



AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Stoke Bishop, Henleaze and Westbury on Trym NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 3 December 2012

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RECOMMENDATIONS

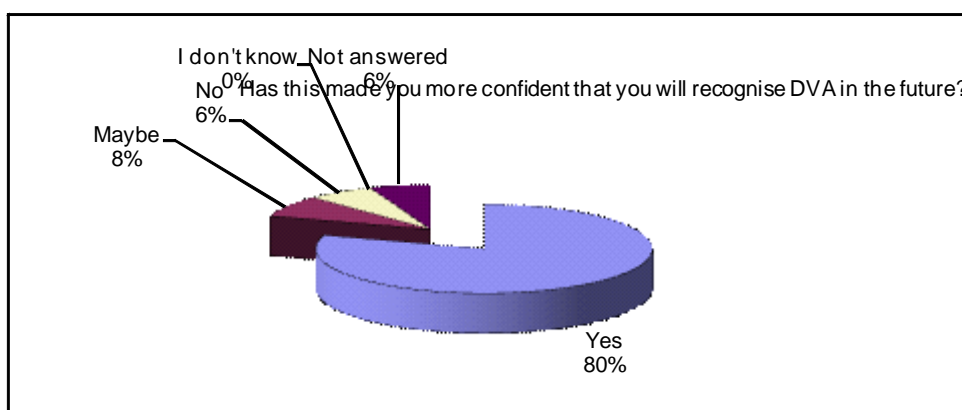
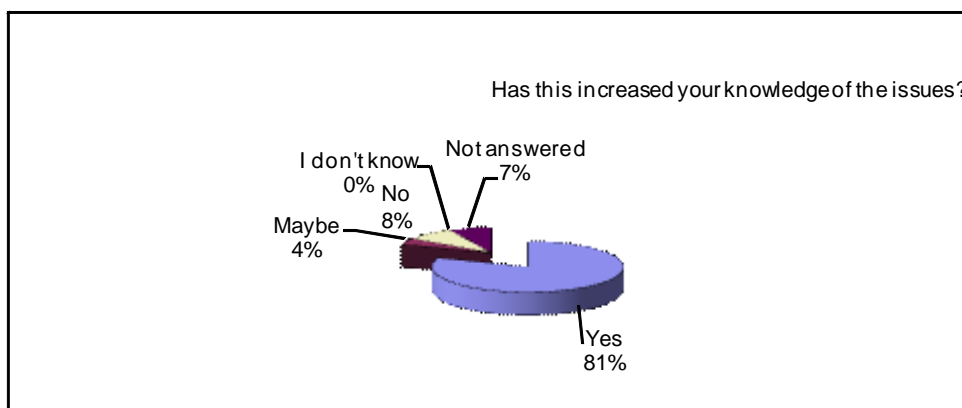
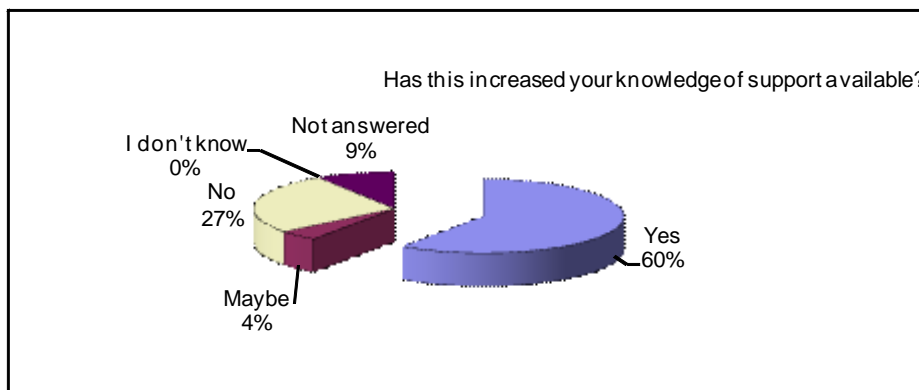
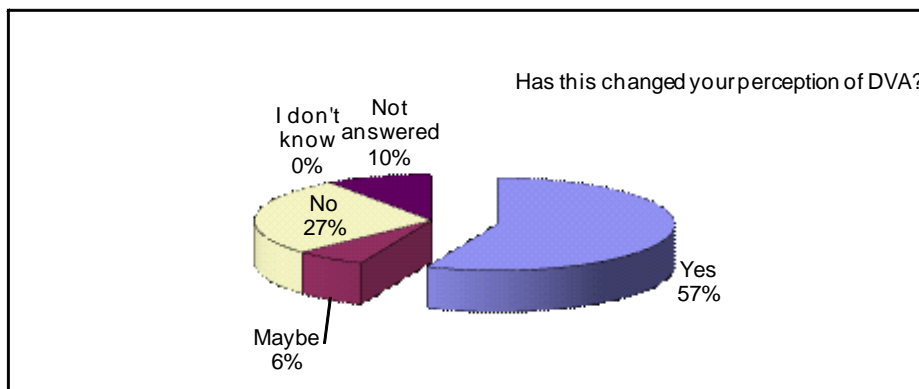
- That the Neighbourhood Committee notes the summary progress and updates on the neighbourhood community safety priorities agreed through the Community Safety Officer's delivery agreement 2012/13.
- That the Neighbourhood Committee notes the proposed timetable and process to agree the neighbourhood community safety priorities for the coming year 2013/14

1. Progress Report

Progress against neighbourhood community safety priorities are as follows:

Priority 1: Tackle Domestic Abuse

- A Problem Solving plan has been developed between statutory and voluntary agencies across North Bristol to tackle violence against women and girls. Specifically, the focus is on increased reporting, addressing perceptions that domestic abuse is a private matter and promoting of support services available to survivors of domestic violence and abuse.
- To both raise public awareness and support training/development of officers, a community theatre production was commissioned over the autumn. Feedback from the 200 attendees is as follows:



- 190 individuals attended the 'Our Glass House' event
- This play is unique in the UK in allowing the audience to let themselves into the house and in each room witness the chilling reality of how domestic abuse can build up behind closed doors. The production was funded by Bristol City Council, the local NHS, other North Bristol Neighbourhood Partnerships, Neighbourhood Delivery Team and the Police.
- One in four women in the UK will experience domestic violence and abuse in their lifetime and between 100 and 150 women are murdered each year by their current

or ex male partner. In Bristol police figures showed some 7,500 reports of domestic violence and abuse in 2010/2011 and that is estimated to be less than one third of actual incidents that occur.

Priority 2: Reduce the Fear of Crime and Increase Community Engagement – focus on community Speed Watch

Public perceptions of speeding hot-spots often do not correlate with the analysis of casualty reduction sites identified by the City Council. There is demand for police speed enforcement action at speeding sites identified at a neighbourhood level. A new way of partnership working is needed to ensure community expectations are met and effective speed enforcement activity still takes place. Intelligence-led speed enforcement activity by the police will continue, supplemented by Community Speed Watch action.

It is often found that offenders, who exceed the speed limit, are themselves local to the neighbourhood.

Community Speed Watch is a scheme to encourage people to reduce speeding traffic through their community. The scheme enables volunteers to work within their community to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and poor driving, helping to control the problem locally.

Community Speed Watch was set up jointly between the Police Teams in North Bristol as residents from a number of wards in north Bristol had raised concerns about speeding either at Neighbourhood Forums, Neighbourhood Partnerships (Bishopston, Redland & Cotham) or directly with the Police.

The scheme was the first urban speed watch initiative in the Avon & Somerset Constabulary area. There have been many rural initiatives successfully delivered over several years and learning from these schemes was applied in the early implementation in Bristol.

Funding for the scheme has been sourced from the North Bristol Neighbourhood Delivery Teams to support implementation, including cost items such as high visibility jackets, clipboards and other essential resources. A speed gun was sourced through the Southmead Beat Team.

- Volunteer Training to date
- To date there have been four training sessions held, resulting in over 35 trained volunteers. A maximum of 12 people can be trained at any time.
- There are 11 residents who have expressed an interest in training, but who are as yet to attend. 10 have been invited to the four previous sessions but were unable to attend. 1 has not been invited to training previously as they have only recently expressed an interest.
- Training has been delivered in the spring, summer and autumn with both daytime and evening sessions offered.
- Further training dates will be rolled out on a quarterly basis depending on volunteer demand. Training must be delivered by an officer from the Police Road Policing Unit. They are committed to supporting the scheme going forwards.

Priority 3: Tackle headline crime and ASB in Stoke Bishop, Henleaze and Westbury on Trym

	Total 11/12	Q1 12/13	Q2 12/13	YTD %
Arson	10	2	3	-28.6
Burglary	226	77	60	26.9
Criminal Damage	170	37	31	-22.7
Drug Offences	96	10	9	-58.7
Fraud Forgery	75	15	12	-15.6
Other Offences	40	3	13	-50.0
Robbery	8	3	3	100.0
Sexual Offences	14	4	6	42.9
Theft And Handling Stolen Goods	482	166	143	18.4
Violence Against The Person	185	35	32	-39.1
ASB	531	114	109	-33.6
Total Crime and ASB – NP area	1837	466	421	-13.9

Priority 4: Facilitate Partnership Activity

- At the end of the 2011/12 academic year the Community Safety Officer engaged over 200 students leaving halls of residents in the Stoke Bishop ward. Advice was given regarding personal safety, responsible citizenship and avoiding issues including misuse of alcohol, anti-social behaviour and irresponsible waste management.
- Following on the success of this campaign, a further multi-agency programme of engagement was conducted at the halls at the start of this academic term with the community safety officer, beat manager and PCSOs engaging over 400 incoming students. 200 Immobilize property registration kits were issued and further advice disseminated regarding personal safety and positive citizenship.
- Activity was funded through the Neighbourhood Delivery Team.
- Similar multi-agency activity will be repeated throughout the remainder of the academic year and through 2013/14.

2. Future process for devolved decision making on the work of Safer Bristol Community Safety Officers

- In order to identify future neighbourhood priorities for the Community Safety Officer, the following process will be followed:

Month	Action
Dec 2012 – Feb 2013	CSOs to have sessions at forums to feedback on progress on previous action plan and to invite new issues from the Neighbourhoods
Mar 2013	All forum issues from the year compiled by CSOs, along with data from strategic assessment and quality of life survey
April-May 2013	Special community safety meeting to be held in each NP to consider local data and forum issues, and to choose community safety priorities for the year ahead. This meeting might be a one-off subgroup meeting, part of another subgroup, part of a Forum or a briefing with Councillors – this will be decided locally.
June 2013	Neighbourhood community safety priorities will be formally agreed by the Neighbourhood Committee at the

	Neighbourhood Partnership meeting. The report will outline the locally identified priorities, and will contain information about the other work of the team as an appendix. The report will also outline how the progress will be reported - e.g. community safety update report and/or Forum discussions.
Sept/Oct 2013	Community Safety update report presented at NP meeting and provided for Forums.
Dec 2013 / Jan 2014	New priority setting process commences for next year.

- CSOs will lead on developing the local priorities with councillors and local residents.
- Neighbourhood Committees will formally agree the priorities for the year ahead at the June Neighbourhood Partnership meeting (this is so that the strategic data is available to help inform the discussions prior to the decision making meeting)
- Reports will follow the agreed format (as above) and Neighbourhood Committee can choose what they would like to be attached as appendices.
- The report will ask Neighbourhood Committee when they would like feedback, and how they would like the feedback to be presented.