



AGENDA ITEM NO: 9

Filwood / Knowle / Windmill Hill NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

13th January 2015

Report of: Inspector 2302 Nigel Colston
Title: Community Safety Report

Officer presenting report: Inspector Nigel Colston

Recommendation:

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1. Performance

Crime type	Recorded Crime		Detected Crime	
	YTD total	% change	YTD % detected	% change
Dwelling burglary	108	21.3%	12%	-5.9%
Theft of vehicle	47	0%	6.4%	-12.8%
Theft from vehicle	196	38%	7.1%	5%
Violence against the person	537	16.7%	28.7%	-20.2%
Total crime	1930	11.8%	22.6%	-9.6%

The above reflects levels of crime reported to Police at the end of Nov 2014. The stand-out feature of this report is that crime has generally risen across all types of offences, and sadly our ability to detect crime has generally fallen.

Further work is needed to understand the significant rise in the recording of violence against the person. Bristol South has undergone some

extensive work in terms of complying with National Crime Recording Standards, which may account for part of this increase. We are also committed to encouraging victims of domestic abuse to come forward, and report offences – this may also account for some significant part of the rise.

It is also important to note that there has been a huge amount of change within the Police over this past year. This has affected some 60% of staff in some significant way, and I think we have to be realistic in understanding that this has had an inevitable impact upon our capacity to do everything that we once did. The change process should be completed by April 2015, and I am confident that things will start to show an upturn as our intelligence processes lead to better targeting of offenders and problem locations.

The focus for the neighbourhood team over the next few months / year will be to;

- Target drug supply and illegal use
- Encourage and support victims in reporting domestic abuse
- Support victims of ASB, and tackle the causes of it
- Support victims of hate crime, and tackle the causes of it.

Neighbourhood team news

There are some significant changes to the neighbourhood team to make you aware of. Pc Paul Newell has been successful in his application for a job on the detainee investigation team, and is due to leave in the very near future. PCSO's Siful Ullah, Lindsay Aldington and Lucy Heaps have all been successful in applying for vacancies as police officers in other constabulary areas, and could be leaving us in the next few months.

Pc Brett Worthington continues to have ongoing investigations into possible heart problems, and as yet we have no expected return date. Pc Nicola Hampson is pregnant, and as such is restricted as to the duties she can carry out.

I am very conscious of the impact that this could have, and am making determined efforts to resolve these vacancies as best I can, and as soon as I can. As I get more news I shall endeavour to keep you informed.

Neighbourhood priorities

The Neighbourhood Delivery Team has agreed its community safety priorities for the next year (in line with those issues mentioned above), i.e.

- ASB
- Hate Crime
- Drugs
- Domestic Abuse

We have also agreed that our particular focus should be upon the priority wards of Hartcliffe and Filwood. Naturally we won't be ignoring the other wards across South Bristol; we just need to account for the long-term nature of the issues in these two areas, and the fact that they have a higher than average impact on issues across the whole of South Bristol.