

**Briefing Paper to the Wyke Area Committee**  
**16<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Wards:** Avenue, Bricknell & Central

<b>Community Safety Briefing</b>
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**Briefing Paper of the Assistant Director - Neighbourhoods and Housing**

1. Purpose of the Paper and Summary

1.1 This briefing paper updates members on community safety activities in the Wyke Area.

2. Avenue Ward

2.1 Update on current community priorities, incorporating comments from the Neighbourhood Policing Team:

Priority 1	Street Drinking & Begging
<p>The Neighbourhood Policing Team continues to work along with partners, including Humbercare at Westbourne House, to prevent anti-social behaviour (ASB) that includes begging and congregating on nearby benches. The team have been active in working in the Duesbery street/cycle track area and Princes Avenue area. The Manager at the YWT site has continued to patrol the general area and report street drinking activity.</p>	
Priority 2	Pearson Park
<p>The Neighbourhood Nuisance Team continues to monitor Pearson Park and work with the Wyke Neighbourhood Team and Park Rangers in relation to ASB. The Neighbourhood Policing Team have been active in the park and surrounding streets and there has been a reduction in damage and recorded complaints about groups of people congregating and causing nuisance in the park.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer is conducting foot patrols in the area after reports of groups of youths gathering and causing ASB.</p>	

## Neighbourhood Nuisance Team Update

- 2.2 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Team in partnership with Humberside Police continue to monitor the Newland Avenue/Princes Avenue area to identify street beggars and rough sleepers, offer support and advice in relation to homeless charities and hostels who could support eh individuals. Ongoing action is taken against aggressive and persistent beggars who do not engage with support networks.
- 2.3 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer is working closely with Humberside Police, Hull City Council Housing staff and Mental Health Services in relation to reported ASB at a property on Cave Street. Possible health issues have been identified in relation to the council tenant. Joint work and support with the tenant is being offered to resolve the issues. The situation continues to be monitored, support and advice offered where necessary and meetings between agencies taking place.
- 2.4 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer and Humberside Police are investigating a complaint of nuisance behaviour by a resident on Spring Grove, words of advice have been given and this continues to be monitored.
- 2.5 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer is jointly working with Humberside Police and the Homeless Charity Emmaus in relation to a possible rough sleeper in the garden of a property in the Marlborough Avenue area.
- 2.6 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer has partnered with staff from Veteran Support, local elected members, police and the residents of properties at Pearson Park in relation to complaints of ASB. The residents have been given contact details for the landlord. Hull Veteran Support to directly report issues at the time they are happening, for a swift resolution. Further investigation work is being undertaken by Hull City Council Planning Department in terms of the use of the building; this continues to be monitored.
- 2.7 The Team has received a complaint of noise nuisance from a resident in relation to a band (Drum Circle) practicing in Pearson Park. The band has been contacted, further complaints have been made and this continues to be investigated.
- 2.8 Further reports have been received by the Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer of general ASB and drug dealing at a property on All Saints Street. Joint work has taken place between the Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer, other tenants, Housing staff and Humberside Police. This continues to be monitored and the appropriate support offered to the tenant. The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer awaits a charging outcome from the Police in relation to a positive drugs warrant to determine any action.
- 2.9 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer and Humberside Police are working with a private landlord and residents in relation to a neighbour dispute and general ASB issues on Wharncliffe Street. A CPN (Community Protection Notice)

issued has been breached and the tenant has been summons to court. This case continues to be monitored.

- 2.10 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer continues to monitor a complaint of noise nuisance on Elm Street. A tenancy warning letter has been issued, complaints continued and therefore mediation has been agreed by both parties and will take place when COVID-19 safe practices are in place.

### 3. Bricknell Ward

- 3.1 Update on current communities priorities incorporating Neighbourhood Policing Team comments:

Priority 1	Cropton Park
There have been reports of anti-social behaviour in Cropton Park over the last month. This included an increased amount of rubbish being left in the park and one incident of arson where a wheelie bin was set on fire. A partnership approach has been put in place between the Neighbourhood Team, Neighbourhood Nuisance Team, Humberside Police and the Fire and Rescue Services to address this.	
Priority 2	General ASB across Ward
There have been no significant reports of ASB in the ward. There have been a small number of reports spread across the ward with no partnership intervention required.	

#### Neighbourhood Nuisance Team Update

- 3.2 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer works in conjunction with Humberside Police and Council Housing staff in relation to a neighbour dispute on Appleton Road. This involves numerous neighbours who have made complaints and counter-allegations have also been received. Diary sheets have been sent to residents, a letter has been sent to one tenant by Housing staff and enquiries regarding the keeping of pets have been made. Humberside Police are investigating a possible criminal matter.
- 3.3 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer and Humberside Police work jointly in relation to youths causing annoyance in the grounds of Chanterlands Cemetery and not abiding by social distancing rules.
- 3.4 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer works with Humberside Police in relation to reports of two rough sleepers in the Bricknell Avenue area. Homeless Charity Emmaus have been informed and all agencies continue to work together to resolve the issues.

- 3.5 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer investigates an ongoing complaint of noise and a neighbour dispute in relation to two properties on Knapton Avenue. Diary sheets have been sent for completion.
- 3.6 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer and Police continue to monitor Cropton Park, Barrowman Pub cycle track and Hartoft Shops working closely with residents, Fire Brigade and other council staff to tackle ASB issues, in particular complaints regarding youths leaving litter, causing damage, starting fires, nuisance motorbikes and breach of social distancing guidance.
- 3.7 Regular meetings with Wyke Neighbourhood Team to monitor issues, any ongoing problems are being managed as part of 'daily business'

4. Central Ward

- 4.1 Update on current community priorities incorporating Neighbourhood Policing Team comments:

Priority 1	Beverley Road Street Drinking/ASB Issues
HCC have not been made aware of any issues related to the above priority, however it was decided to leave this as a priority at resent, due to the economy starting to open again and more people may be frequenting the area as lockdown lifts. Police are monitoring closely.	
Priority 2	Sculcoates Park Street Drinking & Drugs, Motorbikes
The bushes are now becoming overgrown so request has been sent to parks and open spaces to have them cut back again. There have been reports of drinkers and drug dealers in the park but on inspection by all partners nothing has been found. Neighbourhood Team have requested quotes to have boulders removed and new equipment installed.	
Priority 3	Fly Tip and Rubbish Areas
Residents and officers have confirmed that the area is still much better, especially since local residents formed small groups to undertake litter picking in the area with support from the Love Your Street team.	

Neighbourhood Nuisance Team Update

- 4.2 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Team in partnership with Humberside Police continue to monitor the Spring Bank area to identify street beggars and rough sleepers, offer support and advice in relation to homeless charities and hostels who could help. Action is considered against identified aggressive and persistent beggars who will not engage with partners.

- 4.3 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Team continues to work with Humberside Police and Mental Health Services in relation to a property on Lichfield Close after complaints were received regarding noise, ASB and Criminal Offences. A further criminal offence has taken place and reported to the police, joint work is still being carried out to manage and resolve the issues.
- 4.4 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer continues to monitor complaints in relation to a property on Clarendon Street. The Officer and Council Housing staff are working together in relation to a new complaint about CCTV installation. A tenant has been contacted and investigations continue.
- 4.5 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer works with residents in relation to a complaint of noise and ASB from a property on Waterloo Street. A Tenancy Warning Letter has been issued to one tenant, this continues to be monitored.
- 4.6 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer continues to work with Humberside Police and Housing staff regarding a vulnerable tenant living in Londesborough Street after reports from one resident of criminal and anti-social behaviour. Support is ongoing, investigations continue and complaints continue to be monitored. A letter drop has been conducted in the area.
- 4.7 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer received a complaint of noise nuisance from an address on Tattershall Close. This relates to a cockerel being kept as a pet in the rear garden. The tenant has been spoken to and the cockerel has now been re-homed.
- 4.8 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer worked with Humberside Police and a local resident of Alexandra Street after complaints were received of nuisance and criminal behaviour. This case is currently being monitored.
- 4.9 A Tenancy Warning Letter was issued by Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer to a resident of Middleton Street after complaints of ASB were reported. This case is now being monitored.
- 4.10 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer dealt with a noise complaint from a vulnerable resident of Vane Street. The noise issue has now been resolved.
- 4.11 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer works with Housing and Humberside Police in relation to a complaint of nuisance and anti-social behaviour from a leasehold resident on Sykes Street. A letter has been sent to the leaseholder and this case continues to be monitored.
- 4.12 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer worked jointly with a Private Residential Letting company after complaints were received of ASB from a property on Needlers Way. Visits were made, tenants spoken to and mediation offered.
- 4.13 A property on Leonard Street continues to be monitored after a tenancy warning letter was issued and further complaints were received regarding noise, loud music and possible drug activity and exploitation. Adult Safeguarding and Mental

Health professionals are also involved after referrals were made by the Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer.

- 4.14 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer continues to work with Humberside Police in relation to general ASB issues on Tunis Street and public open spaces/parks in the area, after reports by residents of daily issues with groups of youths, drinking, taking drugs and intimidating residents and ignoring social distancing rules.
- 4.15 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer works jointly with Humberside Police and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for Central Area in relation to complaints of ASB and littering in Peel Street and the park area.
- 4.16 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer continues to work with Neighbourhood Beat Officer and Wyke Neighbourhood Team to discuss Spring Bank area priorities, current hot spot areas and ongoing problems.
- 4.17 Regular meetings with Wyke Neighbourhood Team to monitor issues, any ongoing problems are being managed as part of 'daily business'

#### 5. Environmental Enforcement Unit – Wyke Area Activity

- 5.1 The Environmental Enforcement Team continue to carry out patrols in the neighbourhood in relation to reports of environmental neighbourhood nuisance such as fly tipping, untidy land, littering and dog fouling. Liaison continues with the Neighbourhood Team in order to identify localities which may benefit from the use of mobile CCTV cameras or the deployment of Litter Enforcement personnel.

#### 6. Fire and Rescue Update

- 6.1 Humberside Fire and Rescue have attended one nuisance fire in the Wyke area since the last briefing paper.

#### 7. Community Payback Update

- 7.1 A number of locations have been nominated for consideration to Community Payback. The Payback team has minimal staff and a large area to cover (Hull & East Riding) so the scheme operates on a nomination basis. Due to lockdown restrictions there have been no Community Payback activity in the ward.

#### 8. Conclusions and Next Steps

- 8.1 Neighbourhood Co-ordinators will also continue to update Ward Councillors through member briefing meetings.

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