

REPORT TO: Policy and Performance Review Committee

MEETING DATE: 29 April 2014

BY: Depute Chief Executive - Partnerships and Community Services

SUBJECT: Review of Effectiveness of Council Investment in Police and Community Wardens

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To report on the effectiveness of Council investment in Police and Community Wardens.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Committee notes the report and provides guidance on whether additional information is required.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Antisocial Behaviour has the potential to negatively impact on any community, adversely affecting the quality of life of people who live in, work in, and visit East Lothian. It is recognised that no single agency can necessarily tackle antisocial behaviour in isolation. In March 2014 Cabinet approved the Anti-Social behaviour Strategy 2014-2016 which sets out how the Council and the Police Service of Scotland will seek to meet the aim of reducing the number of people experiencing antisocial behaviour.
- 3.2 'Communities experience less anti-social behaviour' is one of the contributory outcomes to the strategic outcome in the Single Outcome Agreement: 'East Lothian is an Even Safer Place'.
- 3.3 The recent local consultation undertaken by Police Scotland to inform the development of the East Lothian Local Policing Plan and Ward Policing Plans identified antisocial Behaviour identified as one of the top four priorities in all seven Council wards. The public consultation survey conducted by Police Scotland to inform its strategic priorities found that issues such as youths causing annoyance, drunken behaviour in public and littering/ fly tipping were identified as the areas people were most concerned about in east Lothian

- 3.4 Reducing antisocial behaviour is one of the seven priorities in the Local Policing Plan but as the Plan acknowledges this will require partnership working between the council funded Policing Teams and the Council's Community Wardens.
- 3.5 This report provides information on the Council's Community Wardens service, the Council Funded Police and the CCTV service provided by the Council, which is extensively used by the Police. It concludes with an analysis of trends in antisocial behaviour as one basis for assessing the effectiveness of Council investment in Police and Community Wardens.

Community Wardens

- 3.6 East Lothian Council's Community Warden service is part of the range of measures introduced by the Council to tackle antisocial behaviour issues across East Lothian, including the Antisocial Behaviour Team and the Council funded Police officers.
- 3.7 There are seven community wardens and a Community Warden Co-ordinator. The community wardens work flexibly on a three week shift pattern which includes night shift working as part of the Council's night time noise team. The team is now part of the Safer Communities team which includes the Antisocial Behaviour team.
- 3.8 It is too early to evaluate the impact of bringing together the Community Wardens and Antisocial Behaviour Team under the same operational management but the expected benefits include:
- Estate Management and Community Safety is inextricably linked with antisocial behaviour, graffiti, unkempt gardens, littering, vandalism, dog related complaints can all be deemed as being antisocial.
 - Dealing with antisocial noise emanating from residential premises is, by its very nature, linked to the major provisions of the Antisocial Behaviour Policy and Strategy.
 - Community Wardens can investigate lower level antisocial behaviour complaints in accordance with the Antisocial Behaviour Policy. This would expand the knowledge and skill base of Officers.
 - Foot Patrols by Community Wardens form part of the preventative arm of the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy.
 - The Antisocial Behaviour Team has strong formal links with the Local Area Teams. We investigate their more serious antisocial behaviour complaints. This established bridge would allow the Community Wardens to integrate themselves more easily in to Local Area Teams.

- Bringing the Community Wardens in to the Safer Communities line management structure, would enhance the relationship between the Police and the Community Wardens. It would make the tasking of Officers on a daily basis easier. The Anti Social Behaviour team has direct and up to date information obtained via Police systems. Community Wardens could respond quicker to ongoing issues.
 - Having the Community Wardens under the direct line management of the Safer Communities Team Leader, would make it easier for that Officer to have more control of the deployment of integrated resources.
 - The Community Wardens will continue to support the Council's Night Time Noise Team as part of their substantive duties.
- 3.9 The community wardens aim to provide a high quality, flexible and responsive service in relation to investigation of, dealing with and reporting on antisocial behaviour and related environmental protection matters to help promote a clean, safe and secure environment for the local community in East Lothian. Individual community wardens develop local knowledge and community liaison in relation to one of the Council's electoral ward areas, but operational deployment is across East Lothian as directed by the senior warden/ team manager.
- 3.10 Their duties are wide and varied and include high visibility patrols and community engagement, enforcement of dog fouling and littering legislation including issuing of fixed penalties, dealing with low level ASB complaints and working closely with Anti Social Behaviour team. They also undertake joint patrols with police, estate inspections with Housing. They also attend monthly Community Action Police Partnership (CAPP) meetings, Community Council Meetings, Tenants and Residents group etc as appropriate. Appendix 1 provides a summary of wardens' activity in 2013/2014.

Council Funded Police

- 3.11 The East Lothian Community Policing Team was set up in 2008 with a role to reduce anti social behaviour and to focus on the outcomes of the Single Outcome Agreement. Funding from the Council to Lothian and Borders Police and subsequently, Police Scotland for Policing teams has increased since the original agreement. The current Service level Agreement provides a total of £526,851 funding from the Council for:
- Twelve police officers (two sergeants and ten constables) forming the East Lothian Community Action Team, whose remit covers the whole of East Lothian, and the Musselburgh Group Area Initiative Teams covering the Musselburgh, Preston/ Seton/ Gosford and Fa'side wards
 - One Antisocial Behaviour Police Liaison Officer

- One Information and Statistics Officer
 - One Administrative Assistant
 - The provision of two vehicles to support the work of the East Lothian Community Action Team and the Antisocial Behaviour Police Liaison Officer.
- 3.12 The Service Level Agreement between the Council and Police Scotland which sets out the basis for the funding as well as the aims and objectives and roles and responsibilities of the council funded police officers is provided in Appendix 2. There are ongoing discussions between the Council and Police Scotland about the Service Level Agreement and funding for, and deployment of, the local policing teams.
- 3.13 Police Scotland presented a report on the Council funded police officers to the Safe and Vibrant Communities Partnership (10 Feb 2014) (see Appendix 3). This report provides information on the activities of the council funded police officers and summarises some of their achievements.

CCTV

- 3.14 East Lothian Council's Town Centre CCTV scheme is managed through the Council's Contact Centre at Penston House in Macmerry. There are currently just over 80 fixed and mobile cameras spread across seven town centres namely Musselburgh (inc Wallyford), Prestonpans, Tranent, Haddington, Port Seton, North Berwick and Dunbar. The images from all of these cameras are continuously monitored and recorded and approximately 600 incidents per annum are observed by the monitoring staff and reported to Police Scotland. Copies of any relevant images from these incidents and others are also made available to Police Scotland upon their request and as part of their investigations.
- 3.15 Police Officers visit the Contact Centre almost every single day and spend an average of 30 minutes per visit viewing and/or collecting images and are supported by Contact Centre staff during each visit. During major incidents, such as murder investigations, this time can increase dramatically not only in terms of Police presence but in terms of the support provided by the Contact Centre staff.
- 3.16 Funding for the CCTV scheme is provided solely by East Lothian Council. Police Scotland have never provided any financial assistance towards the operation of the CCTV scheme although they are essentially the sole user of the service. In 2013/14 the CCTV budget had a total net expenditure of £120,000 which covered all costs associated with the operational delivery of this service. In addition some £12,000 was also spent during 2013/14 on the maintenance of the CCTV system with both costs being met in full by ELC.

- 3.17 Furthermore, in terms of development of the facility, the Police have never made any financial contribution towards improvements either. For example, in 2006 ELC was successful in receiving £105,000 in funding from the then Scottish Executive to purchase and deploy mobile cameras in Musselburgh and Tranent. As part of this bid ELC agreed to provide match funding which amounted to approximately £213,000 over a three year period. In addition the costs to deploy a camera can be between £300 and £2,000 for each deployment and these are also met by ELC alone. Similarly, between 2009 and 2011, a project to expand CCTV coverage into three towns and upgrade the CCTV monitoring suite was undertaken. This cost approximately £478,000 and was once again funded by East Lothian Council.

Outcomes

- 3.18 A key measure of the effectiveness of the Council funded police officers and the Community Wardens service is the impact they are having on antisocial behaviour. As is shown in the Update 2014 section of the report on the Council Funded Police Officers (Appendix 3) *'Since the instigation of the Funded Officers antisocial behaviour and youth disorder has steadily and in some areas dramatically fallen.'*
- 3.19 Total Antisocial Behaviour complaints has fallen from 7,710 in 2008/09 to 7,188 in 2012/13 (the last full year for which the figure is available) and in each month, apart from one, from April 2013 – December 2013 the number of complaints was lower than the three year average for that month. The fall in youth disorder complaints was even more significant having fallen from 4,096 in 208/09 to 1,926 in 2012/13.
- 3.20 The number of reported incidences of antisocial behaviour and youth disorder complaints is only one measure of the effectiveness of Council funded police officers and the Community Warden service. The monthly Community and Police Partnership meetings and the recent consultation around policing priorities in each ward reflect wider community concerns, in particular, substance misuse, theft and road safety, including speeding and inconsiderate parking. Further analysis is required to review the impact of Council funded police officers and the Community Wardens service in these priority areas.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Council funded police officers and Community Wardens service contribute to the Single Outcome Agreement Outcome: 'East Lothian is an Even Safer Place' and the contributory outcome: 'Communities experience less anti-social behaviour'.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial - none
- 6.2 Personnel - none
- 6.3 Other - none

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Appendix 1: Community Warden Statistics 01/04/13 – 31/03/14
- 7.2 Appendix 2: Service Level Agreement Between East Lothian Council and Police Service of Scotland
- 7.3 Appendix 3: Police Scotland - Funded Officers; Report to the Safe and Vibrant Communities Partnership, 10 February 2014
- 7.4 Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2014-2016; Cabinet, 11 March 2014

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Appendix 1: Community Warden Statistics 01/04/13 – 31/03/14

- Involved in investigating and resolving 189 individual cases of antisocial behaviour as allocated by the Safer Communities Team Leader. This involved the taking of Antisocial Behaviour Policy action against perpetrators, the making of referrals to external agencies and the provision of support to complainers.
- Investigating and resolving 65 dog barking complaints.
- Attending to 349 dog fouling complaints, including, requests for clean-up, proactive patrols, positive engagement with dog walkers, the erection of relevant signage and the taking of enforcement action against offenders when necessary.
- Carrying out 53 lunch time litter patrols.
- Attending to 597 night-time antisocial behaviour noise calls.
- Carrying out 156 foot patrols in areas identified as being antisocial behaviour “hot spots” by the weekly Tasking and Co-ordinating Group.
- Participating in three (antisocial behaviour related) Problem Solving Partnerships.
- Attending 134 Community Council/Tenants and Resident Association/CAPP meetings (all evenings).
- Assisting with the “policing” of the Open Championship and “Ladies Day” at Musselburgh Race Course.
- Organising 15 “Bikeability” programmes within local schools.
- Assisting with the council’s response to stray dogs.
- Assisting the dog warden in dealing with aggressive dog cases.
- Undertaking 99 individual classroom presentations within 17 schools across East Lothian on the work of the community warden team. (*To promote citizenship and cover dog fouling, littering, graffiti and antisocial behaviour.*)
- Arranging and assisting with four school litter picks.
- Assisting police with traffic management issues around a number of local primary schools.
- Reporting abandoned vehicles (12 reported during relevant period).
- Participating in a number of diversionary programmes across East Lothian.

Appendix 2:

**SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL
AND
POLICE SERVICE OF SCOTLAND**

1 Lead Partners

- 1.1 East Lothian Council (ELC) and Police Service of Scotland (PSoS).

2. Context of Working Agreement

- 2.1 Antisocial behaviour (ASB) has the potential to negatively impact on any community, adversely affecting the quality of life of people who live in, work in, and visit East Lothian. It is recognised that no single agency can necessarily manage this in isolation.
- 2.2 This agreement sets out the terms and conditions by which ELC will provide funding for police officers and police staff whose primary role is to tackle antisocial behaviour.
- 2.3 The funding currently provides for an East Lothian Community Policing Teams, whose remit covers all of East Lothian, a Musselburgh Group Area Community Policing Team; these teams cover their respective local ward areas in Musselburgh; Preston/Seton/Gosford and Fa'side (see appendix A for summary of roles and responsibilities). One additional constable for each of the ELCPT and the MGACPT will be provided for by PSoS.
- 2.4 The funding also provides for ASB officers (the Antisocial Behaviour Police Liaison Officer, an Information and Statistics Officer and an ASB Administrative Assistant), all of whom are located within the Safer Communities Team (SCT). They play a pivotal role in researching ASB, supporting ELC in the pursuit of Antisocial Behaviour Orders, evictions and other interventions provided for under East Lothian Antisocial Behaviour Partnership's Antisocial Behaviour Policy.
- 2.5 The methodology of ELCPT, MGACPT and the ASB officers supports the aims and objectives of the East Lothian Antisocial Behaviour Strategy which focuses on prevention, early intervention, disruption and enforcement.
- 2.6 The activities of ELCPT, MGACPT and the ASB officers contribute to the short, medium and long-term priorities set out in East Lothian's Single Outcome Agreement (SOA).

3. Aims & Objectives

- 3.1 The aim of ELCPT, MGACPT and the ASB officers is to impact positively on life quality within the communities of East Lothian, concentrating on preventing antisocial behaviour and crime.
- 3.2 The aim of ELCPT, MGACPT and the ASB officers is to, through a partnership approach; provide sustainable long-term solutions to the

diverse range of antisocial behaviour and quality of life issues that affect those living in, working in, or visiting East Lothian.

- 3.3 Objectives include providing an enforcement and proactive capability to areas identified by intelligence analysis as being in need of additional attention. This will be a flexible, but intensive response involving the deployment of resources to the aforesaid areas.
- 3.4 ELCPT, MGACPT and the ASB officers will consider all avenues of engagement, problem solving and disposal methods, and may utilise a variety of tools, including early intervention and diversionary activities, to deal effectively with the early signs of antisocial behaviour. ELCPT, MGACPT and the ASB Officers form part of the wider SCT. Community Beat Officers (CBOs) have a separate but complementary role to play in tackling antisocial behaviour. CBOs are not directly funded by ELC.

4. Resources

- 4.1 Officers funded by ELC consist of:
- Twelve police officers (two sergeants and ten constables) forming part of ELCPT, MGACPT
 - One Antisocial Behaviour Police Liaison Officer (at the rank of constable)
 - One Information and Statistics Officer (grade 4)
 - One Administrative Assistant (grade 3)
- 4.2 The recruitment, selection and appointment of the funded officers within ELCPT, MGACPT and the ASB officers will be the primary responsibility of PSoS, who will have the final say with regard to the identification of any preferred candidate, although the Safer Communities Team Leader (ELC) will participate in the recruitment and selection of the two sergeants within ELCPT and the ASB Officers. Line management responsibility for all funded officers shall rest with PSoS.
- 4.3 Officers from ELCPT and MGACPT will be located in police accommodation and no routine additional charges will arise from this arrangement. PSS will absorb any associated costs (e.g. utilities, stationary etc.), however, ELCPT officers will be required to co-locate with the SCT should ELC be in a position to make available suitable accommodation. Such accommodation will be provided free of charge.
- 4.4 ELC funds the provision of two vehicles to support the work of ELCPT and the ASB Officer. The routine running costs associated with both vehicles are absorbed by ELC.

4.5 PSoS will invoice ELC on a quarterly basis for both staffing and ancillary (transport) costs. These invoices will be submitted by the tenth day of the month following upon the end of each quarter.

4.7 The annual agreed funding (from 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014) is as follows:

ELCPT	£211,293.00
MGACPT	£222,500.00
Antisocial Behaviour Police Liaison Officer	£41,950.00
Information and Statistics Officer	£21,028.00
ASB Administrative Assistant	£23,080.00
Vehicles costs	<u>£7,000.00</u>
Total	<u>£526,851.00</u>

4.8 Any queries regarding the funding or invoicing arrangements should, in the first instance, be addressed to the Divisional Business Manager, Lothians and Scottish Borders Division, Police Service of Scotland, or Kenneth Black, Safer Communities Team Leader, East Lothian Council.

5. Deployment

5.1 Deployment of ELCPT and MGACPT resources will be made using an intelligence-led approach via the weekly multi-agency Community Safety Tasking and Co-ordinating Group (TACG). Tasks issued by the TACG shall be prioritised by funded officers. All requests for assistance from ELCPT and MGACPT from ELC staff shall be made via the TACG or through the Safer Communities Team Leader.

5.2 On a daily basis, the work of the ELCPT and MGACPT will be supervised by the respective team sergeants.

5.3 Officers from ELCPT and MGACPT may also be deployed on intelligence-led police operations, e.g. drug enquiries.

5.4 Officers from ELCPT and MGACPT will be deployed through a shift system designed to accommodate times when antisocial behaviour is most prevalent.

5.5 The Safer Communities Team Leader will meet with the Local Authority Liaison Officer (PSoS) on a three monthly basis in order to formally review this agreement.

6. Accountability

6.1 ELCPT, MGACPT and ASB officers will be accountable to the Local Police Commander and East Lothian Council's Head of Housing and Environment as represented by the Safer Communities Team Leader.

- 6.3 Unless there are “*exceptional circumstances*”, ELCPT, MGACPT and the ASB officers will not be abstracted from their core role. They will not be routinely utilised in any other capacity. The term “*exceptional circumstances*” will be defined by the local Police Commander.
- 6.4 Officers from within ELCPT, MGACPT and the ASB officers will ultimately remain under the direction of the Chief Constable of PSoS.

7. **Performance**

- 7.1 Performance information relating to ELCPT, MGACPT and the ASB Officers will be collated by PSS on a monthly basis and be submitted for scrutiny to ELC. The performance criteria will be determined by the Safer Communities Team Leader and the Local Authority Liaison Officer and will be subject to continuous review.

8. **Length of Agreement and Exit Strategy**

- 8.1 This agreement will last for a period of twelve months from 1st April 2013. It will supersede any existing agreement in relation to any officers of PSoS funded by ELC.
- 8.2 Recognising the staffing commitment, PSS will require a minimum of six months notice in writing to terminate the funding of ELCPT, MGACPT and the ASB officers.

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Appendix

Funded Officers – Summary of Roles and Responsibilities

ELCPT, MGACPT

The teams will:

1. Focus on achieving the outcomes set by the East Lothian Community Planning Partnership to ensure that the outcomes of the SOA are achieved.
2. Develop and maintain links with local housing officers, tenants and residents associations, voluntary groups and organisations to ensure an effective flow of community intelligence between partners.
3. Undertake tasks as directed by the divisional tasking process (PSoS) and also through the multi-agency TACG process.
4. Engage in the intelligence-led targeting of antisocial behaviour activity and any other behaviour that has a significant negative community impact, both in high profile and covert capacities.
5. Undertake joint work with partners and participate in intelligence-led proactive policing in accordance with the principles of the community planning model, to enhance the quality of life for local tenants and residents and reduce antisocial behaviour, with a focus on repeat victims, offenders and locations.
6. Undertake intelligence-led joint patrolling with ELC partners in accordance with agreed protocols.
7. Patrol in a highly visible manner to provide public reassurance in identified areas with particular attention being given to ELC housing stock and premises.
8. Ensure effective liaison with other agencies in respect of Acceptable Behaviour Agreements and Anti Social Behaviour Orders.
9. Assist in the policing of local community events and provide effective operational coverage during such events.
10. Enforce East Lothian byelaws in respect of drinking alcohol in public places.
11. Act in accordance with existing information sharing protocols with ELC and work to develop new protocols as required.
12. Contribute to the delivery of the Police Scotland Divisional Diversity Action Plan objectives.
13. Develop and deliver local initiatives in line with Divisional and Force priorities.

ASB Police Liaison Officer

The officer will review all antisocial behaviour related crimes and incidents over the preceding 24 hours and identify at an early stage which partners require to be alerted/involved.

In addition, he/she will actively promote, and implement, antisocial behaviour antisocial behaviour legislation and policy. He/she will be co-located with the SCT. The officer will assist with enquiries generated from ELC staff and partners. He/she will carry out joint visits with ELC staff. He will attend all

relevant meetings. The officer will ensure that the Divisional Management Team (PSS) is kept apprised of all aspects of antisocial behaviour. The officer will facilitate and encourage communication between the police and partner agencies, enhance relationships and improve understanding of the requirements and aspirations of all parties with regard to antisocial behaviour.

Information and Statistics Officer

The Information and Statistics Officer will research and collate a wide range of data taken from across the partnership with a focus on antisocial behaviour, public protection, alcohol and young People. The officer will provide reports, which can be used in briefings by police and partnership staff to assist with resource deployment.

ASB Administration Assistant

This officer will provide administrative support to the Safer Communities Team.

Appendix 3: Police Scotland - Funded Officers Report ; Report to the Safe and Vibrant Communities Partnership, 10th February 2014

Introduction

The East Lothian Community Policing Team was set up in 2008 with a role to reduce anti-social behaviour and to focus on the outcomes of the Single Outcome Agreement. The Musselburgh Area Community Policing Teams were set up in 2011 with a similar localised remit. Throughout their existence antisocial behaviour and in particular youth disorder has reduced in East Lothian. The process works in partnership with the ASB Team, Community Officers and the Community Wardens.

Statement of Purpose

East Lothian Council and Police Scotland (formerly Lothian & Borders Police) are committed to working in partnership to build an East Lothian where everyone has the opportunity to lead a fulfilling life and which contributes to a fair and sustainable future for Scotland and the wider world.

Role and Remit

Police Scotland maintains the Funded Teams. The Funded Teams form part of the extended East Lothian Community Policing Team.

The principal role of the Funded Teams is to develop and maintain a proactive approach to tackling and reducing anti-social behaviour and other quality of life issues in the communities of East Lothian.

In pursuance of these objectives the Funded Teams, under the direct supervision of two dedicated police sergeants focus on the following activities:

1. Work towards achieving the outcomes set by the East Lothian Partnership to ensure that
 - Communities experience less anti-social behaviour
 - People experience less hate crime
 - People experience less domestic violence at home and elsewhere
 - Fewer people re-offend
 - There are fewer collisions, casualties and deaths on our roads

2. Develop and maintain links with local housing officers, tenants and residents associations, voluntary groups and organisations to ensure an effective flow of community intelligence between partners.
3. Undertake tasks as directed by the Divisional tasking process and also through the ASB TAC process with specific operational deployment being determined by Police Scotland
4. Intelligence-led targeting of anti-social behaviour activity and any other behaviour having a significant negative community impact, both in high profile and covert capacities.
5. Undertake joint work with partners and participate in intelligence-led proactive policing in accordance with the principles of the community planning model, to enhance the quality of life for local tenants and residents and reduce anti-social behaviour, with a focus on repeat victims, offenders and locations.
6. Undertake intelligence-led joint patrolling with ELC partners in accordance with agreed protocols.
7. Patrol in a highly visible manner to provide public reassurance in identified areas with particular attention being given to ELC housing stock and premises.
8. Ensure effective liaison with other agencies in respect of Acceptable Behaviour Agreements and Anti Social Behaviour Orders.
9. Assist in the policing of local community events and provide effective operational coverage following such events.
10. Enforce East Lothian byelaws in respect of drinking alcohol in public.
11. Act in accordance with existing information sharing protocols with ELC and work to develop new protocols as required.
12. Develop and deliver local initiatives in line with Divisional and Force priorities.

Deployment/Tasking

Weekly tasking comes from the ASB TAC meeting, which is a multi agency meeting comprising of ASB Team, Housing Dept., Funded Teams, Community Policing Teams, Community Learning and Development, Fire Service and Community Wardens. All potential hotspots are discussed as well as individuals subject to or being investigated for an ASBO.

The funded officers also undertake daily tasking relating to priorities relevant to Local Police and multi-member ward plans, and the managing threat, risk and harm to the communities of East Lothian.

Training

Police Scotland ensure that all officers receive relevant training to ensure they are effective in their role and make the best use of available technology and equipment. This includes Surveillance, Methods of entry, Prolaser Speed Gun and Presumptive Drug Testing. They also provide accommodation at various police stations and several vehicles.

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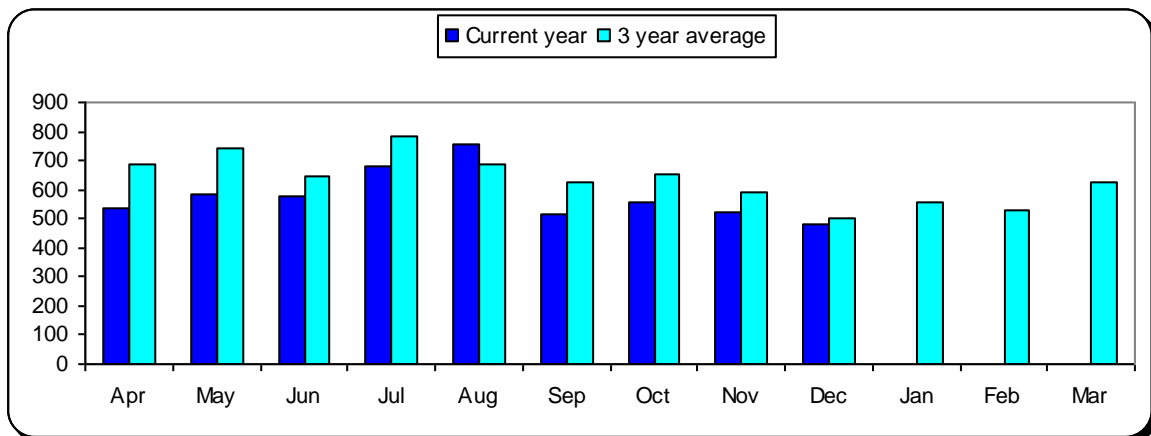
Antisocial behaviour

Since the instigation of the Funded Officers antisocial behaviour and youth disorder has steadily and in some areas dramatically fallen. The following tables show the levels of ASB complaints and Youth complaints in East Lothian from 2008 to 2014 and the current year against a 3-year average.

ASB Complaints

	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012-13
Total	7710	7985	7621	8066	7188

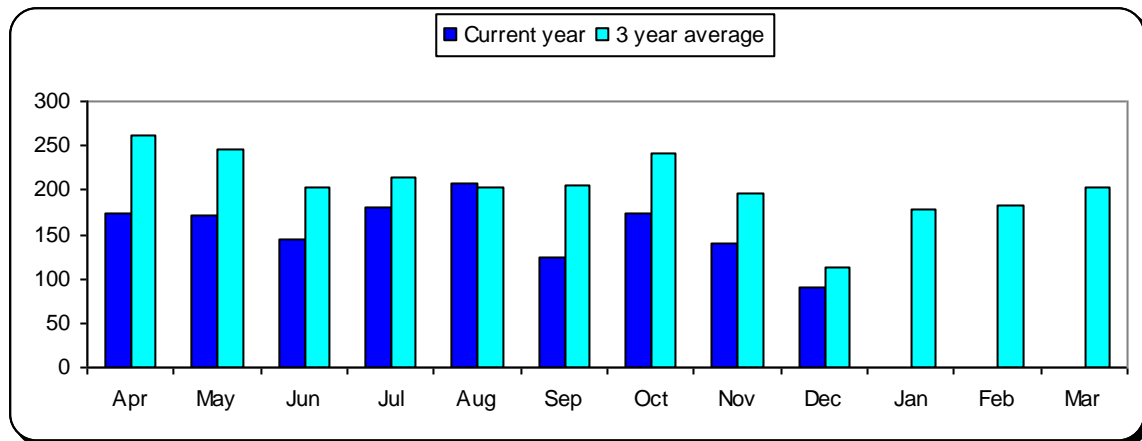
ASB Complaints East Lothian 2013/14



Youth Complaints

	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/2013
Total	4096	3781	2783	2628	1926

Youth Complaints East Lothian 2013/14



Drugs

The Funded Teams have been highly effective in battling the drug supply in East Lothian. As an example a snapshot of some of the Funded Team success is illustrated by a monthly breakdown of 2012/2013 listed below: -

January - £1200 cash and cannabis from car stop in Musselburgh.

February - cannabis cultivation worth £11 000 in a house in Prestonpans.

March - £25 000 cash and large quantity of drugs from house in Stoneybank, Musselburgh.

April – Street search man found with £1600 worth of heroin and cash

May – Cannabis cultivation found in a house in Musselburgh

June - £1000 seized from known drug dealer in Haddington

July – Three men reported for serious assault in Haddington after a known drug dealer was slashed to the face.

August – Drugs recovered from house in Prestonpans

September – Cannabis and £4775 seized from houses in East Linton and Dunbar

October – Cannabis cultivation found in house in Cockenzie

November – Cannabis cultivation found in house in Humbie

December – Man found in possession of 100+ Diamorphine tablets and heroin by plain-clothes patrol in Haddington.

January 2013 – Operation Ergot recovery of large amount of cannabis and amphetamine from houses on Prestonpans and Musselburgh.

February – Cannabis cultivation found in flat in Dunbar

March – Made from Crime Action Days recovered a large quantity of drugs from houses over East Lothian

April – Female reported for inhaling hairspray in public toilets in Musselburgh

May – Cannabis cultivation found in Prestonpans. Large amount of heroin found in house in Musselburgh

June – Man arrested in Tranent for being unfit to drive due to drugs

July – Street search recovered cannabis from man in Prestonpans

August – Street search in Wallyford recovered 14 wraps of heroin concealed in man's mouth.

September – Two drugs warrants executed in Musselburgh and drugs recovered

October – Large cannabis cultivation found at Fenton Barns.

November – Cannabis cultivation found in Musselburgh

December – Street search in Musselburgh led to £1500 worth of cocaine and £7000 cash being seized

Joint patrols and visits

The Funded Teams have been effective in carrying out joint patrols not only with Community Wardens but also with the Dog Warden and other agencies.

Joint visits along with the Gangmasters Licensing Authority have been carried out on companies with a high proportion of migrant workers, which gained intelligence and also disseminated information in the form of leaflets.

Joint visits have been carried out with the Department of Work & Pensions to building sites and window cleaning firms to identify benefit fraudsters. DWP estimate that it has identified £210 830.51 total benefit fraud in East Lothian in 2012/13 as a result of similar initiatives. Similarly joint visits have been carried out to houses of multiple occupancy along with Environmental Officers.

Significant impact on Licensed Premises was achieved with the Funded Teams carrying out widespread swabbing of toilets for cocaine.

Visibility

The Funded Teams have been widely used for High Visibility foot patrols to reassure the public and to deter disorder. Targeted cycle patrols are also regularly used and are extremely well received by the public. The Funded Teams carry out a high proportion of licensed premises visits.

There was a great deal of joint work done with the management of First Bus and the Funded Teams have carried out high vis patrols on buses to reassure passengers and drivers and prevent disorder.

Achievements

The Funded Teams have achieved a great deal and it is impossible to list the total difference they have made to ensure the safety of the residents of East Lothian, however a short list of examples follows:

In 2011 the area around the Brunton Hall had a consistent issue with youths hanging about and causing Anti Social Behaviour. As a result it was designated a Problem Solving Package. Through the focussed work of many agencies including the Funded Officers and the co-ordination of the ASB Team TAC Process the Brunton Hall is no longer an area that causes any significant problems to the residents around or the employees within.

The Funded Teams played a significant part in the policing of the Olympic Torch Relay when it visited East Lothian in 2012.

Funded Teams played a significant role in the initial response to the murder that took place at Kopas Takeaway in Tranent.

Funded Teams fully dealt with a stabbing in MacMerry in 2012 resulting in a man being convicted.

Tranent Funded Team were then involved in capturing two thieves from the Council recycling yard. The culprits were seen by a member of staff who contacted the Police. The Team, who were in plain clothes, arrived first and noticed a vehicle leaving the scene. They instructed the marked vehicle behind to stop the vehicle in case the occupants were involved. CCTV at the yard confirmed both males had been stealing items from within the yard. Both were reported.

On Friday 14th June 2013 the Musselburgh Funded Team took part in policing the ever popular and very busy Ladies day at Musselburgh racecourse. 7500 people attended the event this year and as the weather remained dry a good time was had by all, except for one male who upon being ejected by security for being too drunk decided to keep trying different gates to regain entry. The officers were called to the main gate where the male would not take no for an answer and attempted to go for the officers. He was duly arrested and held in custody to be released when sober.

Operation Milford ran from the 27th and 28th of July 2013, which placed a significant emphasis on the detection of offensive weapons and any other criminal activities. As such, the Funded Teams placed themselves at the entrances to local licensed premises in order to search persons were appropriate as well as patrolling, both on foot and in vehicle, the known local hot spots for all potential crimes and anti social behaviour.

A sharp-eyed Funded Officer in Prestonpans spotted a local habitual domestic abuser heading towards his ex partners address. The officers turned around and saw the male breaching his bail conditions by approaching the victim. He was arrested and reported for this offence.

Played a large part in the policing of the Open Golf 2013 in Gullane.

Funded Teams were involved in two scenes of disorder in Tranent in August 2013. Firstly the violent arrest of two brothers arguing over the groom's choice of best man. One head butted the groom. This developed into a large fight. The groom then proceeded to head butt the rear window of a Police car, smashing the glass. Both brothers were arrested.

On 10th August 2013 the Funded Teams attended a disturbance in High Street; Tranent after a fight was observed on CCTV. As a result, two males were arrested for police assault and vandalism. Both males were held in police custody to appear at Haddington Sheriff Court.

During September 2013 Funded Teams took part in "Operation Caraway", a national initiative targeting scrap metal theft. Officers from the team worked with

staff from VOSA, Roads Policing and Special Constables to set up road checks. Numerous vehicles were stopped and examined, resulting in a variety of offences being identified. This contributed to the general efforts to keep the roads safer, which also resulted in numerous offenders being reported or issued with fixed penalty tickets.

Funded Teams assisted Divisional CID with the execution of a stolen property search warrant in the Galt's area of Musselburgh where almost £100,000 worth of NHS dental equipment was recovered.

Several prolific housebreakers have been the recipients of ASBOs in East Lothian by the ASB Team and the Funded Teams have been at the forefront of investigating reports and arresting for breaching their ASBOs.

From 1st – 13th December 2013, Funded Teams were seconded to Operation Blueprint targeting the increase in acquisitive crime in the Musselburgh area since August 2013. Numerous arrests have been made regarding various thefts from sheds, garages, thefts of motorcycles and golf buggies all in the Musselburgh area and the total solvency for the 6 week operation to 62 crimes solved out of 116 reported since 01/08/2013.

Funded Teams were involved in the rescue of a girl from the Forth on Hogmanay 2013 where one officer swam out in the pitch black and freezing water to locate her and bring her back to safety. He is being nominated for a meritorious conduct award.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Funded Teams have played a significant part in reducing antisocial behaviour and youth disorder in East Lothian. They have consistently had an effect on drug supply and violence as well as road safety and other quality of life issues experienced by residents and visitors to the county.

The joined up approach to these issues is the envy of many other Local Authorities and is currently being set up in several, as a result of the successful model being shared, nationally. It is important that in the face of so many changes to the structures and processes of Local Authorities and emergency services that this approach provides a degree of consistency in the service of the people of East Lothian