



Neighbourhood Partnership Business Meeting 22nd October 2013 – Northfield Community Centre

1. Multi Member Ward Plan Priorities

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)

Craigentenny and Duddingston CPT officers have been giving added attention to Piershill Square East / West and Portobello Road, which has resulted 2 youths and 3 adults being charged with 11 incidents over the last two months.

Patrols continue in Craigentenny with particular attention being given to Lochend Road South / Sleigh Drive where local residents have highlighted a large groups of youths causing anti-social behaviour. A number of the offenders have been identified and joint visits are under way with the CEC Community Safety Team.

Housebreaking and Theft

Acquisitive daytime crime (theft, etc.) continues to be highlighted as an area of concern by local residents. A joint operation between South and East Edinburgh Police Officers has resulted in the arrest of two known housebreakers, which resulted in the recovery of a significant amount of stolen property (around £50 000) and drugs.

At the start of September the Craigentenny / Duddingston Community Policing Team transferred an officer to the Community Investigation Unit (CID Unit) for a short attachment to deal with the recent spike in break-ins to houses and cars; the results are evident with almost double the amount of offences detected in September versus the previous two months. The detection of an offence has a knock-on effect in terms of future occurrence, e.g. bail curfews can be granted which prevent offenders from going out at night and in more serious cases the offender can be kept in jail until the court case or, in the case of youth offenders, they can be put in secure accommodation.

Drugs

Five drugs warrants have been executed over the last 3 months in the Lochend / Restalrig area; four of those have provided positive results, with the occupiers being charged with a variety of drug offences, which include Possession with Intent to Supply Drugs, Being Concerned in the Supply of Drugs and personal possession.

There is a further drugs target within the ward area and a package is being developed with a view to taking enforcement action.

2. COMMUNITY ENGEMENT / PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

Joint patrols were conducted with City of Edinburgh Council Safer Neighbourhood officers in both Northfield Grove & Drive and Piershill Square East & West, Craigentenny and Lochend Road South. A number of youths have been spoken to in the presence of their parents. The issues and concerns of the public were brought to their attention and the impact of their behaviour was explained to them in front of their parents.

3. Community Alcohol Partnership

Licensing training continues to be offered to smaller business and their staff in order to ensure they have the right tools and knowledge to allow them to sell alcohol responsibly within their local community.

4. Edinburgh Policing Plan

Consultation has recently begun on the Edinburgh Policing Plan with the priorities being developed for the period 2014 – 2017. A link to an online survey has been circulated to local groups, which will give members of the community the chance to contribute to the process. In addition 120 questionnaires are being completed locally and there will be an organised event within the ward where the community will be given a further opportunity to have a say.

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