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**Report to:** Litherland & Ford Area Committee **Date of Meeting:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013

**Subject:** Area Management Update

**Report of:** Director Corporate Commissioning **Wards Affected:** Litherland, Ford

**Is this a Key Decision?** No

**Is it included in the Forward Plan?**  
No

**Exempt/Confidential**

No

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### **Purpose/Summary**

To update the Area Committee on area management activities that have taken place in the Litherland & Ford wards since the last meeting.

### **Recommendation(s)**

That the Area Committee:

- (i) Note the contents of the report.
- (ii) Members or residents to contact Neighbourhoods Division with any further area issues.

### **How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?**

	<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>	<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		✓	
3	Environmental Sustainability	✓		
4	Health and Well-Being	✓		
5	Children and Young People	✓		
6	Creating Safe Communities	✓		
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	✓		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	✓		

### **Reasons for the Recommendation:**

This report is to inform Members of progress of area management activities in their areas.

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

Any actions requiring Council resources are agreed within existing budgets such as the Area Committee Budgets (details contained within the budget monitoring report). Actions requiring resources from partners are agreed in advance of works being carried out.

**(A) Revenue Costs**

**(B) Capital Costs**

**Implications:**

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Legal</b>	
<b>Human Resources</b> There are no implications	
<b>Equality</b>	
1. No Equality Implication	<input type="text" value="None"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="text"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="text"/>

**Impact on Service Delivery:**

All actions detailed within this update have come from issues raised by local residents, elected members or officers. These actions are specifically aimed at improving the delivery of services within the local area.

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT has been consulted and has no comments on this report. FD 2063/13

The Head of Corporate Legal Services has been consulted and has no comments on this report. LD 1379/13

**Are there any other options available for consideration?**

No. The approach of area coordination via the Neighbourhoods Division is aimed at improving local services, and thereby improving customer satisfaction with how these services are delivered. If these actions were not dealt with, this would not happen. In terms of specific items, each issue is considered fully in conjunction with all relevant partners before action is taken.

## **Implementation Date for the Decision**

Immediately following the Committee/Council/Working Group meeting.

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## **Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection.

### **1. Introduction/Background**

The Neighbourhoods Division provides a coordination role for dealing with area issues. Queries are forwarded to the Neighbourhoods Division in a number of ways, via a number of different sources. In order for members to be aware of progress made on these issues an area management report has been compiled. After consultation with other Council Departments and external agencies, a partner update will be included in the near future.

If there are any queries about the information provided in the report you can contact the lead officer in the Neighbourhoods Division for this area (contact details on front page of report).

The Litherland & Ford Operational Group has been established to be an action focused group to deal with local issues with a partnership approach. Two meetings have taken place so far.

### **Terms of Reference**

- Partners will be responsible for providing the information necessary to justify any actions
- Meetings will be action focussed around issues which can be raised by partners or via the Litherland and Ford Area Committee.
- To implement actions to address issues that are of local concern
- To monitor and report on progress and activity associated with the chosen action, to Area Committee and to the respective partnership

### **ASB Unit**

Apologies were given from the Unit

### **Police**

#### **Ford Ward**

There have been 21 Burglary Dwellings since the beginning of October. This is the priority for the area at the moment. Stanley Park is a particular hotspot for the area. Operation Conserver is ongoing to date 16 properties have received security assessments and advice to combat the problem. Smart Water kits are being rolled out again. Criminal damage is down but still higher than other Sefton wards. Anti Social Behaviour figures are coming down.

#### **Litherland Ward**

A Section 30 Order is in progress for Violet Road, it is hoped that it will be in place before Christmas. The Police are putting a disruption plan in place. The group were asked to look into further initiatives to target harden and encourage engagement. A community action week was suggested and a planning meeting set up with key partners to look at what can be delivered. It was decided that the action week should take place as soon as possible.

The CCTV camera installation is ongoing in the Violet Road, Linacre Road, Longfield Road and Hornby Boulevard area. There will be a total of four cameras installed. Burglary Dwelling is the main concern for Litherland. Hotspot areas have been assessed from last year. OVH and the Police are delivering some target hardening activities with residents. Criminal damage and ASB figures are coming down. The Captains Lane area has seen an increase in ASB; an operation is in place to combat the problem

### **Registered Social Landlords**

#### **One Vision Housing - Ford**

Apologies were given from the Housing Officers for this area.

Ford Lane Community Centre is open for youth activities on Thursday and Monday, they also run a youth project at Litherland Park Sports Centre on Fridays.

### **One Vision – Linacre Bridge**

The Community Garden between Hinton & Lawler Street has begun. A launch event is planned for 11 December 2012. Green Gym sessions will be taking place on Tuesdays. Two out of four blocks in Hornby Flats now have new fob entry systems.

Work is still ongoing to look at the problems surrounding No 6 Hornby Flats and a possible move.

The ASB team have doing some target hardening work around Hornby Flats with their residents. A meeting is taking place with the grounds maintenance team to look at shrubbery and trees that need cutting back. This is specifically around where cameras are due to be located.

### **Adactus – Klondyke**

There are 6 remaining residents on the Klondyke estate

A weekly walkabout of the area with the HMRI team is still ongoing.

### **Neighbourhoods**

#### **Klondyke**

The Klondyke area now has two fully operational cameras in agreed locations. Contact cards have been given out to residents for them to contact Sefton Security if they feel vulnerable to ASB etc.

#### **Linacre Bridge**

The CCTV Street columns have been ordered with Capita for Violet Road CCTV cameras will be in place in the next two months

### **Fire Service Update**

No particular hotspots have been highlighted from MFRS in Litherland and Ford.

### **Environmental Services**

There have been quite low numbers of dog fouling reported from September to date.

There have been no real hotspots identified. A serious dog attack took place in Litherland just off Harris Drive. Feedback from incident will be given at January meeting

### **Coast & Countryside**

104 incidents of litter and fly tipping have been recorded. There have been fewer incidents than previous years.

The area has been zoned; this assists when Police and partners are trying to specify locations. This is particularly useful when the quad bikes are in use in Rimrose Valley

### **Any Other Business**

There was no further business discussed.

### **Recommendations**

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