

Report of the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on Thursday 20 September 2017

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Subject:

Bradford West Neighbourhood Policing Team activity to address the "Safer Communities" priorities within the Bradford West Constituency Ward Plans for 2016 / 2018

Summary statement:

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

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Appendix A gives an overview of the Bradford West 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 West Neighbourhood Policing Team works closely with Bradford Council's Neighbourhoods Team across the West Constituency. This relationship has been strengthened over the last 6 years, since Bradford West Area Co-Ordinators Office co located to Lawcroft House. 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, and environmental activities.
- 3.3 Ward Partnership Team meetings, continue to be supported by partners, including the West Yorkshire Police, Social Landlords, Youth Service, West Yorkshire Fire Service, Environmental Health Officer and Elected Members to problem solving and information-sharing focussing on strategic priorities, entrenched issues and emerging challenges.
- 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 West 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 West Area Committee notes the work undertaken by the Bradford West Neighbourhood Policing Team from April 2017 to July 2017 that contributed to addressing priorities within the ward plans for the Bradford West Area.
- 10.2 That the Bradford West Area Committee notes the positive partnership working that has been established with Elected Members, Council Officers, community organisations, volunteers and residents within the Bradford West Area.

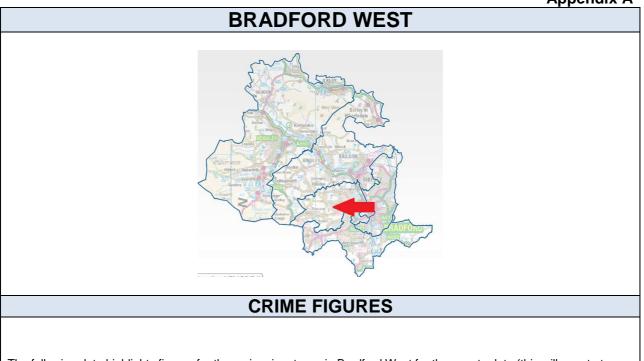
11. APPENDICES

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

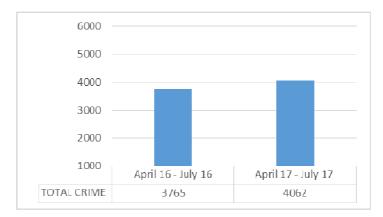
12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 None.

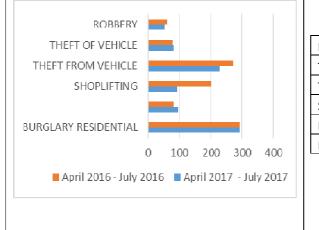
Appendix A



The following data highlights figures for the main crime types in Bradford West 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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THEFT OF VEHICLE	2
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	-41
SHOPLIFTING	-103
BURGLARY (B & C)	14
BURGLARY (RES)	0
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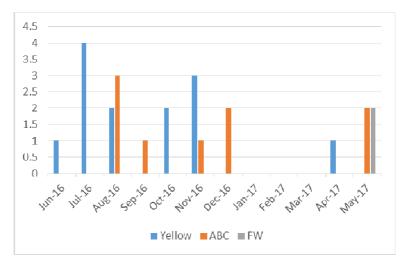
ASBAT (calls for service)

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



ASB INTERVENTIONS

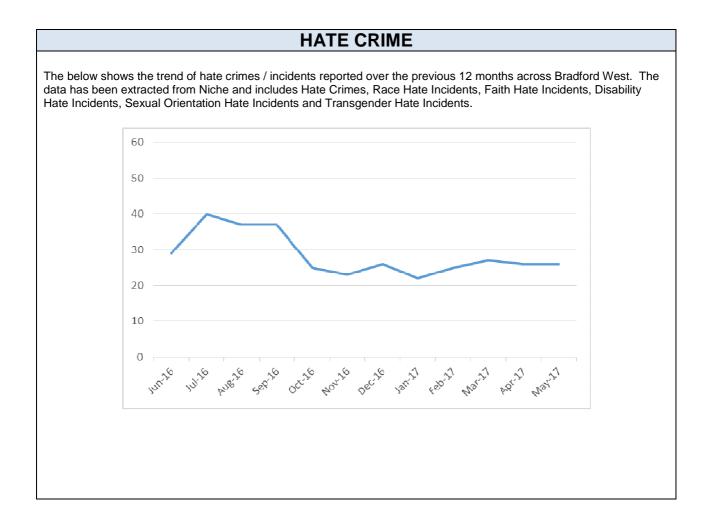
Over the previous 12 months there have been a total of 24 interventions served across Bradford West. The below breaks this total down into Yellows, ABCS and Finals Warnings across the 12 months:



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 totalling 5 years:

- John CLARKSON B.07/03/1975 CBO obtained 16/05/2017 and is due to expire on 15/05/2020
- Asif KHAN B.15/04/1985 CBO obtained 24/01/2017 and is due to expire on 23/01/2022
- Colin BEETHAM B.20/05/1965 CBO obtained on 04/01/2017 and is due to expire on 03/01/2022
- Tariq STEELE B.31/01/1980 CBO obtained on 04/08/2016 and is due to expire on 03/08/2019



POLICE UPDATE

INSPECTOR Tom Casey BRADFORD WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

I was delighted and privileged to take over responsibility for Bradford West PWA in September 2016. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone across all agencies and the community, who have contributed in the last year to policing and improving community safety in Bradford West.

We continue to reinvest in Neighbourhood Policing and are refocusing our PCSO's on engagement with the community and early intervention. You should notice an increase in visibility whilst they are on foot patrol across the area. We are in the process of trying to visit every school, place of worship, community group and key business to introduce ourselves and provide up to date details of whom to contact if you require assistance with local issues.

Between the dates of 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017, Bradford West PWA recorded an increase of 9% of total recorded crime over the previous year. *This was the lowest increase across all PWA's* and below the Bradford District average increase of 13%.

HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary sent an instruction to all Chief Constables to reiterate the

need to record absolutely every crime that comes to Police notice. This means that at one incident there can be multiple crimes recorded which has seen our overall crime increase in line with crime data integrity. It is absolutely right that we do, as we need an accurate reflection of what is happening in our area.

This along with an upward trend in some crime types such as internet use, will explain some of the increases, however there are good news stories around crime trends. Robbery, theft from motor vehicle and shoplifting have significantly reduced and house burglary remains largely static.

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We continue to work closely with local community, partner agencies and elected members to address the issues important to them. The below are examples of some of the work and initiates carried out:

City ward

Grantham Road

Working closely to tackle problems in the Grantham Road Area, related to drugs use and dealing and conducted a number of Multi Agency Days of Action.

Parking at schools

Parking and traffic issues outside schools. Joint patrols with PCSOs and Council Wardens. Joint support to a number of community events across the ward.

EID Project

A joint partnership project titled Operation Spittlemoor involves resources from the Police, Council and volunteers during Eid. The operation is designed to tackle anti-social use of motor vehicles along the Great Horton Road corridor.

The most recent EID project saw:-

Spittlemoor Returns	
Arrest	9
Vehicle Seizures	26
Parking Penalties (Council	
Wardens)	101
Speeding	21

Mobile Phone	2	
Seatbelts	17	
No Insurance/No licence	19	
s59	30	
Due Care	10	
Other	7	

Police Camps

Bradford District Police Camps are hosted at Trinity Green Campus, Morley Street. Over the summer in a 3 week period we have engaged with 800 young people aged 8-15 from across the district. We have broken down barriers between police and local young people whilst offering emergency service themed life skills education.

School Watch

We have begun to build bridges between Primary Schools in the Outer City and local policing using the medium 'School Watch'. The launch was attended by the Police and Crime Commissioner. Each school has been issued with a certificate to display in their reception area to give parents the confidence to pass intelligence to trusted teachers, who in turn communicate this with the police.

Clayton & Fairweather Green Ward

Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP).

This project incorporates a number of partners including Youth Service, NHS, Police, Ward Members & Barnados all of which work together sharing resources to deliver workshops and community events around alcohol awareness.

ASB yellow letter visits.

Youth service and police have been working jointly together. If a young person is flagged by calls for service because their behaviour is a cause for concern then a home visit is undertaken jointly by police and youth worker and parent/carer is spoken to alongside the child. This allows their behaviour to be addressed by the police and diversionary work and a support plan for the young person can be put in place.

Modern Day Awareness Project (MDA).

This project has been delivered by the Youth Service in partnership with the Police, Lower Grange Community Association, local schools, social care and Families First. 12 young people from each were identified to engage as they were known to services due to issues around their behaviour, school attendance and their involvement in ASB. These young people engaged well in the diversionary programme with positive outcomes including a reduction in anti-social behaviour and increased educational attainment.

Joint Outreach.

An initiative where a PCSO & Youth Worker jointly undertake outreach around the local hot spot areas for ASB. Engaging with the young people to explore why these issues are arising, we

educate them of the consequences, offer positive activities for them to engage in but also give a voice to the young people which builds relationships between the youth and the Police.

Heaton Ward.

The partnership problem solving approach in Heaton ward has been invaluable. This has included working with businesses such as Bradford West Golf club to tackle ASB with the youth service and area coordinators team to support individual residents with neighbourhood disputes where a joint approach between the council and police has been needed.

The neighbourhood policing team have a strong relationship with community groups in the ward and have played a pivotal role at community projects such as the launch of the new walking track in Upper Heaton, to supporting Frizinghall partnership in developing community development projects. Joint initiative with the Area coordinators office have included a day of outreach in Frizinghall with council wardens and neighbourhood police to deliver burglary prevention advice on the doorstep, road safety advice at primary schools at parents assemblies and parents evening and support to community events such as Upper Heaton working together launch and Frizinghall partnership's big lunch.

Manningham Ward.

Ramadan Project

Every year residents on Wilmer Road had problems with increased ASB over Ramadan. Wilmer road is located between 3 mosques and local residents feel that after fasting all day young people are out not going to mosques but causing them ASB. In the past cars and windows had been damaged. A Ramadan Plan was agreed, where the Police patrolled and set up a WhatsApp group between the residents where they could report concerns direct to the Council Ward Officer and themselves. The PCSOs were effective on their patrols, residents felt they had been listened to and there was no damage to houses or resident's cars. The project was successful as people didn't feel isolated.

Midland Road Traffic issues

The operation came after concerns were raised by local community groups about the standard of driving on the road and was raised at the Manningham WOT. Local media reported, "Police officers armed with speed guns were in Midland Road, next to Bradford City's Valley Parade stadium, yesterday for a crackdown on drivers who go too fast. During the three-hour operation, eight drivers were caught breaking the 30mph speed limit. Police also seized five cars – four for having no MOT and one for the driver having no insurance".

Road Safety week. School Children Educating Parents.

Local media reported, "Children at Miriam Lord Primary School were out all week with Council Wardens and the local Police to inform parents regarding school gate parking and its dangerous. School children were provided high viz jackets and safety leaflets to hand out to parents".

Bonfire night

Working closely with the Police and Fire Service (Watch Commander from Fairweather Green) with regards to getting some of the community involved in Girlington and Manningham for this bonfire period. This was raised in the Manningham WOT on 30th August 2017. The plan is on Wed 27th and Thurs 28th September is to visit the relevant community buildings in Girlington and Manningham (mosques and community centres).

Drug Rehabilitation

Working with drug rehabilitation charities clean ups have occurred in the Houghton place area to try and combat issues with drug taking. The charities now target the area to try and engage with drug users and help them to get on a drug rehabilitation plan.

Thornton and Allerton Ward

ASB yellow letter visits. Youth service and police - If a young person is flagged by calls for service because their behaviour is a cause for concern then a home visit is undertaken jointly by police and youth worker and parent/carer is spoken to alongside the child. This is so the behaviour can be addressed by the police and diversionary work or a support plan for the young person can be put in place.

Allotment Watch – Area office, police and allotments service – "Allotmenteers" across the ward are joined in a police initiative to create a collective approach to keeping a watch on each other's plots and property. The scheme will offer a tool marking service and signage. It aims to reunite property quickly in the event of theft or burglary and share good practice with other plot holders.

School gate parking – Area Office /Council wardens/ Road Safety Team /Police/Schools .Visits to schools across the ward to educate, inform and change driver behaviour and enforce where needed. The project uses police to educate drivers who are dropping off or picking up at start and end of school day. School pupils under supervision, reward good driver behaviour or give out false tickets for poor driving and often speak with them about driver behaviour which puts pupils or pedestrians at risk. After 3 days of this activity, Council wardens d follow up visits and carry out enforcement activity as required.

Toller Ward

Parking issues, Squire Lane, Lingwood Avenue.

Due to complaints from residents due to increased traffic congestion at school finish time joint patrols and enforcement conducted with Police, Highways, Council Wardens, the School, Local Councillors and local residents.

Drug misuse Chassum Grove, Farfield St.

Following concerns regarding drug dealing, littering, ASB and youths congregating. Neighbourhood Watch introduced along with an increase in high visibility PCSO and Council Warden patrols. Over the next twelve months I hope to build on our partnership work and ensure that my team have the skills to be as effective and productive as possible. I am proud to be responsible for policing in Bradford West and care deeply about making Bradford West a safer place to live, work and visit.

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