

## **DARLASTON NORTH/BENTLEY/DARLASTON SOUTH AREA PANEL**

### **Area Manager's Report**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 This report seeks to inform Elected Members for the Darlaston North/ Bentley/Darlaston South Area Partnership of some of the work carried out within the local area.
- 1.2 Darlaston North/ Bentley/Darlaston South Area Partnership has a number of key priorities which have been identified through work with partner agencies, Walsall Intelligence Network and the local community.
- 1.3 The Corporate Priorities are:
  - **Pursue inclusive economic growth:**  
Walsall people will have appropriate skills and access to jobs so economic benefits are felt in each of our communities.
  - **Make a positive difference to the lives of Walsall people:**  
Increasing independence and improving healthy lifestyles so all can positively contribute to their communities.
  - **Children are safe from harm, happy and learning well with self-belief, aspiration and support to be their best:**  
Walsall children are provided with the best start in life so they can fulfil their potential and make positive contributions to their communities.
  - **Safe, resilient and prospering communities:**  
Walsall is a clean, safe and healthy place, with the right housing to meet need, accessible to all and with a strong sense of belonging and cohesion.
- 1.4 Partners involved includes: Community Protection, Youth Support Services, Commissioned Youth Services, West Midlands Police, residents, Councillors, Walsall Housing Group (WHG), West Midlands Probation Service, Public Health, Caldmoreaccord Housing Association, One-Walsall, West Midlands Fire Service, Community Development & Clean and Green.

## **2. Pursue inclusive economic growth:**

### **2.1** The Spring Clean Events for Darlaston & Bentley occurred scheduled on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

There were two activity events. 10am-12 noon Darlaston & 1-3pm Bentley

<b>Day</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Meeting point</b>	<b>Streets to cover</b>	<b>Supported by</b>
Tuesday 7 March	Moxley	Moorcroft Wood Bentley	Moorcroft Wood.	Friends of Moorcroft Woods  Lafarge Tarmac  Clean & Green
Tuesday 7 March	Darlaston & Bentley	Granbourne Road	Former Railway rear of Popular Avenue, Western Avenue.	Lafarge Tarmac  Clean & Green

A number of organisations volunteered for the event and the feedback from participants and resident was very positive.

### **2.2** A breakfast meeting occurred in Darlaston.

The Darlaston Breakfast Meeting, held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March between 8.30am & 10.00am at 69 Hall Street Darlaston WS10 8NW, saw a number of groups attending.

The aim was to bring together a range of organisations and individuals who would benefit the local area. The Breakfast meetings are co-ordinated by Sarah Richards, Community Connector with the Accord Group.

## **3. Make a positive difference to the lives of Walsall people:**

### **3.1** The Neighbourhood Teams take a pro-active approach when tackling issues linked to crime and safety within the community.

#### OVER VIEW OF WMP2020 – From WMP

WMP2020 is changing the face of policing right here in the West Midlands.

From the way in which the public contact the force to how we respond, investigate and prevent re-offending, this ambitious programme of work will radically overhaul all aspects of our business with people and technology at its heart.

Never before has West Midlands Police undergone such a major review.

Aspects of the programme are being delivered right now with more still to come.

WMP2020 is built on a blueprint created following extensive consultation with our workforce, our partners and the public.

The blueprint - unveiled on 15 March 2015 - looks at how our culture and values, our leadership, our technology, our services and our systems and processes all need to function as we move forward.

There are four fundamental principles to the blueprint which underpin the foundations of WMP2020:



- **Designed to listen and reassure** - adopting a new approach to working with the public, partners and each other
- **Geared to prevent harm** - preventing crime and offending before people can be harmed
- **Prepared to respond at pace** - adopting a more agile, mobile and effective response to problems in communities
- **Ready to learn and adapt** - becoming a more active and innovative learning organisation

WMP are working with our partner Accenture on the changes which are fundamental to us ensuring we are fit for the future and ready for any challenges we meet along the way.

The improvements made as part of WMP2020 are continually scrutinised internally and externally through the West Midlands Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, Home Office and others.

#### LOCAL CHANGES:

The first wave of the WMP 2020 programme of changes will see operational officers gaining new IT equipment, which will improve efficiency in terms of recording offences and accessibility of police computer systems for officers out on the street with the individual issue of tablets.

It will also see greater access to body worn CCTV camera systems to enhance evidence gathering.

28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 saw the first wave of changes comprising of a change to our 24 hour response based police cover, with this function leaving a Local Policing Unit (LPU) and becoming a force wide resource.

In turn the LPU will be renamed Walsall Neighbourhood Policing Unit (NPU), and will carry forward the Neighbourhood policing function across Walsall borough.

- 3.2 Sgt Lee Nicholls is the local Sergeant. With a compliment of 4 Police Constables and at least 4 PCSO's to support activities in Darlaston & Bentley.

Crime and anti-social behaviour continues to be discussed at the Confidential Tasking Meetings chaired by the Area Manager. Various partner agencies are involved in the discussions and actions undertaken to support those affected by the issues.

Through the work of the police team, supported by local intelligence, they have been able to tackle crime in various locations.

If you see anyone or anything suspicious in your local community please call officers on 101. Always dial 999 if a crime is in progress.

Likewise if you have information on people or properties linked to the handling of stolen property please call officers or contact the independent charity Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555 111.

Crime prevention literature/flyers are available; please contact WS Partnerships [ws\\_partnerships@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ws_partnerships@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk),

4. **Children are safe from harm, happy and learning well with self-belief, aspiration and support to be their best:**

- 4.1 Bob Spencer, PREVENT Co-ordinator for the borough recently put on a borough wide workshop to engage schools and key partners in the PREVENT agenda.

The Neighbourhood Police Teams have been able to link closely with schools on a number of areas, including PREVENT. There are regular (fortnightly-dependent on resources) sessions, where the police visits schools and discuss and engage with students and staff on key messages and issues that the Academy feels are relevant.

This is because at a recent Home Office meeting Ofsted announced a change to its school inspection process.

Next year they intend to focus on the schools Prevent risk assessments and in particular how well they know their area and importantly, who have they liaised with in order to find out? Prevent remains important to Ofsted and therefore schools.

In order to prevent 130 local schools and colleges all asking for the police and other partners Bob arranged workshops on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

There were representatives of various agencies, police, WMBC, Counter Terrorism Unit and schools.

The event was successful, with a number of actions arising from specific table discussions, especially on how young people are supported and engaged in positive activities, as well as early identification linked to PREVENT

- 4.2 Willenhall Fire Service Clarkes Lane continues to promote safety in schools.
- 4.3 Grace Academy are keen work with local groups and the community to undertake litter picks and other environmental projects in the area.
- 4.4 Youth Work Toolbox are delivering Youth Service sessions in the local area. They are currently delivering street based youth work on a Wednesday and Friday evening - 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Mainly in and around George Rose Park - Kings Hill Park and the Rough Haye Estate.

5. **Safe, resilient and prospering communities:**

5.1 On Thursday 23 March One Walsall are hosting an event for the Borough's voluntary and community organisations.

The aim is to meet a range of national and local organisations with funding on offer in Walsall.

The event is free to voluntary and community groups based or working within Walsall.

There is an opportunity to attend up to two workshops delivered by some of the biggest voluntary sector funders, gain information on their funding programmes and insights, hints and tips on what makes a good application.

Network opportunities also available to meet funders hosting stalls and discuss your organisation or project ideas with them directly.

Funders attending include; Big Lottery Fund, Lloyds Bank Foundation, BBC Children in Need, Heritage Lottery Fund, Locality, Sported, Creative Black Country, Black Country IMPACT, Walsall Council and WHG with more to be added over the forthcoming weeks.

Participants can also get to hear more about the support One Walsall has on offer to local organisations.

The event will take place over two identical sessions, one in the afternoon and one in the early evening.

Places are limited and we are expecting a high demand so we would advise you book early to avoid disappointment.

[Afternoon Session](#) (1:00pm -4:30pm). Please note only tea coffee and biscuits will be served on this session.

[Evening Session](#) (5.00pm – 7:30pm). A buffet tea will be provided at the start of this event

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