

Whitburn and Blackburn

Community Policing Plan Update 2015

Our focus. Your priorities.

This policing plan update will cover the priorities your community identified during our most recent consultation, outline what we have done over the past six months to address them and inform you of how we plan to continue addressing them throughout the year.

Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, to create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

We will work closely with our partners to find effective long-term solutions to the issues you raised.

Local Priorities

This plan sets out how we intend to deal with your priorities. You identified that the priorities for the Whitburn and Blackburn area were:

1. Violence and Antisocial Behaviour

You told us your concerns regarding violent crime and antisocial behaviour within your community.

2. Making our roads safer

You told us speeding motorists, other forms of antisocial driving and thoughtless parking were causing you concern.

3. Tackling substance misuse

You told us your concerns about alcohol abuse, drug use and drug dealing in the area

4. Tackling acquisitive crime

You told us that housebreaking and theft was a priority in the local community.

We have acted on your concerns and are sure that you will see improvements in the Whitburn and Blackburn area.

Our actions carried out to date.

Violent crime and Antisocial Behaviour

We continue to deliver anti-violence focused policing. We continue to carry out high visibility foot and cycle patrols at key locations and times through incident analysis. As a result of our proactive approach, vandalism and youth related incidents have continued to reduce year on year.

Making our roads safer

We have trained more community officers in the use of speed detection equipment and will deploy those officers to locations where the risk of people being killed or injured is greatest. We targeted speeding and other road traffic offences in places with recognised issues, particularly near schools.

Tackling substance misuse

You continue to tell us about those involved in drug supply, including cannabis cultivations, and we will continue to target those individuals and will execute search warrants once we have sufficient evidence to do so. When drug dealing is detected, we share this information with West Lothian Council to support tenancy action.

Tackling acquisitive crime

We are targeting known criminals to deter and detect crime, acting on information you provide. We have concentrated patrols in areas vulnerable to theft and also targeted offenders to reduce their capacity to commit theft.

In addition to this, you can expect to see a number of other things happening in the next few weeks and months.

We will continue to work along side our partners, to share information and identify longer term solutions to current problems in the ward area. We will target 'hot spot' areas with directed patrols and continue to visit violent and domestic offenders to ensure their compliance with court orders.

We will continue to target people known or suspected to be drug dealers within our community.

We will continue to carry out road and speed checks in problem locations to affect driver behaviour.

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