

Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 28th September 2022

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Subject:

Policing - Bradford East

Summary statement:

This report updates members on key policing and anti-social behaviour issues in the Bradford East Constituency.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

It is recognised that our most disadvantaged neighbourhoods experience a greater range of community safety issues. In addition, a range of minority 'community of interest' groups can experience extra barriers in accessing services.

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1 SUMMARY

1.1 This report updates members on key policing and anti-social behaviour issues in the Bradford East Constituency.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Bradford East Neighbourhood Policing Team works closely with Bradford Council's Neighbourhoods (Area Co-ordinator's) Team across the East Constituency. There are named Police and Council Ward Officers aligned to wards across the area who are supported by designated staff with allocation to specific areas. The operational boundaries of the Police and Council are co-terminus and therefore enable effective co-ordination, tasking and problem-solving.

2.2 A breakdown of crime figures for the Bradford East Area can be found in Appendix 1. The figures show January – July 2022 and are compared to the same period in 2019 to allow a fair comparison owing to Covid restrictions in the intervening period. When comparing this period 2022 to 2019 there has been a 10% rise in crime. It must be noted that several priority crime types have seen significant decreases, these being residential and business burglaries, robberies and theft from motor vehicle. The overall increase can be attributed to a number of factors. An increase in proactivity has seen the number of drugs' offences increase by 20%. The other contributing factor is an increase in violent crime without injury, which saw a rise of 27%.

2.5 Incidents of anti-social behaviour began to increase rapidly in Spring 2022. These issues centred around Thorpe Edge and Ravenscliffe. A multi-agency response saw partners from the Police, Council, Anti-social Behaviour Teams, Youth Service, social housing landlords and schools come together. A group of approximately 60 young people were identified as being involved at various levels. This group has been split into tiers and are being worked with accordingly by relevant partners. Those identified as committing criminal offences are being dealt with via the criminal justice system. Anti-social behaviour legislation is being utilised where appropriate. However, services are also working together to ensure the relevant support is in place. Intervention work is ongoing with the lower tiers.

2.6 A regular calendar for multi-agency days of action involving Police, a multitude of Council services, Youth Services, Operation Steerside and other agencies began following the lifting of Covid restrictions. The days of action occur every 2 weeks and rotate across the 6 ward areas, focusing on priorities raised during ward partnership meetings.

An example of the results from a recent day of action on Leeds Road (BD3) are shown below;

- 1 section 59 warning issued;
- Disqualified driver arrested;
- Four stop searches under section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act;
- 2 vehicles seized for no insurance;
- 3 Notice and Producers served for vehicles carrying waste and scrap metal without a waste carrier's licence and not being able to provide waste transfer notes;

- 6 (vehicles) defects immediate prohibitable – This means your vehicle becomes immobilized and you cannot drive it, could potentially be prosecuted. The type of defects found, noisy exhaust silencer removed, tires, steering components, lamps, warning lamps indicating fault;
- 11 (vehicles) defects delayed prohibitions;
- 1 vehicle summoned to court for driving whilst on the phone;
- 25 Tors issued (points/fines) – including people not wearing their seatbelts, driving whilst on their phones, due care and attention, no child seat, tyre tickets, no insurance;
- 11 FPNs (fixed penalty notices) issues for parking and
- Speed watch – two vehicles caught speeding; warning letters issued.

- 2.7 Last year Police, Council Services and local communities came together to reduce firework-related anti-social behaviour across Bradford East. This was largely successful, however there were still small pockets of disorder in particular in the Undercliffe area. Planning for this year began in Spring and work is ongoing with young people in this area to prevent a re-occurrence this year. This is being led by Youth Services.
- 2.8 The BD3 Unites Partnership continues, seeing the Police, Council and local community work together on a number of community-led projects. Further policing operations in early summer saw several additional arrests in this area alongside the seizure of drugs and cash. These matters remain under investigation.
- 2.9 School engagement work has begun with a focus on delivering a consistent product to all primary schools across Bradford East. All primary schools have been contacted and offered the opportunity to sign up to the school engagement programme which will see the Neighbourhood Policing Team teaming up with Bradford City Community Foundation to deliver 3 inputs across the school year. The inputs will be to year 6 students, focusing on 3 priority areas (knife crime, anti-social behaviour and healthy relationships). This also provides an opportunity for the Police and Council to hold joint contact points at local primary schools during parents' evenings.
- 2.10 Council and Neighbourhood Wardens and PCSOs have been completing joint parking patrols and a rota has been completed for this school year to ensure joined-up work to make drop off and pick up times safe for parents, children and young people.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 There are no other considerations.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 4.1 There are no direct risk management and / or governance issues arising from this report.

5. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 5.1 The report provides an update from the Police about crime and work undertaken with partners across the Bradford East area.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1.1 There are no sustainability implications apparent.

6.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

6.2.1 There are no direct greenhouse gas emission impacts apparent.

6.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

6.3.1 Implementation of the Locality and Ward Plans and the Community Safety Plan is expected to positively impact community safety across the district.

6.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

6.4.1 There are no issues arising from this report.

6.5 TRADE UNION

6.5.1 There are no issues arising from this report.

6.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

6.6.1 Certain Ward areas experience greater crime and community safety issues. Ward Plans are expected to prioritise these locations.

6.7 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

6.7.1 It is recognised that looked after children can be more vulnerable to specific crime types and appropriate Corporate Parent leads should be kept up to date with trends and concerns in relation to community safety.

6.8 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.8.1 There are no issues arising from this report.

7. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

7.1 None.

8. OPTIONS

8.1 That the Area Committee offers further views and advice to the Council/Police and partners tackling crime and community safety in Bradford East Area.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That Bradford East Area Committee notes the work undertaken by the Bradford East Neighbourhood Policing Team and partners.

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix 1 – Police Crime Statistics.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

11.1 None.