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**Report to:** Litherland & Ford Area Committee **Date of Meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> March 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 2186/13)

The Head of Corporate Legal Services has been consulted and has no comments on this report. (LD 2186/13)

**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.

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 fifth meeting of the Litherland & Ford Operational Group has taken place. The group has been established to be an action focused group to deal with local issues with a partnership approach.

## **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 received

The ASB Unit continue to work closely with the Police and partner agencies. ASB governance meetings continue to take place weekly at Copy Lane Police Station.

## **Police**

### **Ford Ward**

Smartwater and Operation Handle are still ongoing in the area partners are requested to let Insp Atherton know of any vulnerable properties that could be benefit from Smartwater.

Harris Drive, at the last meeting concerns were raised around young people gathering around the shops. There has been no rise in ASB calls for this area. Trading Standards have made visits to premises in the area.

An arrest has been made in Northumberland Avenue in relation to possession of a firearm and drug offences.

There has been an arrest made around burglaries to pubs in the area.

It has been identified that there has been an increase in car number plates being stolen; this is a problem across the whole of Sefton.

Moto's are contributing to the majority of calls in relation to ASB. An operation across the whole of Sefton is due to be launched

### **Litherland Ward**

A Section 30 is now in place on Violet Road. The area is quiet at the moment apart from some attempted vandalism to the cameras. This has been addressed as an action for the Police and Sefton Security. Insp Lock will liaise with BTP to highlight problems with the lack fencing on the bridge at the bottom of Violet Road/Akenside. BTP can then liaise with Network Rail into addressing the issue.

At the end of the Section 30 period of June 2013 all joint agencies will meet with the Neighbourhood Inspector to discuss and action community feedback.

The crime figures around burglaries have decreased

Criminal damage and ASB figures are coming down.

Hornby Road Flats – the flats at the front have now all been installed with new communal door, this has helped immensely with gathering of youths in the flat foyers. Insp Lock has asked if One Vision could address some lighting on the corner building of Linacre Road/Longfield Road and advice when the front gates of Hornby Flats are due to be changed.

There have been reports of possible drug activity in Longfield and Bryant Road this has been raised with the Police. Police are aware of the issues and will continue to monitor.

A Speedwatch project was raised as a possible request for AC funding – this was considered. It was decided that it wasn't a priority for the area at the moment but can possibly be considered at a later date

## **Registered Social Landlords**

### **Adactus – Klondyke**

There are 5 remaining residents on the Klondyke estate

A weekly walkabout of the area with the HMRI team is still ongoing. This ensures any issues and concerns are picked up quickly.

### **Riverside – Linacre Bridge**

The organisation is currently concentrating on giving advice to their tenants around Welfare Reform.

### **One Vision**

No Officers in attendance

## **Neighbourhoods**

### **Klondyke/Captains Green**

There have been no incidents of ASB or burglaries around the Klondyke in the past month.

Captains Green has been highlighted as suffering ASB, there has been no rise in ASB calls to the Police but the situation will be monitored. There have also been concerns raised around littering and dog fouling around the green. Ideas around improvements have been discussed. A meeting with key RSL's and a possible community clean up day is in process.

### **Linacre Bridge**

Regular walkabouts of the area are still ongoing. This ensures any issues and concerns are picked up quickly

### **Ford**

The TRO's are now approved for Kirkstone Road North; the approved lineage is now in place. There have been further fly tipping issues around the Ford Lane estate. The issue has been raised with One Vision as it is specific to one property.

Sefton Street shops rear alleyway – a site visit has been undertaken and a duty of care letter processed. Residents have been offered wheelie bins and the alleyway cleared. The situation will continue to be monitored along with the empty garages on Marina Avenue.

Old Liverpool Arms Pub site – there have been reports of regular fly tipping on this site. The issue has been reported to Planning Enforcement, the site will be inspected to establish whether a Section 215 can be served on the Landowner.

Beech Road Allotments, concerns have been raised around the condition of the allotments. A site meeting is to take place to look at a way forward in clearing the allotment and management of vacant plots.

## **Fire Service Update**

Apologies were given from MFRS

## **Environmental Services**

Dog fouling has been highlighted as an issue particularly around Musker Drive and Lonsdale Road in Ford. The dog fouling has been cleared.

A project is being worked up with Neighbourhoods, Dogs Trust and the Probation Service Community Payback Team. This will involve the Dogs Trust delivering responsible dog ownership assemblies in schools. This will then be followed up with removal of dog fouling, sticker and stencilling around the streets leading to schools on a seven week rolling programme.

## **Cleansing**

The dedicated operatives for the Linacre Bridge will continue for the next three years. Neighbourhoods and Cleansing are currently looking at a zoned work programme to monitor impact of the service.

The Rapid Response service will change from 3 to 2 vehicles being available from April due to budget restraints. Graffiti will be addressed within 48hrs if offensive (racist, sexist) or within 56 days if non offensive.

## **Coast & Countryside**

Apologies were given from the officer for this area

### **Parks and Green Spaces**

The role of Park Rangers has now changed. The officers will now be known as Community Parks Officers. The aims and objectives of the post are to encourage community ownership and volunteering emphasis.

Hapsford Park- there is a great improvement to this park, shrubs are cut back and wild flowers have been planted. Football coaching and community litter picks have taken place.

Melaneer Park

The park officers are looking to re-introduce a fishing project in this park. The officers will also assist with the consultation around the possible MUGA in the park.

Lonsdale Park

The park officers are looking to introduce community litter picks and re-establish the football pitches. The officers are looking to set up a working group together with Neighbourhoods, OVH and elected members.

### **Any Other Business**

A bid is going to be put in from the Positive Futures team for Lottery funding. This is identified as the Community Activation Fund. This will hopefully increase outdoor activities available across all wards. A suggestion if successful would be a "Paddle in the Park" event at Melaneer Park.

**Litherland & Ford Operational Group Action Plan**  
**27<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

<b>Litherland Ward</b>			
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Person</b>	<b>Update</b>
Harris Drive – kids gathering around shops causing nuisance	Neighbourhood Police to investigate	Inspector Jim Atherton	There has been no rise in ASB calls for this area. Trading Standards have make visits to eight premises in the area. SA to identify which premises and feedback
Captains Lane – residents feel there is an increase in ASB	Neighbourhood Police to investigate	Inspector Jim Atherton	There has been no rise in ASB calls in the area, will continue to monitor
Captains Green – concerns around littering and dog fouling	Site Visit undertaken. Ideas around improvements to park have been discussed. SA to arrange meeting with key RSL's around improvements and a possible community clean up day	Sue Ashe	Feedback will be provided at the next meeting
Violet Road Cameras - vandalism	Issues have been raised around attempted vandalism to the camera on Hornby Boulevard/Violet Road. Noted that Police and Sefton Security are vigilant in monitoring of cameras to reduce risk	A Insp Tony Lock Sue Ashe	Feedback will be provided at the next meeting

Drug Activity – Longfield Road/Bryant Road	Reports from residents of suspected drug dealing around this area. Police are aware of the issues and will continue to monitor	A.Insp Tony Lock	Feedback will be provided at the next meeting
Section 30 Exit Strategy- June 2013	At end of period all joint agencies will consult together with a final meeting chaired by the Neighbourhood Inspector to discuss and action community feedback	A Insp Tony Lock	Feedback around the work towards the Exit Strategy will be provided at the next meeting
<b>Ford Ward</b>			
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Person</b>	<b>Update</b>
Sefton Street – rear of the shops flytipping issues	Site Visit to be undertaken to look at steps to improve	Sue Ashe – Neighbourhoods Rob Monks – Environment	Site Visit undertaken and duty of care letter processed. Residents have been offered wheelie bins . The alleyway has been cleared of flytipping. Situation will continue to be monitored
Ford Lane – increase in flytipping	Flytipping to be removed and continue to monitor	Sue Ashe – Neighbourhoods	Further flytipping has occurred specifically around 283 Ford Lane. Issue raised with OVH, will feedback at next meeting
Old Liverpool Arms Pub site	Reports of regular flytipping to site	Sue Ashe – Neighbourhoods	Issue reported to Planning Enforcement , site will be inspected to establish whether a Section 215 can served against the landowner to adequately secure and tidy the land



Dog Fouling – Musker Drive & Lonsdale Road	To request dog fouling to be removed and possible stencilling and stickers applied	Sue Ashe - Neighbourhoods	Dog Fouling removed, stencilling and stickers will be applied asap
Beech Road Allotments	Complaints have been made around the condition of the allotments	Sue Ashe – Neighbourhoods Dave Thompson – Parks and Open Spaces	A site visit with Cllr Lappin and Dave Thompson is outstanding to look at a way forward in clearing the allotment and management of vacant plots. Feedback will be provided at the next meeting
Lonsdale Park	Park Officers are looking to set up a working group with Neighbourhoods, OVH and elected members to try and make improvements to the park as an open space	Wilhelm Snelink – Park Officers Sue Ashe - Neighbourhoods	Feedback will be provided at the next meeting
<b>Litherland and Ford Ward</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Person</b>	<b>Update</b>
Dog Fouling Complaints – Litherland and Ford	Following a large amount of complaints around dog fouling an exercise is being worked up to look at targeting dog fouling particularly around schools. This will involve working with the Dogs Trust to deliver assemblies in schools around responsible dog owners hip. This will then be followed up removal of dog fouling removal, sticker and stencilling around the streets leading to schools on a 7 week rolling programme	Sue Ashe – Neighbourhoods Rob Monks – Environmental Health	Further progress will be fed back at next meeting

Community Action Fund Bid	Bid to be submitted	Tina Pilkington	Feedback to be provided at next meeting
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### **Recommendations**

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