

# REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

## PORTFOLIO AREAS: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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Title: RESIDENTS PETITION - LEWIS COURT AREA

Report of: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Report reference: CS43/06

### Summary:

Residents of Lewis Court, Denton Holme have submitted a petition requesting CCTV and a Youth Dispersal Order to help address issues of Youth Disorder. This report sets out the actions that it is suggested should be taken.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Petition be referred to the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership to consider the actions set out within this report.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

## **RESIDENTS PETITION – LEWIS COURT AREA**

### **1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS**

- 1.1 A petition has been received from residents in the area around Lewis Court, Denton Holme requesting action to reduce youth disorder in the area. Specifically they request CCTV and the introduction of a dispersal order to help resolve the problems of youth disorder. A copy of the petition is attached signed by 158 residents, together with a plan showing the area around Lewis Court.
- 1.2 In order to decide what is the best course of action to pursue to address the youth disorder it is proposed to refer this issue to the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership carry out a consultation and information gathering exercise.
  - a) The Crime Disorder Reduction Partnership CCTV Sub Group will consider the request for CCTV in the area. In order to properly consider this request it will be necessary for the Community Safety Development Officer to gather information on incidents in the area from the Police. The request can then be assessed using the agreed set of criteria and a decision can be made as to whether CCTV would be effective in dealing with the problems. Members should be aware that no funding is allocated for new CCTV systems at present. Funding issues would be considered by the CCTV Sub Group.
  - b) The Community Safety Development Officer will discuss with the Police the incidents of Youth Disorder in the area. A decision can then be made as to what actions are most appropriate.

### **2. CONSULTATION**

- 2.1 Consultation to Date – No consultation has so far taken place as the petition has just been received.
- 2.2 Consultation proposed – It is proposed that the CCTV Sub Group be consulted regarding the request for CCTV. The Community Safety Development Officer will consult the Police regarding the problems of Youth Disorder.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Petition be referred to the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership to consider the actions set out within this report.

#### **4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 The issues raised by residents need more detailed investigation and consultation before any specific actions can be agreed for implementation. The recommendations detail how it is proposed to carry out this investigation and consultation

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

- Staffing/Resources – There are no staffing/resource implications
- Financial – No specific funding is available to implement any of the measures such as CCTV, which are requested. If after further consultation specific works are proposed then budget bids will have to be submitted
- Legal – There are no specific legal implications at this time for the City Council. If the Police consider that a Dispersal Order is appropriate they would arrange any relevant orders required.
- Corporate – The action proposed are in line with the Clean, Green, Safe priorities of the City Council
- Risk Management – N/A
- Equality Issues – There are no equality issues apparent at the present time.
- Environmental – The present situation is obviously creating an atmosphere of fear among many residents. The actions suggested in this report should help to address these concerns and improve the environment around Lewis Court.
- Crime and Disorder – The comments of the Community Safety Development Officer have been incorporated into Section 1 of this report.
- Impact on Customers – The proposed actions set out in this report should enable appropriate measures to be taken to deal with residents concerns.



Lewis Court