

19th January 2022

Subject: Anti-social behaviour update

Briefing Paper of the of the Assistant Director for Citysafe & Early Intervention on behalf of Corporate Director for Children Family Services

1. Purpose of the Paper and Summary

To provide the Committee with an update of the work undertaken by the Neighbourhood Nuisance Team in the Wyke Area in the past 6 months (July – December 2021).

2. Issues for consideration

Central

Park patrols conducted over the summer holidays in most of the parks in the area where complaints had been received by the Council or the Police.

Work was undertaken with Humberside Police regarding drug issues in Amazing Play/Middleton Street Park as a result of which some arrests were made. New park equipment is been looked into for the children's play area to attract more young families, the walls along the cut through are going to graffitied by Skeg as part of the project and tree pruning is being looked at as an option for the trees in Amazing Play. This would enable the camera to turn and look into the park as a deterrent for those carrying out any ASB and drug dealing.

There have been joint patrols with the Police in Waterloo Park and the Police Bus has attended for a surgery day.

Significant partnership work was undertaken in relation to anti-social behaviour issues on Needlers Way in conjunction with Together Housing, Humberside Police and the residents. A letter drop was carried out to all residents. The Police have carried out Humber talking in the area and there has also been a Police/ASB surgery held.

Street drinking and begging on Spring Bank had been an on-going issue, but since the 'covid hostels' have closed and The Pines has been boarded up, the issue has reduced. In addition, there a number of Police and ASB surgeries have been arranged. The first one was 2nd December and the next two are 13th January and 24th February 2022.

Drug issues associated with the Londesbrough Street area, seem to be linked to dealing from the phone box and the arch ways. Joint work with is ongoing with Humberside Police and KCOM to look at the removal of the phone box.

Avenue

Street drinking and some drug dealing/taking Stepney Station/Old Railway Line/Turning Circle/Pearson Park Princes Avenue.

We have tackled the issue by:

- Conducting regular joint patrols with Humberside Police, Re-New and Community Engagement Officers from Westbourne House. Most patrols are around 4/5 times a week at different times of the day. Leaflets have been handed out in different languages explaining the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).
- Engaged with the street drinkers discussing their life/issues and offering appropriate support through Re-New, Housing and other professionals.
- Looked at designing out the area with Mike Tindall from the Area Team.
- Completed a spreadsheet after each patrol detailing who had been spoken to, what they said, what action was taken/advice given. Details shared with MEAM, VARM etc
- Attendance at MARAC (Multi agency risk assessment conference) meetings to discuss some of the street drinkers and shared information
- Dispersal Orders issued by Police
- Used Civic CCTV to monitor areas
- Spoke with members of public and park rangers to establish if the issues were improving and changed the time/day of patrols where necessary
- Outside of the planned joint patrols, Police vehicles sat in the turning circle to deter dealing.
- Park Patrol overtime took place in Pearson Park/Turning Circle and Princes Avenue, engaged with street drinkers, reinforced the PSPO
- Took part in Op Forager walking the areas with the passive drugs dog.

Bricknell

Reports of youths in Cropton Park drinking alcohol, smoking cannabis and of youths outside Hartoft Shops causing nuisance & annoyance for shop owners/shoppers and local residents.

We have tackled the issue by:

- Joint patrols with Police, ward Councillor and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.

- Discussed improvements in the park/at shops possible designing out suggestions
- Joint evening overtime park patrols, engaged with some youths, alcohol seized, advice given.
- Community Surgery in Commonwealth Homes with Police and ward Councillor.
- 2 x winter light up campaigns (Tesco and Hartoft shops) spoke with residents about winter safety/ASB in the area, handed out shed alarms, window locks, cycle lights, cycle locks. Probe referrals taken.
- Engaged with local residents handed out information and telephone numbers (who to call with ASB issues/criminal issues).

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Officer Interests: - None

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