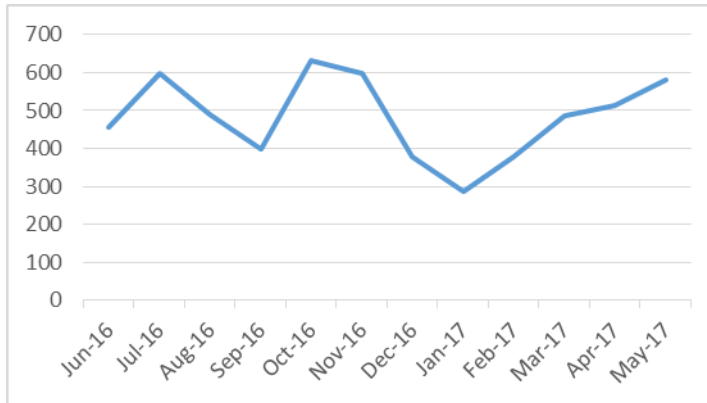
This is broken down into different crime types as below along with an increase and decrease figure for each:



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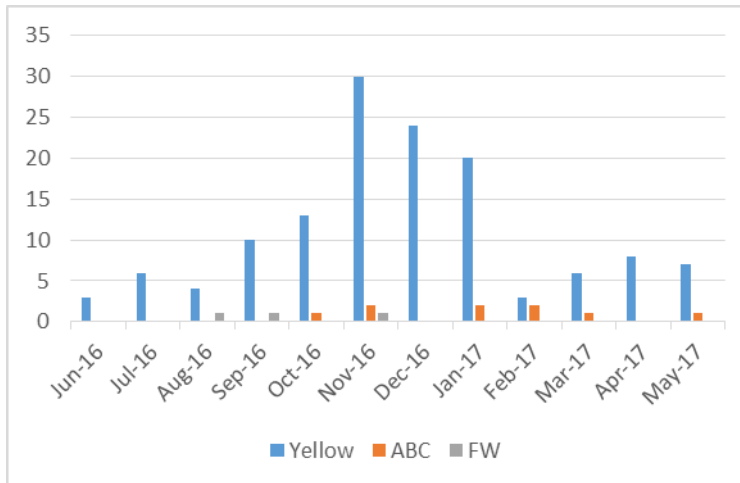
### ASBAT (calls for service)

The below chart shows the total number of calls for service for nuisance related issues for the previous 12 months:



### ASB INTERVENTIONS

Over the previous 12 months there have been a total of 146 interventions served across Bradford East. The below breaks this total down into Yellows, ABCS and Finals Warnings across the 12 months:

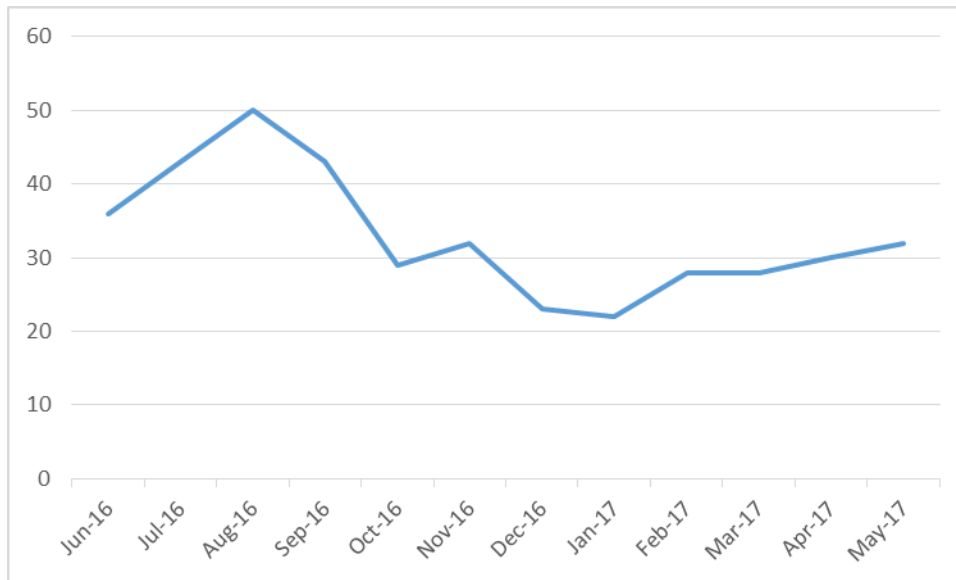


### SUCCESSFUL CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR ORDERS

Between the beginning of June 2016 and the end of May 2017 there was 1 CBO obtained against a subject within this PWA.

## HATE CRIME

The below shows the trend of hate crimes / incidents reported over the previous 12 months across Bradford East. The data has been extracted from Niche and includes Hate Crimes, Race Hate Incidents, Faith Hate Incidents, Disability Hate Incidents, Sexual Orientation Hate Incidents and Transgender Hate Incidents.



## POLICE UPDATE

### **POLICE UPDATE FROM INSPECTOR DIANE COLLINS BRADFORD EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

I joined Bradford East Neighbourhood Policing Team in February of this year. I was delighted when I was posted to the Team as neighbourhood policing is my passion and have been in this area of Policing for a number of years.

Bradford East is a busy area and serves a large population however we have a large number of Constables and Community Officers to serve our residents.

Over the last twelve months we have seen an increase in recorded crime. In 2015 HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary sent an instruction to all Chief Constables to reiterate the need to record absolute every crime that comes to Police notice. This means that at one incident there can be multiple crimes recorded which has seen our crime increase in line with crime data integrity. This is absolutely right that we do this as we need an accurate reflection of what is happening in our area. This will explain some of the increase however the trend in some crime types is also seeing an upward trend especially around internet use.

However there are good news stories around crime trends and that is the reduction of recorded burglary dwelling offences. In our area we have recorded over 50 less offences than the same period last year. We still see a number of Burglaries that involve insecure premises. My team are working hard to ensure that our residents take basic crime prevention steps and reduce their chances of becoming a victim. There is also the same theme around cars being left insecure. These easy targets are adored by the opportunist criminal and we need to take the temptation away.

Over the last few months we have also realigned our Police Community Support Officers with our ward officers. This means that there will be more visibility within the community and more officers working hard to reduce crime and improve intelligence from our residents.

My Pcsos are responsible for ensuring that emerging issues are identified and problem solved so we are on the front foot with issues instead of reacting to them. This will also help to reduce crime and bring offenders to justice.

Pcsos out and about in their communities glean valuable information about who is doing what. This may mean that offenders are arrested and put before the courts but also we can recognise vulnerable young people who are being led astray and need some help and guidance instead of the criminal justice system. Working proactively with our partner's means that we have access to a number of support networks that can help the vulnerable.

The team now all have mobile devices which they are encouraged to use when out and about on patrol. This device does nearly everything that a desk top will do and drastically reduces the need for officers to return to base to write reports.

Residents will see officers tapping away on phones but these are the devices and they are crucial for modern day Policing. Pocket note book entries, statement taking, submission of crimes and much more can be done on the device and ensure that officers can do what they need to do at the time providing a much better service to the public.

Body worn video is also part of my officer's uniform. Since their introduction last year we have seen a massive reduction in the need for officers to attend court to provide evidence. The good quality footage is seeing offenders pleading guilty at the first hearing due to the evidence against them.

Moving forward I will be increasing my ward officer team and they will be leading the way on identifying issues, problem solving them and bringing offenders to justice.

We are a dedicated team and strive to provide a quality service to the public. We don't get everything right all of the time but are certainly working hard to getting it right most of the time.

As you Neighbourhood Inspector I really care about what is going on in my area and take it very personally. I am really proud of my team who work hard every day to make Bradford East a safer place to live and work.

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