



West Lothian
Council

East Livingston and East Calder LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

REPORT BY PI Adam Smith

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Area Committee with an update on performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period up to 31st May 2017.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee note the content of the report.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; making best use of our resources; and working in partnership
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	None.
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	Performance relative to the same period in 2015; set out in the report.
V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	We live our lives free from crime, disorder and danger; we take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive society
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None.
VII	Consideration at PDSP	None.
VIII	Other consultations	None.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

NATIONAL PRIORITIES – DELIVERED LOCALLY

Based on our assessment of national priorities, the following have been identified for tailored action for the communities of West Lothian:

- Violence
- Public protection
- Terrorism
- Serious and organised crime groups
- Antisocial behaviour
- Drug and alcohol misuse

WEST LOTHIAN PRIORITIES

The community priorities identified for West Lothian through our Community Planning Partnership are:

- Reducing community and social harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse
- Protecting vulnerable groups
- Reducing antisocial behaviour within our communities
- Reducing casualty rates from fires and road traffic collisions

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PRIORITIES

East Livingston and East Calder

- Antisocial Behaviour
- Substance Misuse
- Acquisitive Crime
- Road Safety

PERFORMANCE

East Livingston and East Calder Ward						
Month	Feb-17	Feb-16	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	20	23	-13%	260	319	-18%
All ASB Calls	61	100	-39%	1071	1131	-5%
Hate Crime	0	0	#DIV/0!	20	21	-5%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	9	17	-47%	177	205	-14%
Fire-raising	1	1	0%	8	10	-20%
Public Space Assaults	6	6	0%	80	72	11%

East Livingston and East Calder Ward						
Month	Mar-17	Mar-16	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	24	34	-29%	284	353	-20%
All ASB Calls	135	125	8%	1206	1256	-4%
Hate Crime	0	1	-100%	20	22	-9%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	17	30	-43%	194	235	-17%
Fire-raising	1	2	-50%	9	12	-25%
Public Space Assaults	5	6	-17%	86	78	10%

East Livingston and East Calder Ward						
Month	Apr-17	Apr-16	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	28	27	4%	28	27	4%
All ASB Calls	123	87	41%	123	87	41%
Hate Crime	1	3	-67%	1	3	-67%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	20	14	43%	20	14	43%
Fire-raising	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Public Space Assaults	4	5	-20%	4	5	-20%

East Livingston and East Calder Ward						
Month	May-17	May-16	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	24	27	-11%	52	54	-4%
All ASB Calls	118	113	4%	241	200	21%
Hate Crime	3	0	-	4	3	33%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	15	13	15%	35	27	30%
Fire-raising	1	3	-67%	1	3	-67%
Public Space Assaults	1	11	-91%	9	16	-44%

Ward Community Officers: PC Alan Murray, PC Ryan McCartney, PC Bob Cochrane (Youth Community Officer)

- Figures across all measures remain fairly static, given the low number of incidents per month
- Public space assaults have declined through April and May

Anti Social Behaviour

April saw a spike in anti social behaviour calls to the police up 41% against April 2016, however the number of incidents are reflective of the monthly average. After closer scrutiny of the incidents, this increase can be mainly attributed to 3 addresses in the Craigshill area, which have proved to be problematic repeat locations. By working closely with Almond Housing and WLC SNT officers, a number of intervention visits and warnings were carried out and local officers continue to monitor.

Community Ward Officers have close links with Almond Housing, which is responsible for many homes in the Craigshill area of Livingston. There is continual dialogue and information sharing, which helps expedite solutions to anti social behaviour incidents and problematic tenants.

A large proportion of anti social behaviour calls to the area this quarter relate to neighbours disputes, some of which were long term and required several visits from local officers before a resolution is found. WLC SNT and housing associations also assist officers in this process.

Community officers continue to positively work with young people in the Kirknewton area, to address anti-social behaviour. After a number of joint intervention visits to local youths identified as being involved in anti social behaviour in the area, there has been a significant drop in complaints.

PC McCartney and Murray continue to work closely with licensed premises and pub watch members in the area, lending advice and assistance with the local landlords. Numerous licensed premises checks carried out during high profile sporting events in recent months.

Making our roads safer.

PC Murray and McCartney have been patrolling roads surrounding local primary schools, engaging with children and parents. A number of drivers have been given fixed penalty tickets and warnings for dangerous and inconsiderate parking.

Community Action Team officers have been vigilant in the area and seized 3 vehicles for no insurance. In addition, they have conducted regular speed checks along Almond Road resulting in a number of drivers charged with numerous other road traffic offences.

Community officers continue to patrol East Calder cemetery after reports of 'boy racers' in the area.

Patrols continue in and around the Pumpherston area, after reports of persons on scrambler bikes riding dangerously on roads and footpaths.

Traffic Intelligence Request submitted to West Lothian Council in relation to possible parking restrictions being implemented on Main Street, Mid Calder during school crossing times. Awaiting a reply from West Lothian Council.

Substance misuse

Community Action Team officers have been working across the ward carrying out a number of searches resulting in a seizure of £500 worth of cannabis.

Several houses in Hamilton Court have been searched in terms of Misuse of Drugs warrants following pro-active police work and information from the local community, resulting in several individuals being reported to the Procurator Fiscal for drugs offences.

Acquisitive crime

Investigations carried out by Community Action Team officers into 25 separate reports of theft in the Craigshill area and one male reported to the procurator fiscal for these crimes.

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