



AGENDA ITEM NO: 7

Filwood / Knowle / Windmill Hill NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
Tuesday 12 January 2016

Report of: Inspector 2302 Nigel Colston
Officer presenting report:

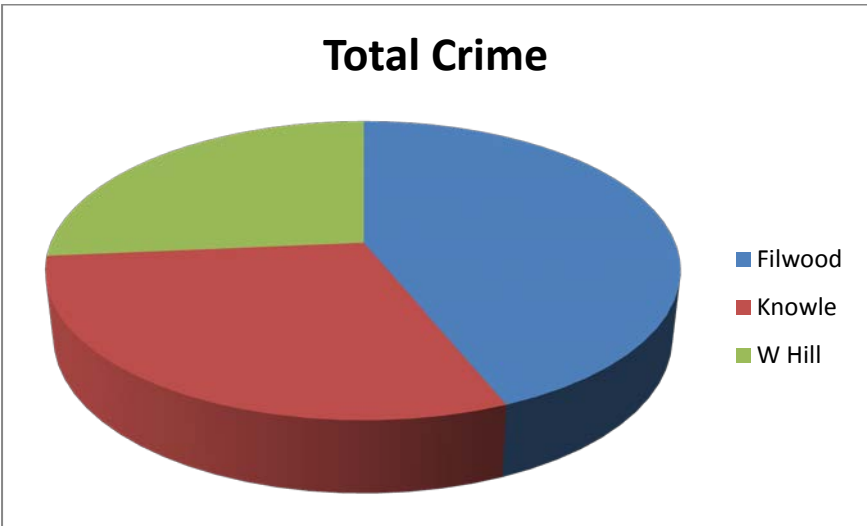
Recommendation:
 a) To **note** contents of the report.

Crime & ASB

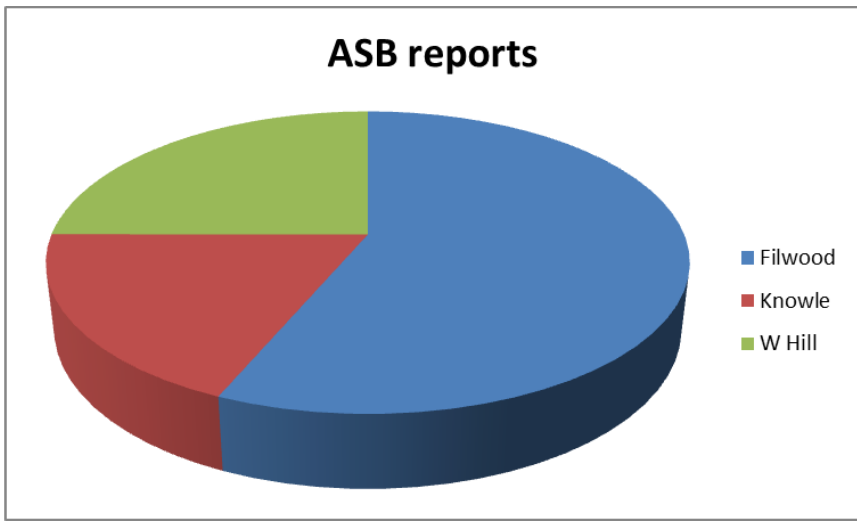
	Filwood	Knowle	W Hill	Neighbourhood Partnership area	Bristol South	Bristol Total
Criminal Damage	157	71	66	294	1195	3386
Burglary	26	27	29	82	360	1474
Non dwelling burglary	24	24	30	78	392	1338
Racially or religiously aggravated	37	8	10	55	149	481
Robbery	11	4	3	18	68	386
Violence against the person	433	198	219	850	3186	9731
Total Crime	886	601	534	2021	8819	30300
ASB reports	427	141	189	757	3006	11800

The above table documents some of the key crime and ASB figures at the 7th Dec 2015. The first three columns are by individual ward. Column 4 shows the figures for the combined neighbourhood partnership area. Column 5 represents figures for the 5 neighbourhood partnership areas covering Bristol South, and lastly column 6 details corresponding figures for Bristol as a whole.

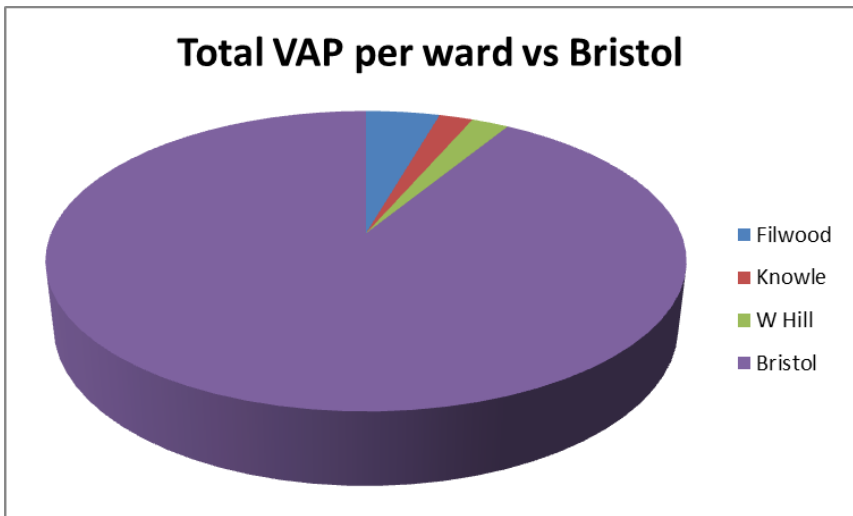
In terms of total crime, Filwood continues to hold the lions share across the neighbourhood partnership area;



This is even more apparent when we look at ASB data;



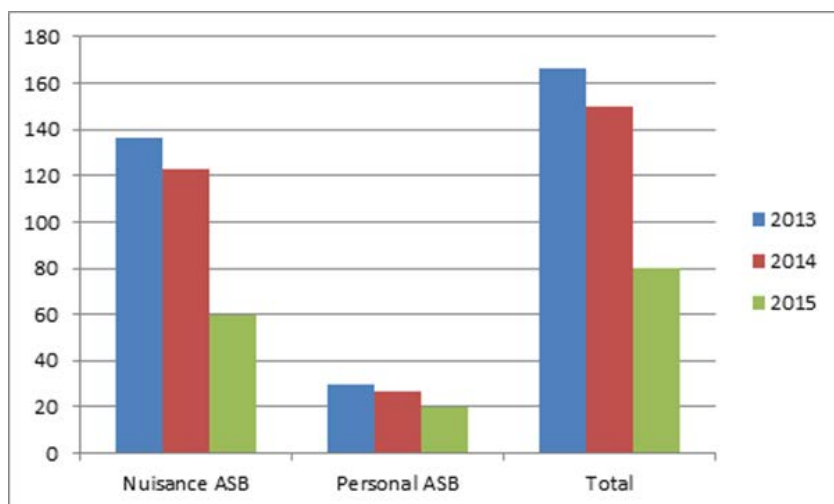
Filwood is a strategic area of high demand for the constabulary. The impact of crime figures within Filwood does have a significant impact upon corresponding figures for the force area, and for Bristol. This can be best demonstrated by looking at violence against the person offences;



Hot off the press, so to speak! I have just done some quick-time research into levels of anti-social behaviour across South Bristol during our peak demand “spooky week”. This is the period between 31st Oct and 5th Nov, when we typically see significant levels of ASB (particularly in wards such as Filwood). I am delighted however to report the following;

	Nuisance ASB	Personal ASB	Total
2013	136	30	166
2014	123	27	150
2015	60	20	80

There have been some slight changes in recording practices, which may account for a proportion of the fall, but I think the numbers are so reduced that I am confident we saw a dramatic drop in anti-social behaviour over the whole week (down by 47%). Given the fact that Halloween was on a Saturday as well, I think this is remarkable.....



Work continues in terms of ensuring the correct balance of police resources within the neighbourhood teams across the Bristol South area. A report has been submitted to the Bristol Senior Leadership team, with proposals that will see an increase of policing resources across the Filwood / Knowle wards and retention (or maybe a very slight loss) of current levels in Windmill Hill. This will also take into account changes to Bristol City Council ward boundaries, planned for May 2016.

Neighbourhood team news

You are probably aware by now that Pc Greg Macrae has resigned. Neighbourhood policing for the Knowle area has now been integrated within the Filwood team, so that we have three beat managers and 6 PCSOs covering this area (the same as previously combined). When the vacancies are filled this will increase to 5 beat managers and 7 PCSOs.

Update re concerns expressed over the police response to drugs

Please find below a message from Ch Insp Kevan Rowlands, as a response to previous questions asked at the alst partnership meeting.

“I was fully aware of the concern expressed by the Councillors as it was first voiced at a neighbourhood forum. I acknowledge that our activity against drug dealers has been less high profile of late. Under the previous model we benefited from a very proactive District Focus Team who were executing warrants regularly. At the inception of the operating model it has been difficult to secure resources for proactive activity based on the threat, harm and risk score. As drugs is not a specific PCC Priority it has been difficult to make a case for prioritisation of drugs intelligence.

I believe one of the drivers for the letter from ward councillors was to obtain a response from the PCC concerning prioritisation of drugs enforcement.

The nature of drugs operations is that one thing tends to lead to another and once the virtuous circle is broken it is difficult to regain momentum.

We have listened to the community and have instigated Operation Submerge with a view to maximising impact from intelligence received about drugs issues. We have a dedicated intelligence resource that will identify and prioritise drugs intelligence in South Bristol. We will ensure when carrying out enforcement action that the public are kept informed and are encouraged to add to our knowledge base.

You will be aware of the extremely successful operation in the St.Pauls area that led to the arrest and charge of over seventy drug dealers in that area. South Bristol officers have been deployed to the area in the overt phase of the operation and in Operation Blueline which aims to stop other drug dealers from filling the void left by the operation. I have been more than happy to supply staff to the operation and know that in return we will adopt a one team approach to issues in South Bristol if the intelligence picture dictates it.

I have also had to prioritise drugs enforcement in South Bristol in the Hartcliffe area following a number of violent incidents related to drug dealing.

I fully accept the concerns expressed by the Filwood Ward Councillors and will ensure that as Operation Submerge continues they are kept fully informed of developments. It is my intention to ensure that drugs enforcement is conducted in as high profile a way as possible in order to reassure the community and encourage them to come forward with further intelligence.”