

# **Report of the Strategic Director - Place to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on Thursday 20 December 2018**

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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 during the period 2017/18.

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**Portfolio:**  
**Neighbourhoods & Community  
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**Overview & Scrutiny Committee:**  
**Corporate**

## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report gives an update of work undertaken by the Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team during the period 2017/18.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Appendix A gives a summary by Inspector Khalid Khan of work undertaken by the Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team over the past year and includes an overview of the Keighley Area crime figures for November 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 Neighbourhood Service across the Keighley Constituency. A number of joint community initiatives have taken place including 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 during the year 2017-18 that contributed to addressing Community Safety priorities within the Ward Plans for the Keighley Area.

10.2 Keighley Area Committee notes the positive partnership working to address crime and community safety 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 – Update 2017-18

**12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

12.1 None.

## Appendix A

### Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team – Update 2017-18

It is a privilege to be able to present my second area committee report on behalf of Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team.

With Bradford District adopting the new Neighbourhood Policing structure in March 2018 which entailed three Sgt lead teams containing 3 Pc's and 7 PCSOs when all in post ,we started the new era with the same level of commitment and passion as we did the year before.

It has been a another very demanding and challenging year for my officers in Keighley , continuing on from last year we continued the consultation process with our communities to continuously able to understand their concerns and to put measures in place to address them. This was in the form of street surgeries which were 3 per ward which allowed not only the police, but our partner colleagues from Council, housing, youth services to fully understand the key issues affecting our communities. This was further supplemented by WOT mtgs, parish council mtgs and community mtgs allowing us to progress our consultation and engagement process.

What came out of above were some key common themes such as bad driving, Anti-Social Behaviour, drug related issues.

Taking into consideration the continues complaints of bad driving in Keighley and Ilkley , Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team obtained funding which was match funded by Keighley Town Council with a sum of £5000 to allow Operation Steerside to supplement the working they were already doing and to further continue their operation in Keighley early in the year. This resulted in a total of 369 prosecutions over a 3 month period and as a result of the success of the operation a POCA bid was submitted and £10000 were secured for Keighley which was also again match funded by Keighley Town Council to the tune of £10000. This allowed us to continue with the operation from August 2018 further into the year and target those locations which have been highlighted to us by the public.  
(Please see Table 1)

In addition to above specific attention was paid to key Anti-Social Hotspots and individuals adopting a problem solving approach to address the problems. Major issues came to rise in Ilkley mainly due to the hot weather, key events in the town and the night time economy which attracted large volumes of youngsters and adults into the town. Proactive operations were carried out and suspects involved in offences linked to Anti-Social Behaviour arrested. Extra resources were brought in to reassure the public and partnership worked carried out with Ilkley Town Council, Youth Services, YOT and Incommunities to address the problems. A Criminal Behaviour Order was obtained against a prolific Anti-Social Behaviour nominal in Ilkley which appeared to have the desired effect with his family moving out of the address and him out of Ilkley altogether. Further to above work with youth services was jointly carried out in Oakworth and Haworth to address the youth related problems at Holden Park and Worth Valley Railway. Joint operations were carried out with Council PSPO officers and Keighley PCSOs to address the problems with the drinkers in the Town and specific operations were set up to tackle the ASB linked to youths in town. Over the last 4 months 6 Criminal Behaviour Orders were obtained against

individuals, for a variety of offences in Keighley ranging from ASB, Begging, and persistent nuisance calls to emergency services. The proactive actions in line with the success with CBO's and support from partners has had a major impact on addressing the above two issues and reassuring the public.

Drug related crime has been a continues issue and with the success of Op Saucerlake last year it was imperative that we continued to target and disrupt those involved in supply and production of drugs. Several cannabis farms were discovered across the district, numerous arrests both as a result of proactive operations on the ground and by executing warrants at the addresses resulting in substantial amounts of drugs and money confiscated taken off the streets. Bradford Organised Crime Unit have attended Keighley on many occasions to further support our drug operations.

Work has been on-going to target members of the Organised Crime Groups involved in all forms of criminality and in particular drugs and burglaries, there associates and businesses by working with partners due to serious violence incidents between them ranging from serious assaults and arson attacks resulting in a number of them back in prison. Key nominals have been arrested and sentenced.

Reducing burglary dwellings is also one of our key priorities unfortunately we have seen an increase in the overall number of recorded residential burglaries. There are a number of reasons for that first being the change in recording processes for burglary residential in addition to the various groups targeting Keighley. We have local burglary suspects who we generally manage to stay on top of due to local intelligence and understanding their MO in addition to continuously disrupting them. Where we do struggle is to a certain extent is with the travelling burglars who have previously come, in addition to Bradford from Leeds, Manchester and Halifax. Several burglary nominals have been arrested over the year with some receiving substantial sentences. Key messages are given out re securing properties as statistics show a good proportion are due to insecure or inadequate security. Crime Reduction Officers have visited over 300 properties over last 12 months giving crime prevention advice and PCSOs re-visit all victims of burglary including at least 10 neighbours to provide crime prevention advice and reassurance.

Live investigations are on-going re historical CSE incidents and key hotspots for CSE are checked and identified individuals visited and disrupted on a regular basis.

Visibility is a key element of our daily work and forms a core role in our engagement strategy, we make every effort to ensure we not only attend key events in the district such as Remembrance Sunday, Milad procession, Christmas Lights Switch-ons, Haworth 40's weekend, Tour de Yorkshire, key galas and community events in addition to ensuring our PCSOs are visible and present outside their local schools allowing direct interaction with parents, teachers and children.

Further to above, early intervention is an extremely crucial tool to divert our youths from a life of crime and influence of negative role models and members of Organised Crime Groups and with this in mind work has been ongoing with a number of our primary schools with PCSOs and a retired PCSO who was hired with POCA funding which our colleagues from the council obtained going in and running the Citizenship programmes within identified schools.

In addition to the above taking into consideration the early intervention process as above another very busy bonfire period descended upon us with the huge demand both on the Police and Fire Service. Over the period and in particularly in Central ward planning had taken place over a period of two months same as last year to work in partnership with the key community members , Bradford Council, Highfield Centre, local places of worship and youth services to divert and engage youths causing mischief on the night. Key community members including Keighley Town Councillors and partners were on the streets on both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of November supporting the Police and the community.

Further to the above we at Keighley were fortunate to land the Police Cadet Scheme from September 2018 which is a two year scheme with 21 cadets .This is a great opportunity for young people in Keighley aged 14-18 years old to develop new skills and increase self-esteem and self-confidence, where they will also have the opportunity to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The cadets meet once a week on a Tuesday evening at Keighley College from 6-8pm. There will also be volunteering opportunities on top of this. The aims of the scheme are:

- Encourage the spirit of adventure and good citizenship
- Inspire young people to participate positively in their communities
- Promote a practical understanding of policing among young people
- Engage young people, including those at risk of entering the criminal justice system or being socially excluded, in activities that encourage them to develop socially and academically and make a positive contribution to the community in which they live
- Support local policing priorities through volunteering and give young people a chance to be heard
- Be safe – feel safe – to help build safer, stronger and more supportive communities
- To help development of personal and leadership skill through a variety of experiences, including the opportunity of volunteering in the community and through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Yet again a very busy but productive year and with the huge demands on resources our officers continue to strive and make every effort to provide a quality service to ensure we make our communities safe, increase public confidence by attacking criminality and engaging with our communities.

Thank you.

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Table 1

OP STEERSIDE RESULTS

Total results since it started in August:

MONTH	TO RS	FP N	V D R S	SEI ZUR ES	11 2' S	PH ON ES	SEA TBE LT	SPE EDI NG	DI SQ DR IVE R	N O M O T	REG OFF ENC ES	WINDSCREE N	LIGHTS
AUGUST	80	4	4	19	2	1	56	4	3	7	2	1	8
AUGUST DAY OF ACTION	26	0	3	8	2	1	19	0	3	1	0	0	2
SEPTEMBER	80	11	1	11	1	2	65	8	0	3	1	0	0
OCTOBER	93	4	0	9	0	12	75	6	0	6	1	0	3
NOVEMBER DAY OF ACTION	30	0	0	8	0	4	22	0	0	4	0	0	0
NOVEMBER	80	0	0	11	1	5	67	1	0	1	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>

Table 2

Keighley Crime Figures

Force and Local Priorities	W/E 04/11/18	W/E 11/11/18	W/E 18/11/18	W/E 25/11/18	Total Previous 4 weeks	Identical 4 week period 2017	Change
Domestic Abuse Incidents	43	38	33	48	162	177	-15
Serious Sexual	1	6	2	7	16	13	+3
HT /Modern Slavery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drugs	1	5	3	2	11	15	-4
Serious Violence	1	2	0	0	3	6	-3
Business Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary Residential	11	17	13	18	59	38	+21
Robbery	2	2	0	0	4	3	+1
Theft Of Vehicle	3	5	1	5	14	16	-2
Theft from Vehicles	12	5	6	7	30	56	-26
<b>Total Crimes</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>+60</b>