

Central Dudley Area Committee - 5th September 2006

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Responses to Questions

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Committee of the written responses made to questions asked at a previous meeting.

Background

2. At a meeting of this Committee held on 13th June 2006, it was indicated that written replies would be sent to the questioners concerned. The responses are as indicated.
3. In response to concerns expressed a member of the Committee regarding Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) requesting that they patrol during the evenings when anti social behaviour may be being committed, rather than whilst children were at school, the Chairman has written to the Chief Superintendent of the West Midlands Police.
4. The Chief Superintendent of the West Midlands Police has responded stating that the Police seek to deploy PCSO's at times when they can be most effective, taking into account their contracted working hours and the varying demands on their time. The situation will continue to be monitored regularly, to ensure the efficient use of resources. He also commented that it is hoped to increase the numbers of PCSO's leading to an enhancement of patrol activity and further calls for engagement with local communities.
5. Inspector Bramall, the Officer responsible for Neighbourhood Teams and PCSO's in the Central Dudley Area, has been requested to consider attending future Area Committees, when available, to help link local policing delivery to other local service issues provided by the council.
6. In response to the Chairman's letter to the West Midlands Police expressing concerns raised by Members of the Committee regarding nuisance to local residents by mini motor cycle riders across the area, the Chief Superintendent of the West Midlands Police has responded, advising that the Police are aware of the problems and will continue to work with the Council in attempting to resolve them. Measures are being taken to address the concerns raised, and will continue to be monitored. In respect of the particular concerns raised about the woods near Gervase Drive and Forest Road, Elm Green the local Sector Inspector and

members of the Road Policing Unit has been asked to include these areas in the policing operations.

7. In response to a letter sent to CENTRO regarding the slow response to repairs to Centro bus shelters, following vandalism, the Service Director of CENTRO has responded, apologising for recent delays in repairs to damaged shelters and advising that the situation is and will continue to be, monitored by Centro's Infrastructure team. Glazed shelters are checked for breakages on a daily basis (Monday to Saturday) and any broken glass swept up and removed as soon as possible.

Finance

8. There are no direct financial consequences arising from this report.

Law

9. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

Equality Impact

10. The report takes into account the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.
11. Although the report relates to anti social behaviour, there is no requirement for consultation with children and young people or the involvement of children and young people in noting the report.

Recommendation

12. The Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.



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List of Background Papers

Question slips handed in at previous meetings of the Central Dudley Area Committee.

Correspondence sent in response by Council Officers and replies received from outside agencies.