

Report of:	To:	Date	Item no.
Cllr. Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Council	8 September 2016	8(e)

Executive Report: Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio as set out below.

2. Lancashire Constabulary West Division Stakeholder Engagement Event

- 2.1 On 8 July 2016 officers attended the Lancashire Constabulary West Division Stakeholder Engagement Event hosted by the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner. The event presented an overview of crime rates in Lancashire. Notably, high impact acquisitive crime rates are down (2.2%), but crimes such as all domestic assaults (up 7.6%), all non-domestic assaults (up 24%), harassment and stalking (domestic) (up 25.4%) and sexual offences on children under sixteen (up 34.4%) have all increased.
- 2.2 The Divisional Commander presented what he saw as important future challenges and these included: child sexual exploitation, anti-social behaviour, road safety, domestic abuse and violence against the person.
- 2.3 In the opinion of the Constabulary there is an increasing need for the police and their partners 'to problem solve, to prevent and to take early action' in order to address some of the most challenging issues. Particular emphasis was made regarding the important role of social care services, mental health and drug and alcohol services and their preventative role in tackling rising crimes against children and adults with complex needs.
- 2.4 It is clear that there is a strong strategic alignment between our Business Plan, with its emphasis on integrated wellbeing, prevention and early help and the work of our Community Safety Partnership with the developing new Police and Crime Plan for 2016-2020. This is positive and will, in my opinion, further help to support and develop the

positive work underway on Early Action.

- 2.5** The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has launched a public survey on the priorities for the new Police and Crime Plan. This is available at: <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=146918867452>

3. New CCTV cameras installed in Fleetwood

- 3.1** The replacement and upgrade of all thirteen of Fleetwood's CCTV cameras has been completed using funding from the Council and Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner's Office. The new cameras will ensure that our network of CCTV cameras will continue to provide reassurance and protection for our community. This investment has already proved to be effective with Police investigators being able to use the improved images to identify suspects of crime.

4. Comments and questions

- 4.1** In accordance with procedure rule 11.3 any member of council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or on any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with procedure rule 11.5.