

Report of the Strategic Director - Place to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on Thursday 19 October 2017

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Subject:

Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team

Summary statement:

This report gives an update of work undertaken by the Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team to address the “Safer Communities” priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans for 2016/17.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report gives an update of work undertaken by the Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team to address the “Safer Communities” priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans for 2016/17.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Appendix A gives an overview of the Keighley Area crime figures 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 Keighley Area Neighbourhood Policing Team works closely with Bradford Council’s Neighbourhoods Team across the Keighley Constituency. A number of joint community initiatives have taken place including piloting new 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.
- 3.4 Neighbourhood officers from the Council and Police have participated in 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 Keighley 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 Keighley Area Committee notes the work undertaken by the Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team from April 2016 to July 2017 that contributed to addressing priorities within the Ward Plans for the Keighley Area.

10.2 Keighley Area Committee notes the positive partnership working that has been established between the Police, Elected Members, Parish and Town Councils, Bradford Council Officers, community organisations, volunteers and residents within the Keighley Area.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix A – Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team Performance Data and Update

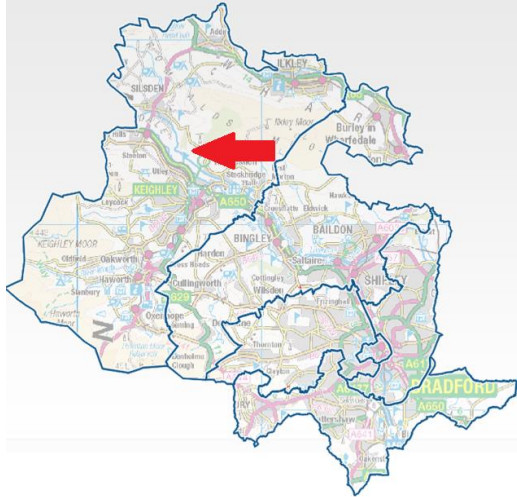
12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 None.

Appendix A

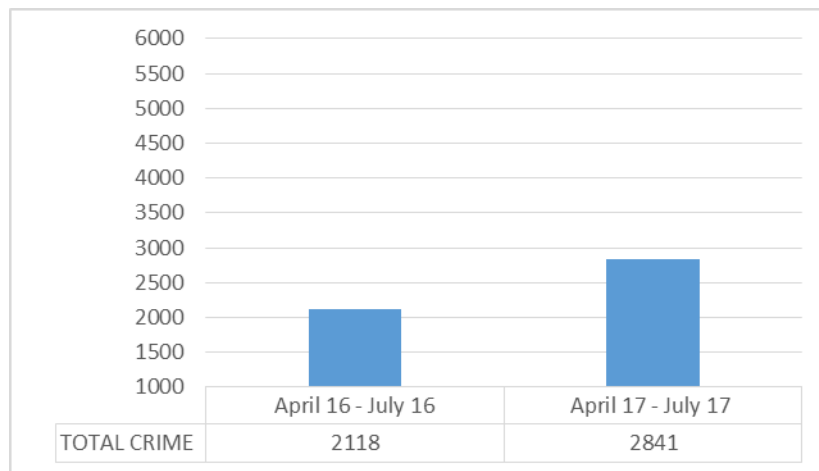
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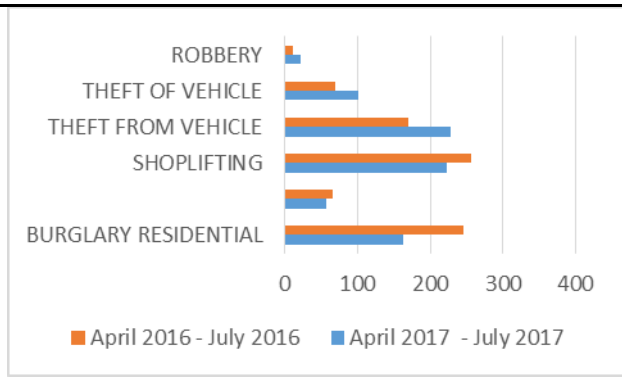


CRIME FIGURES

The following data highlights figures for the main crime types in Keighley 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:

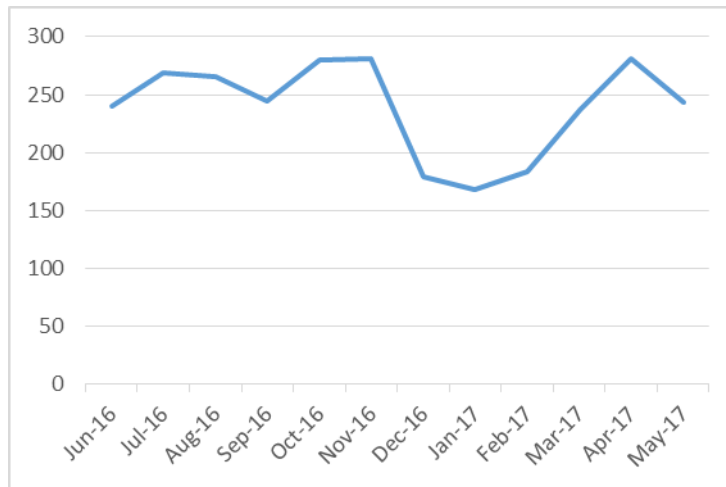


ROBBERY	-63
THEFT OF VEHICLE	-8
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	-34
SHOPLIFTING	58
BURGLARY (B & C)	32
BURGLARY (RES)	11

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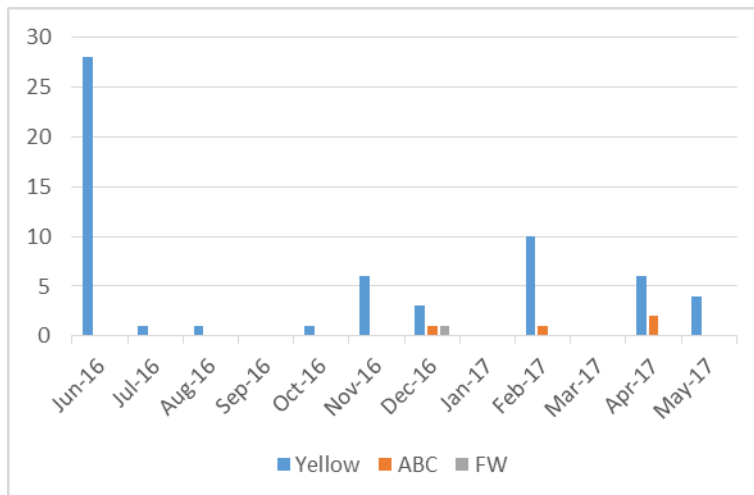
ASBAT (calls for service)

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 65 interventions served across Keighley. The below breaks this total down into Yellows, ABCS and Finals Warnings across the 12 months:

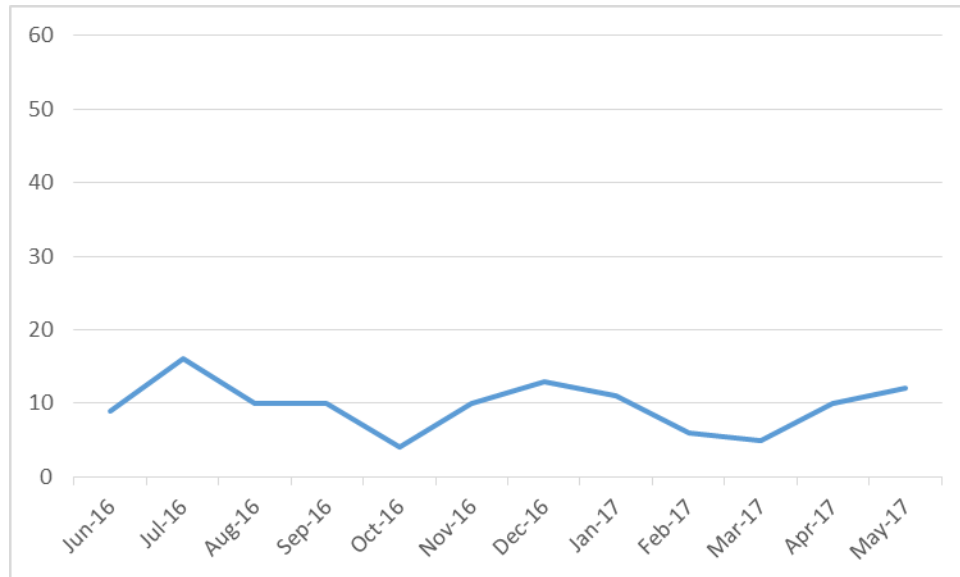


SUCCESSFUL CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR ORDERS

No current CBOs present for this PWA.

HATE CRIME

The below shows the trend of hate crimes / incidents reported over the previous 12 months across Keighley. 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 KHALID KHAN KEIGHLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

I was appointed as the Police Inspector for Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team on 5th of September 2016.

Keighley has had to face a number of challenges over the last couple of years and it was key for me to understand those issues and to ensure an effective plan was put in place to address them.

I started off with a series of consultations with a variety of people and groups which included the MP at the time Kris Hopkins, Ward, Town and Parish councillors, local groups, individuals and Partners.

Across the board one of the key issues that was repeatedly highlighted was scourge of drug dealing which was not only effecting a wide range of our communities but also impacting on daily crime and our business community.

Working in partnership with Kris Hopkins, Crime Stoppers and Bradford Council and with

the excellent support from Bradford District Police Senior Leadership Team, Op Saucerlake was instigated. This was a large scale Police Operation targeting drug dealing in Keighley linked to organised crime groups. This resulted in 35 suspects arrested for Supplying Class A Drugs in Keighley with all most all of them pleading guilty and sentenced to custodial sentences.

Our Operations are continues and we have seen a surge in reporting drug related information to Crime Stoppers and Police which shows the public's confidence and trust in the police which has assisted us in targeting and arresting drug dealers further.

We have seen an increase in reported crime over the last 12 months and one of the main contributing factors is that 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.

However it is important that we continuously target criminality in order to reduce crime and ensure our public are safe in line with the PCC and Chief Constables priorities. For this we have set up a number of operations across Keighley to arrest and disrupt nominals involved in SAC crime which includes burglary residential, vehicle crime, robberies. In August the operation resulted in over 20 arrests for a variety of offences.

Also Gangbos which are injunctions against individuals linked to Organised Crime Groups have been served on 11 individuals in Keighley.

Further to above proactive operations have been set up to safeguard our children and vulnerable people against perpetrators working with partners.

Bad driving has been highlighted as an issue on a number of occasions and I am grateful to Keighley Town Council for their support in providing match funding to increase Op Steerside into Keighley to tackle the problem and to ensure our roads are safe.

Anti-Social Behaviour Operations have been set up and actioned in Keighley Town Centre, Church Green , Oakworth and Ilkley. Suspects have been arrested, warning notices served, alcohol and drugs seized from individuals engaged in ASB and a 16 year old ring leader has been remanded in custody.

To increase visibility and reassure our communities our Pcsos are regularly visible outside their local primary schools at opening and closing times. Attending their local churches on Sundays and mosques on Fridays to engage with their communities in addition to patrolling their wards and providing crime prevention advice to victims.

Also we have set up School Watch Scheme in Keighley, working in partnership with the junior schools, working both with the children and staff and building key relationships with our ward officers and Pcsos.

In addition to above engagement we have had a very busy summer where we have attended majority of the events in Keighley ranging from local galas to Keighley Show. Also and quite crucially we have set up street surgeries in every ward, getting out to our communities with our partners and listening first-hand their concerns.

Moving forward, we have our ward officer team set up now and looking at increasing the

staffing as our numbers increase, each aligned to their ward along with their Pcso's. They are not only looking at early intervention work but proactively tackling the concerns that are raised by our communities.

Above has only been possible through the excellent support we have received from yourselves, our partners and our communities and we are hoping we can continue this going further.

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Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team