

Report of the Strategic Director - Place to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on Thursday 16 March 2023

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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 2022/23.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

West Yorkshire Police carry out their own Equality Impact Assessments in relation to their on-going work and new policy or operational changes.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report gives an update of work undertaken by the Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team during 2022/23.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Appendix A gives a summary by Inspector John Barker of work undertaken by the Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team over the past year and includes an overview of the Keighley Area crime figures for the year 1 April 2022 – 31 January 2023 and gives a comparison with the same period in the previous year.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Named Police and Council Ward Officers align to Wards across the Area and 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 and 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.

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 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

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

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

No impacts.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

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

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

No specific implications.

7.5 TRADE UNION

None.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

The information provided in this report is relevant to all Wards within Keighley Area.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The actions contained within this report impact on all the priorities within the Safe, Strong and Active Communities theme in all Ward Plans.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

No known implications.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

No known implications.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

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 2022/23 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 2022/23

11.2 Appendix B – Operation Steerside Pre-Planned Operations in Keighley – to date

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

Appendix A

Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team – Update 2022/23

1. Keighley Neighbourhood Policing Team work closely with Bradford Council's Neighbourhoods (Area Co-ordinator's) Team across the Keighley 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. A breakdown of crime figures for the Keighley Wards can be found in Appendix A. The figures show April 2022 – to end of January 2023 so not quite the full financial year. These show a year on year comparison with the same period 2021-2022.
3. It must be noted that part of the reporting period the previous year (2021-2022) were still under some form of COVID-19 restrictions (e.g. 12th April 2021 Step 2 opening of non-essential retail, outdoor venues reopened, wider social contact rules continue to apply i.e. no indoor mixing between different households. 17th May 2021 limit of 30 people allowed to mix outdoors, rule of six or two households indoors. 14th June 2021 restrictions on weddings and funerals abolished and finally 19th July 2021 most legal limits on social contact removed and the final closed sectors of the economy re-opened i.e. nightclubs) and on 24th February 2022 removal of all final domestic COVID restrictions.
4. I provide this context to highlight that when comparing the figures of year to date with this year 2022-2023, the figures of 2021-2022 are not a true reflection on full year "normal" demand.
5. There are despite a return to normal demand, several priority crime types that have seen decreases/remain on track for similar figures to last year. This is even more impactful in the context above of 2021-2022 and comparing a fully "normal year" when comparing to the COVID impacted 2021-2022. For example:
6. There have been an increase in violence offences on most wards with the exception of West. This is partly attributable to the COVID restrictions being in place for the 2021-2022 year as outlined above and therefore the reopening of the Night-Time Economy, re-mixing of households and the return to a normal year 2022-2023.
7. Similarly, incidents of anti-social behaviour increased rapidly in Spring 2022 again connected to the re-emergence from the restrictions. These issues have been noted across all wards, but have been acute around Keighley Central Ward and Ilkley Ward, bearing out in the data in Appendix A, contributing to low level violence/public order offences, criminal damages and robberies. A multi-agency response was put in place with partners from the Police, Council, Anti-social Behaviour Teams, Early Help Teams, Youth Service and wider support from Operation Jemlock and the Focused Deterrent Car all being involved. Part of this work has involved the mapping of an Urban Street Gang in the Keighley Central Ward and work to prevent and deter that behaviour. Those identified as committing

criminal offences are being dealt with via the criminal justice system (for example being charged to court/remaining on conditional bail). Anti-social behaviour legislation is being utilised where appropriate, with several youths at varying stages of interventions (both statutory and non statutory e.g. Yellow Letters, ABC's and more recently progressing to CBO applications). Importantly, this work allows partner services to work together to ensure the relevant support is in place.

8. A regular calendar for engagement events is being finalised. This will see a mixture of more traditional PACT meetings, online engagement events (e.g. Online PACT meetings) and Street Based Days of Action/Street Based Meetings. These will be multi-agency days involving Police and Ward based Council services (Ward Officers, Cleansing, Wardens etc), Youth Services etc. and will involve Elected District Councillors.
9. Keighley has continued to operate a multi-agency approach to reduce firework-related anti-social behaviour across the Keighley wards. We undertook significant amount of partnership work in the run up to Bonfire night, with the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Council Ward Office, Youth Services, Trading Standards, Licensing and Fire Service all working together, both in terms of intervention and preventative work with young people, but also with our partners around firework establishment licensing and licensing checks etc., clearing traditional problem areas of build-up of waste etc.
10. This is then coupled with the Community Mediator approach in Central Ward on the three nights around Bonfire Night. This approach which was pioneered in Keighley in 2017 in response to a visiting demonstration and has been consistently applied to the three nights around Bonfire night to excellent success. The approach involves and would not be possible without the local members of the community who give their time to undertake engagement on these nights.
11. Whilst we are never going to totally eradicate the anti-social use of fireworks this work and preparation has meant that I think we have had one of our most successful bonfire/firework periods.
12. For example, on the 4th/5th/6th November, we had the following calls about the ASB use of fireworks/issues with fireworks/bonfires for the whole of Keighley area (all six wards):
 - Fri 4th November 2022 - 3 calls.
 - Sat 5th November 2022 - 7 calls (1 of which was a duplicate) so 6 calls.
 - Sun 6th November 2022 - 5 calls.
13. Whilst celebrating these as a positive, I am alive to the fact that not everyone rings the Police, like with every type of crime/incident type, however this gives us a really good picture of the demand and the impact this approach has on the incidents.
14. The Keighley Together Partnership continues, focussing on Keighley Central Ward in line with the Bradford District SOC Local Profile. This sees the Police, Council and local community work together on a number of community based projects around Keighley Central Ward. The Police aspect of the SOC work continues under the Pursue umbrella continues, with operations, warrants and proactive arrests targeting drug dealing and organised criminality. There is work with two community

groups, Friends of Lund Park and Friends of Lawkholme to support community based work and secure funding to support community work to support this partnership.

15. Keighley has recorded 229 drugs offences year to date, of which Keighley Central accounted for 100 offences. (12 Worth, 31 West, 35 East, 128 Central, 15 Craven, 8 Ilkley)
16. Year to date, 133 offenders have been arrested and interviewed under caution and 32 offenders interviewed under caution as a voluntary attendee for these offences (*note this does not include those dealt with for simple possession by way of Cannabis Warning/Community Resolution at the roadside*). Many of these are live ongoing investigations, however recent focused work has seen the execution of several co-ordinated warrants, the seizure of significant amounts of drugs and of notable impact the seizure of very high values of cash. These remain ongoing investigations.
17. As an example, in December 2022 with several investigations by both Keighley NPT and Bradford Precision Team, a key nominal involved in the supply of Class A Drugs in Keighley was sentenced at Bradford Crown Court to five and a half years. February 2023, further execution of multiple warrants and in excess of £25,000 cash recovered aswell as Class A drugs.
18. Further policing operations are planned and days of action with partners planned to support this work.
19. Road Safety and specifically speeding and the anti-social use of vehicles remains one of our key priorities across Keighley, with it featuring as a priority in some form across all six ward areas. This has taken a multi-faceted approach, with work around engagement and education. Including School inputs, joint patrols between Council and Neighbourhood Wardens and PCSOs around school time for example, to make drop off and pick up times safe for parents, children and young people.
20. More widely Operation Steerside deployments have re-established post COVID, with days of action rotating around all six Keighley wards. The focus has been Keighley West Ward, based on the demand data around Off Road/Nuisance Motorcycles. (Operation Steerside pre-planned deployment data for Keighley Wards is recorded in Appendix B). This is specific operations however, on top of this are the daily/weekly tasking of Op Steerside which sees them deployed in Keighley.
21. Keighley NPT have also undertake a specific speed related operation, Op Shipdon. This involves both the deployment of the Speed Indication Device for engagement/awareness purposes but also the deployment of targeted and ringfenced enforcement work. This work is from both traditional duty time but has also benefited from partnership funding by Keighley Town Council providing additional visibility/resources to Keighley.
22. Since commencing this operation in September 2022 we have issued the following (of note this only documents the work by Keighley NPT and this operation, it does

not record tickets/traffic offences reports issued by wider patrols (Traffic, Steerside, Police Intercept Team, Patrol Officers etc.):

- 327 traffic offence reports/summons for speeding
- 54 traffic offence reports/summons for other offences (including mobile phone, seatbelt, construction and use, no insurance, no license etc.)
- 4 s59 warnings (ASB driving)
- 15 vehicles seized
- 9 arrests

Appendix A - Crime Figures year to date.

Keighley East

Crime Category	1 Apr – 22 May	23 May – 14 Aug	15 Aug – 6 Nov	7 Nov – 29 Jan	Total 22/23	Total 21/22	EMIS
Sexual Offences	2	8	8	4	22	27	5
Violence Against Person	85	117	96	101	399	297	102
Residential Burglary	2	3	4	4	13	27	14
Burglary Business & Community	2	4	5	6	17	3	14
Criminal Damage	10	17	10	9	46	63	17
Make Off	0	1	1	0	2	2	0
Robbery	1	1	1	0	3	1	2
Shoplifting	4	5	4	1	14	19	5
Theft From Vehicle	12	4	0	3	19	24	5
Theft of Vehicle	1	1	3	1	6	18	12
Total Crime	159	214	178	178	729	737	8

Total crime has decreased by 93 offences when the year to date figure is compared to the previous year. Two of the wards in the NPT are showing an increase in total crime.

Keighley West

Crime Category	1 Apr – 22 May	23 May – 14 Aug	15 Aug – 6 Nov	7 Nov – 29 Jan	Total 22/23	Total 21/22	EMIS
Sexual Offences	10	26	18	30	84	46	38
Violence Against Person	179	228	261	255	923	874	49
Residential Burglary	3	14	18	21	56	72	16
Burglary Business & Community	3	1	2	1	7	7	0
Criminal Damage	17	38	58	73	186	195	9
Make Off	0	0	0	1	1	2	1
Robbery	0	3	6	3	12	7	5
Shoplifting	4	3	6	2	15	20	5
Theft From Vehicle	2	8	5	4	19	22	3
Theft of Vehicle	4	11	6	14	35	32	3
Total Crime	312	477	519	505	1813	1739	74

Total crime has increased by 74 offences when the year to date figure is compared to the previous year. Two of the wards in the NPT are showing an increase in total crime.

Keighley Central

Crime Category	1 Apr – 22 May	23 May – 14 Aug	15 Aug – 6 Nov	7 Nov – 29 Jan	Total 22/23	Total 21/22	EMIS
Sexual Offences	11	26	22	13	72	52	20
Violence against Person	257	391	378	331	1357	1276	81
Residential Burglary	9	12	11	20	52	79	27
Burglary Business & Community	5	6	11	10	32	44	12
Criminal Damage	48	48	46	74	216	253	37
Make Off	6	2	5	5	18	24	6
Robbery	4	10	13	13	40	31	9
Shoplifting	45	75	83	58	261	289	28
Theft From Vehicle	8	11	3	13	35	39	4
Theft of Vehicle	5	18	13	8	43	45	2
Total Crime	551	849	858	728	2986	2999	13

Total crime has decreased by 13 offences when the year to date figure is compared to the previous year.

Worth Valley

Crime Category	1 Apr – 22 May	23 May – 14 Aug	15 Aug – 6 Nov	7 Nov – 29 Jan	Total 22/23	Total 21/22	EMIS
Sexual Offences	3	9	2	11	25	20	5
Violence against Person	71	84	74	90	319	326	7
Residential Burglary	3	17	7	4	31	38	7
Burglary Business & Community	0	0	4	1	5	12	8
Criminal Damage	16	27	13	20	76	62	14
Make Off	0	2	0	0	2	2	0
Robbery	0	0	0	1	1	2	1
Shoplifting	6	13	12	11	42	42	0
Theft From Vehicle	7	5	15	10	37	54	17
Theft of Vehicle	7	10	13	6	36	28	8
Total Crime	156	212	189	204	761	782	21

Total crime has decreased by 21 offences when the year to date figure is compared to the previous year.

Ilkley Ward

Crime Category	1 Apr – 22 May	23 May – 14 Aug	15 Aug – 6 Nov	7 Nov – 29 Jan	Total 22/23	Total 21/22	EMIS
Sexual Offences	3	6	7	7	23	17	6
Violence Against Person	28	105	70	65	268	265	3
Residential Burglary	1	15	8	13	35	39	4
Burglary Business & Community	1	6	4	8	19	34	15
Criminal Damage	11	49	23	24	107	61	46
Make Off	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Robbery	1	0	0	1	2	4	2
Shoplifting	23	20	30	15	88	64	24
Theft From Vehicle	6	14	13	8	41	28	13
Theft of Vehicle	1	7	10	1	19	13	6
Total Crime	133	289	217	174	813	707	106

Total crime has increased by 106 offences when the year to date figure is compared to the previous year.

Craven Ward

Crime Category	1 Apr – 22 May	23 May – 14 Aug	15 Aug – 6 Nov	7 Nov – 29 Jan	Total 22/23	Total 21/22	EMIS
Sexual Offences	2	8	8	4	22	27	5
Violence Against Person	85	117	96	101	399	297	102
Residential Burglary	2	3	4	4	13	27	14
Burglary Business & Community	2	4	5	6	17	3	14
Criminal Damage	10	17	10	9	46	63	17
Make Off	0	1	1	0	2	2	0
Robbery	1	1	1	0	3	1	2
Shoplifting	4	5	4	1	14	19	5
Theft From Vehicle	12	4	0	3	19	24	5
Theft of Vehicle	1	1	3	1	6	18	12
Total Crime	159	214	178	178	729	737	8

Total crime has decreased by eight offences when the year to date figure is compared to the previous year.

Appendix B

Op Steerside Pre-Planned Operations in Keighley – to date

15 pre-planned operations

155 Traffic Offence Reports / Vehicle Defect Notifications

3 Reports to DVLA for Vehicle Excise offences

14 Reports for Summons

18 Vehicles seized

2 arrests