



LIVINGSTON SOUTH, LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

WARD 4, LIVINGSTON SOUTH, UPDATE

POLICE CONSTABLE PAUL CORNER

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 January 2019.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes 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, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
- Protecting the Public
- Road safety and Road Crime
- Serious Organised Crime and Terrorism
- Major Events and Threats
- Benefits of Reform
- Public Confidence

WEST LOTHIAN PRIORITIES

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

- Protecting People
- Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
- Reducing Violence
- Tackling Substance Misuse
- Making our Roads Safer
- Tackling Serious Organised Crime

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PRIORITIES

Livingston South

- Reducing antisocial behaviour
- Making our roads safer
- Tackling substance misuse

PERFORMANCE

There is currently no partnership analyst in the Community Safety Unit and therefore there is no access to the previously provided statistics.

Police Scotland official West Lothian statistics can be found at (page 190 onwards)

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/138327/232757/445136/Management-Information-council-area-Report-Quarter-2-2018-19>

Locality officers from 16th May 2018

Livingston North, Livingston South and Craigshill

PC Alan McMahon
PC John McLean
PC Paul Corner
PC Ryan McCartney

Antisocial Behaviour

Since the last LAC report we have had Halloween and Bonfire Night where there was the traditional increase in the use of Fireworks in the community and subsequent complaints.. This year we again had a partnership approach working with West Lothian Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Education and Trading Standards in an attempt to minimise the use and number of complaints particularly in relation to Unauthorised Bonfires. This was successful on the east side of West Lothian and in particular Livingston South

Ward Officers continue to work with the WLC Safer Neighborhood's Team carrying out high visibility patrols of known hot spots. On a number of occasions these Officers and SNT Officers have carried out a number of join visits and tenancy warnings to target those involved.

There appears to be an increase in the number of disputes, throughout the ward in relation to parking in general and in relation to disabled bays which have been created by WLC after application by disabled residents. These type of calls, albeit often non-criminal, can be time consuming for Police and partner agencies. It should also be noted that following a change in the facility of staff from St John's Hospital no longer being allowed to park within the main car parks there has displaced a large number of vehicles into surrounding residential streets which has not been welcomed by residents who complain.

Making Our Roads Safer

Police continue to receive a number of complaints regarding inappropriate/dangerous parking in and around schools throughout West Lothian.

Ward Officers continue to support The Parksmart Scheme which has been adopted by many schools across the county and encourage all schools to sign up to it.

The schools all have access to the relevant materials however should there be any issues, the contact within West Lothian Council is Karen McCubbin.

Karen.McCubbin@westlothian.org.uk

Ward officers continue to patrol areas of concern in terms of inappropriate speed, use of mobile phones whilst driving, and other Road Traffic offences. We continue to remind drivers of expected driving standards via our social media platforms. Specialised roads Policing Officers have been contacted and made aware of several complaints regarding use of speed in Murieston Valley and also the anti-social use of vehicles in and around Livingston Centre, in particular Asda Car Park.

Tackling substance misuse

Ward officers assisted Specialised Officers on Days of Action to tackle the Cultivation and Supply of various Controlled Drugs to our communities, this resulted in 2 addresses in the Dedridge Area and 4 addresses in the Ladywell area being searched under warrant. This resulted in the recovery of drugs and money and offenders reported to the Procurator Fiscal. We are still experiencing a number of instances of residents smoking/taking illegal substances in and around their properties, we have a partnership approach with our SNT colleagues in ensure appropriate action is taken.

Members of the public are always encouraged to report suspicious activity, so that police can continue to gather intelligence and disrupt those who deal and misuse controlled drugs. This can be done directly by phoning 101 or anonymously by using Crimestoppers by email or 08005551111.

Thefts – Ladywell

In November 2018 a number of Thefts by Housebreaking of both Domestic and Business premises in the Ladywell. Vehicles were also stolen and items stolen from insecure vehicles occurred. As a result of this CID led enquiry, press releases and Crime Prevention Advice to our communities both on social media and in the news 2 males were arrested and are currently remanded in prison awaiting trial.

We would remind all members of our communities about ensuring that their homes, vehicles and other properties are always secured to reduce the opportunity of criminals who may target the area.