



ARMADALE & BLACKRIDGE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

NEIGHBOURHOOD RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE

REPORT BY HEAD OF HOUSING AND BUILDING SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the Local Area Committee with an overview of the Neighbourhood Response Team (NRT) activities within the ward.

B. RECOMMENDATION

For the Local Area Committee to note the contents of paper.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Working with and for our communities Being honest, open and accountable Working in partnership Making best use of our resources
II	Policy & Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	N/A
III	Resources	N/A
IV	Consultations	N/A

D. TERMS OF REPORT

Neighbourhood Response Team Report

In June 2009 throughout West Lothian there were 20 new Anti Social Behaviour cases, with 4 cases (20%) being attributed to the Armadale & Blackridge ward.

Active cases for West Lothian July 2009

Category	Number of Cases	% Of Total
A+ Hate Crime	3	1.18%
A Extreme Behaviour	8	3.40%
B Serious Behaviour	169	72%
C Minor Nuisance	54	23%
D One off Incident	1	0.42%
Total	235	100%

Active Case Comparison July 2009

Area	Number of Cases	% Of Total
West Lothian	235	100%
Armadale & Blackridge Ward	35	14.9%

Active cases for Armadale & Blackridge Ward July 2009

Category	Number of Cases	% Of Total
A+ Hate Crime	0	0%
A Extreme Behaviour	0	0%
B Serious Behaviour	31	88.6%
C Minor Nuisance	4	11.4%
D One off Incident	0	0%
Total	35	100%

New Cases Established - West Lothian July 2009

Category	Number of Cases	% Of Total
A+ Hate Crime	0	0%
A Extreme Behaviour	0	%
B Serious Behaviour	17	85%
C Minor Nuisance	3	15%
D One off Incident	0	0%
Total	20	100%

New Cases Established Comparison July 2009

Area	Number of Cases	% Of Total
West Lothian	20	100%
Armadale & Blackridge Ward	4	20%

Aileen Robertson, the Neighbourhood Response Team Officer seconded to the Safer Neighbourhood Team, reports that within the ward 4 notices have been served to West Lothian Council tenants and private tenants. In cases where the perpetrator of the antisocial behaviour is a tenant of a private landlord Aileen communicates directly with that landlord advising them of their duty and will continue to work with them to resolve any complaints.

The Neighbourhood Response Night Team have served a number of warnings to residents within the ward area in respect of loud music.

Aileen has been active in the ward area patrolling with local police officers, particularly in the known hot spots of Mayfield Drive, Lower Bathville, Gracie's Wynd, and Blackridge

In the reporting period one interim Anti Social Behaviour Order has been granted and in another case a Notice of Proceedings has been served on grounds of antisocial behaviour and tenants neglect resulting in the devaluation of the property, since this particular notice was served no further reports have been received in respect of this property..

Various joint visits with Community Based Housing Officers and police officers have been carried out to tackle anti social behaviour issues.

E. CONCLUSION

To note the contents of the report

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None

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