



AGENDA ITEM NO:12

Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership 22nd October 2013

Report of: John Atkinson Neighbourhood Working Coordinator

Title: Neighbourhood Working Update

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the CCCE NP considers action against the 10 Neighbourhood Priorities so far and feeds back.

1. Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership were presented with a list of 24 local issues around community safety, environment and wider neighbourhood issues in their March 2013 meeting cycle. Over the following three months consultation was sought at Neighbourhood Forums, NP sub groups and other community events regarding these priorities.
2. Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership set up a Management group at the June AGM.
3. The table that follows summarises a brief report of action so far against the top 10 priorities whilst the management group undertook a priorities exercise.

Priorities Summary Table

| | Issue | Actions and work planned |
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| 1 | Rough Sleeping | Training of a cross section of Neighbourhood Working Staff including PCSOs to help map rough sleepers, target hot-spots and offer appropriate advice and support while reporting through to Police and Council Housing teams. Numbers are increasing. St Mungos Outreach team linking in with Neighbourhood Working including Streetwise Project. Large-scale citywide audit planned for 14/11//13. Ad hoc multi-agency operations to tackle worst sites eg Dove Street flats, Kingsdown. |
| 2 | Begging | Streetwise Project continue to lead on problem. Work completed giving advice and information to students who are the largest demographic group giving money to beggars. Streetwise linking with Police Brio shifts at weekends to enhance robust enforcement element. ASBOs and Injunctions continue to be used alongside Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. |
| 3 | Street-drinking | Police are using sect 27 powers (Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006) to disperse drinkers in the City Centre and Stokes Croft Designated Public Place areas. 49 section 27 notices issued over September so far. The Community Safety Officer has set up a multi-agency Street Drinker Working Group to target enforcement more effectively. IMPACT approach continues to be used with very good rate of referral to accommodation services and drug and alcohol detox agencies. Bi-monthly audit of Bear Pit, Stokes Croft showed significant reduction in drinkers July – September. |
| 4 | Fast Food Littering | Four nights of action around College Green and Colston Avenue led to no Fixed Penalty Notices but good engagement with late night visitors and food outlets. Premises are sweeping more regularly and providing their own bins where necessary. May Gurney have |

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| | | adjusted their schedule to avoid bins becoming overfilled. Twelve neighbourhood Working officers have been cross authorised and trained to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for littering and dog fouling and will be incorporated in upcoming Operation Speaker littering enforcement patrols over November and December. |
| 5 | Graffiti | Imminent Crimestoppers campaign with underwritten rewards for info leading to conviction of taggers. Three successful tagger cases so far –DIRT BTC, LIC and EDGER. BCC officers doing legwork with Police when putting instances to perpetrators. Graffiti audit completed in Kingsdown in September – days of action following mid-October with dedicated clear up crews. Linking in Youth Offending Team and adult restorative approaches to get extra clear-up work done. |
| 6 | Bins on Streets | Streetscene Enforcement leading on audit and follow up targeted work around Commercial bins with Operation Secure as part of Citywide littering campaign. 2 days of action across Clifton warning around domestic bins on streets and recycling advice. Student moving in campaign over September and October will have a focus on responsible waste disposal and effective recycling. Community Safety Officer leading QR campaign to sticker bins leading to advice on webpages. Further door knocking planned for December for worst streets. |
| 7 | A-board obstructions | Current hot-spots have been mapped. Area Coordinator working with Clifton Business Improvement Group to maintain improvements in Clifton Village. Denmark Street and St Augustine's Parade targeted in September with two days of engagement / education which had a short term improvement but enforcement action may be needed and seizure operation planned for December. Multi-agency education and seizure operation planned in for mid-November on Whiteladies Road. |
| 8 | Burglary | Hotspots mapped and Neighbourhood Working to support PCSOs in prevention and security visits. Student Moving in Campaign is giving education and prevention advice |

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| | | around securing homes and promoting the immobilise scheme to register possessions. |
| 9 | Noise Nuisance | Focus on Houses of Multiple Occupation including student houses across the CCCE area. Warnings and advice will be given out during the Student Moving in Campaign that is being supported by Neighbourhood Working and Pollution Control Staff. Noise incidents will be targeted with direct challenge visits led by Pollution Control but supported by other Neighbourhood Working staff and PCSOs. Successful campaigns in Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill area will be replicated with posters and leaflet drops '11pm is late enough'. |
| 10 | Bicycle Theft | Hot spots identified and mapped. Neighbourhood Working now attend cycling forum. Supporting bicycle beat surgeries at worst locations with audits of bike racks and sticker campaigns where bikes are insecure. All officers publicising Police Youtube campaign to encourage reporting – 'See bike crime call 999'. Weeks of action 15/10/13 – 29/10/13 |

Following on from a meeting of the Management Group in September 2013 and subsequent communication between the group, the revised priority list includes the following and will be worked on in the coming months and action will be presented back to the Neighbourhood Partnership in January 2014.

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| Burglary | Begging |
| Bins on Street (Domestic & Commercial) | Fast Food Littering |
| Lack of Recycling in HMOs | Street Drinking |
| Noise Nuisance | Rough Sleeping |
| Bicycle Theft | |

Priorities not selected with suggested future activities:

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| Robbery | Evidence suggests young people are mostly victims so focus on work in schools and colleges around awareness and safety. Could support Police with professional witnessing in hot-spot areas. |
| Possession of Drugs | Could support educative campaigns linked to Purple Flag and other night-time economy initiatives but little opportunities operationally. |
| Lack of Recycling by Houses of Multiple Occupation | Already being addressed through bins on streets work but, if selected as a priority itself there could be a real drive on direct work with problem households including 'Waste Doctor' visits and Area Environment Officer focus. |
| Taxis Parking Illegally | Neighbourhood Working already supporting Police and Parking Services around this problem on the city centre as part of other operations. If selected as a priority this could be enhanced with specific multi-agency operations around enforcement. |
| Cycling on Pavements | Lots of work to address this already going on with work to tackle bicycle theft but selecting this as a priority would allow more time for education and enforcement work by Neighbourhood Working staff. |
| Dog Fouling | Priority in many other areas. Work to address includes engagement work with dog walkers, multi-agency publicity days with Dogs Trust and RSPCA and dedicated enforcement patrols – Operation Scoop with good outcomes elsewhere. |
| Illegal tobacco products | Neighbourhood Working assisting Trading Standards and Police in other areas to focus on this as often linked with organised crime. |
| Fly-postering | Statistics showing much reduced but still occurring over summer. Where this has been selected elsewhere it allows Neighbourhood Working to support Streetscene Enforcement team in evidencing and clearing sites. |

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| Parking problems | A rather unknown quantity until RPZ are fully implemented. Work elsewhere in the city has involved joint parking operations between Neighbourhood Working, Parking Services and Police around obstructions and line infringements with good results. |
| Littering / ASB on College Green | Cross authorisation of Neighbourhood Working Officers allows for a big focus on this problem. It could be suggested the Neighbourhood Partnership select this priority in Spring 2014 to allow for the seasonal nature of the issue. |
| Barbecues | Seasonal problem on Brandon Hill and Durdham Downs. If selected it would allow time and resources for Neighbourhood Working to run regular patrols. |
| Buskers | Work currently being led by Community Safety Officer looking at opportunities through Licensing and Bye-laws. Would recommend this as priority as in-hand. |
| Skateboarders | Seems to have displaced to below M32 so not as significant a problem on CCCE. Complex legislation to deal with this could allow focus by Council staff and PCSOs. |