

## **Report to Whitefield Township Forum- May 2012**

### **STATUTORY PARTNERS MEETINGS - WHITEFIELD AND PRESTWICH**

#### **Background**

Following the formal disbandment of Area Tasking Teams, it soon became apparent that there was a gap in provision of a multiagency approach to tackling low level crime and ASB in the local townships.

Prestwich and Whitefield have continued to have informal meetings on a monthly basis at Whitefield police station, lasting between an hour to two hours, and involving partner agencies.

#### **Purpose**

The meetings have been held as a tool to tackling issues locally. They work at an operational level, and they are fairly informal in structure. The meetings serve a number of purposes. The matters concerned are wider than just ASB, and include areas such as drugs, car crime, environmental crime, other low level restorative justice and reassurance initiatives:

- Identification of new and emerging issues relating to crime and anti social behaviour
- Identification of areas where joint working between agencies can effectively reduce crime and ASB
- Networking and sharing of resources between services
- Collaborative working on new ideas and initiatives
- Dissemination of information relating to key crime issues in the area – including crime reporting, early warnings, reassurance messages and crime prevention
- Information sharing from other sources- eg Heaton Park events group and community working group
- Collaborative working in terms of tackling issues in the hot spot areas, worst SOAs and linking in with other agencies work (Childrens Centres, schools, churches youth groups etc) to avoid duplication of work
- Sharing of resources to tackle common issues (eg CCTV, mobile police unit or other vehicles)
- Planning of initiatives such as partner action days, beat sweeps and consultation events

## **Membership**

- Police Inspector
- Township Co-ordinator
- Rangers
- Environmental Health
- Contour Housing
- Six town Housing staff
- Anti social behaviour team (Bury Council)

Other officers may be requested to attend as required, for example (these are a few examples of areas that have attended on an ad hoc basis as required),

- Fire service
- NCP or car parking manager
- Highways agency
- Probation service
- Salix Housing and other housing providers

## **Issues tackled in Whitefield since September 2012 include:-**

- Key crime issues publicised such as thefts from motor vehicles, issue around cash machines and identity theft
- Joint working between police and six town housing staff, youth services and volunteers to provide youth activities on Victoria Estate
- Investigation of future use of the Ark facility and Shuttle centre by all partners working in the area including housing providers, volunteers and Besses Children's Centre
- Step up of patrols around parks and joint work with ranger (and Environmental health) to investigate flytipping, illegal use of motorbikes and quads, dog fouling hot spots
- Trial of Youth PACT meetings as a means of engaging with young people locally and listening to their concerns
- Anti social behaviour issues involving named persons and addresses/ vicinities have been tackled jointly leading to positive actions to stop or remove the problems.

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