

v) **COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

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1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update the forum on recent developments in Community Safety.

2. **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Crime and Disorder Forum notes:

- Proposed revisions to the Designated Public Places Order
- The update on the Community Safety Partnership Plan
- General progress on Community Safety.

3. **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 **Designated Public Places Order**

Over recent months the Community Safety Team has been working on a major revision to the Designated Public Places Orders (also known as Alcohol Free Zones), the next stage is for Cabinet (23rd October) to approve that the borough goes out to consultation about the proposed revisions on 27th October. The overall aim of the revision is that the two existing orders: one covering various locations across the borough; and the other focused on Pinkney's Green, will be rescinded and simultaneously replaced by the new wider order. This should take place following Council approval early in the new year. The Cabinet paper is attached for information. Councillors have all been sent details of the new areas that have been proposed – lists are also available in the Members Rooms. One final point is that any new locations have to be evidenced, so a location cannot be included without a reasonable number of reports having been received by the police.

3.2 **Community Safety Partnership Plan**

The full 2008 – 2011 plan was approved by Cabinet on 24th July 2008. Copies of the plan itself and associated action plan for 2008/9 can be provided on request and are also available on the Community Safety website at the web location below.

http://www.rbwmsafety4all.org.uk/literature_and_publications_community_safety.htm

Good progress is being made against this year's action plan and our police partners will focus on crime statistics later in the paper. A summary of the plan is to be made widely available in libraries and other key locations shortly. It has already been translated into Urdu and Punjabi and translations into other languages will be made available on request.

3.3 **Community Safety General**

3.3.1 **Communications**

Recent highlights include:

Launch of partnership plan - August- received extensive media coverage

Launch of community safety website - September - received media coverage

Not in My Neighbourhood Week 13-17 October - range of high profile multi-agency events - extensive media coverage

Halloween/Bonfire night - three week campaign highlighting partnership working and offering reassurance to residents (including trick or treat posters, firework safety, firework regulations), reiterating zero-tolerance approach to ASB

Forthcoming matters:

community safety/DAAT Christmas newsletter

White Ribbon Day - awareness raising day for domestic abuse

New community wardens – update for residents on current and introduce new team members

3.3.2 Community Warden Scheme

The warden scheme currently has eight wardens in place including the senior warden. The scheme was reviewed by the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 24th September 2008 and both the detailed paper, which contains a thorough description of the wardens' activities, and the minutes of the panel are available on the Council's website. The conclusion of the panel was that the wardens are doing a very good job, but that we need to establish ways of measuring / demonstrating the impact they are having. This is not straightforward as in the past it was easy to look at crime and anti-social behaviour statistics, but with the advent of neighbourhood policing this is less easy. The lead member will agree these new measures by discussion with the Community Safety Coordinator, but they are likely to include a mix of hard statistics combined with perception surveys.

Other items of note other than regular patrols:

- Football project at Braywick which involved teams from Woodlands Park, Cox Green and Holyport. This project also involving qualified football coach from Maidenhead and District Housing Association, which has demonstrated good partnership working and secured free coaching sessions for young people from Cox Green;
- Visits to burglary victims to offer reassurance;
- All wardens have recently attended or will shortly be attending Child Protection Courses;
- Played a key supporting role in developing a youth club in Ascot;
- Received a letter of thanks for assistance with a difficult arrest;
- Provided advice on preventing pick pocketing to Shopmobility and the Nicholson's Centre;
- Assisted with a potentially serious road traffic accident involving a motor cyclist – letter of thanks received from parents;
- Manned stands providing information about the Community Safety and the Warden scheme in general at a number of events e.g. Ascot Golden Age event, Older Peoples Conference, Flood fairs (organised by Emergency Planning).

3.3.3 Policing Green Paper

A council response to the policing green paper "From the neighbourhood to the national: Policing our communities together" was submitted on 10th October following discussion at the September Cabinet. The submission can be found on the Community Safety website.

3.3.4 Domestic Abuse

Support Groups for Children & Education

Training has been delivered on running support groups for children and parallel groups for mothers. A meeting has taken place with RBWM practitioners (14/10/08) to discuss pilot groups.

Awareness Raising

- Regular newsletters to practitioners

- White Ribbon Day 25th November – national campaign to raise awareness of domestic abuse.
- Awareness raising day in at RBWM at Maidenhead train station (date TBC).

Changing Ways Programme – for perpetrators of Domestic Abuse

There are 11 men currently on the programme (x4 Bracknell, x3 Wokingham, x2 Slough, x1 RBWM, x1 out of area). 4 men on the waiting list (x2 Bracknell, x1 RBWM, x1 Wokingham) Despite significant efforts to raise awareness of this programme, there are a low level of self-referrals from Windsor and Maidenhead. This is a matter of concern as self referral is the major way perpetrators are recruited to the programme.

Training

Level 1 training for practitioners has recently been run in RBWM (18 attended).

4. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

There has been and will be extensive consultation on the Designated Public Places Order – see item 3.1.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

There are no financial implications for this report in terms of increased cost burden. However, any reduction in the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund will hamper our ability to deliver the new Community Safety Partnership Plan.

5.2 Legal

There are legal implications for the designated public places order (see item 3.1) which are covered in the Cabinet paper itself.

5.3 Human Rights Act

None of the Human Convention Rights will be affected by this decision.