

## EAST STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

**Day:** Wednesday  
**Date:** 23 March 2022  
**Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Place:** Zoom

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1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> To receive any apologies for absence.	
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4.	<b>UPDATE FROM THE YOUTH SERVICE</b> To receive a presentation from the Integrated Youth Manager.	13 - 22
5.	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> To note that the next meeting of the East Strategic Neighbourhood Forum is provisionally scheduled to take place on 22 June 2022.	

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## EAST STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

19 January 2022

Commenced: 6.35 pm

Terminated: 7.50 pm

**Present:** Councillors T Sharif (Chair), Gosling (Vice-Chair), Billington, Dickinson, Feeley, J Homer, Jackson, Lane, Patrick, Pearce, N Sharif, Taylor and Wills

### 5 MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

**The Minutes of the meeting of the East Strategic Neighbourhood Forum held on 27 October 2021 be approved as a correct record.**

### 6 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE - SAFER TAMESIDE

Chief Inspector Galt, Greater Manchester Police, began by providing information in respect of two new Teams; the Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC) Team and the Domestic Abuse Team (DAT).

The Chief Inspector explained that the SAC Team dealt exclusively with volume crime (burglary/robbery/vehicle crime) and she was very pleased to report that the district team currently had the best detection rate for burglary in Greater Manchester, at 10.2%.

She further explained that the DAT Team, a unit dedicated to dealing with domestic abuse offenders, was still in its infancy and therefore there were currently no statistics available. The Chief Inspector hoped to bring more information in relation to this unit at the next meeting of the Forum.

Inspector Moss then delivered a presentation updating the Forum in respect of recent initiatives and current priorities in the East Neighbourhood.

Inspector Moss began by giving details of Operation AVRO, a force-wide initiative that delivered a surge of extra resources and specialist officers to a different district within Greater Manchester each month. The operation targeted crimes that members of the public in the district had reported as causing them the most concern. Operation AVRO would be in Tameside on 17 February 2022.

Members of the press and key partners, including local representatives, were invited to attend Operation AVRO deployments to see results first-hand and conduct important multi-agency work, such as welfare visits.

Further information was provided in respect of Operation Safer Tameside, which had taken place on 16 December 2021. Details were given of a number of actions from the day, including:

- One vehicle seized due to driver having no insurance and MOT;
- Four drivers breathalysed;
- Six stopped for faulty lighting;
- Two stopped for illegal tinted windows;
- One stopped for illegal number plates;
- Nine stopped for exceeding the speed limit;
- Four delivery vehicles stopped for failing to wear a seatbelt;
- Two stopped for driving whilst using a mobile device;
- Three warnings for anti-social driving;
- One obstruction on a public highway; and
- One driver contravening a stop sign.

Intelligence was also gathered in regard to a number of issues, which the Neighbourhood Policing Team would be looking into. It was reported that the next Operation Safer Tameside event was scheduled to take place on 25 January 2022 focusing on violent crime towards women and girls.

Current policing priorities for the area were outlined, including:

- Domestic burglaries in Dukinfield;
- Burglaries (both residential and commercial), vehicle crime/theft from vehicles (including catalytic converters) and anti-social behaviour in Stalybridge North/town centre;
- Anti-social behaviour in Demesne Drive/Brushes Estate and road safety issues in Stalybridge South; and
- Burglary (residential), theft from and thefts of vehicles and anti-social behaviour/youth violence in Top Mossley park.

With regard to burglary, Inspector Moss advised that a male had been arrested on Christmas Eve following a burglary at Stalybridge Labour Club. The individual had been charged and was awaiting a court appearance. In addition, following reports of high value shoplifting at Aldi in Stalybridge, two males had been arrested.

Members sought clarity on how the priorities outlined were decided. Inspector Moss advised that the priorities were established from figures collected by the police in relation to reported crime. The police highlighted that they could only prioritise issues if Members and the public made them aware. In relation to road safety, Members requested if this matter could be considered as a priority.

A discussion ensued regarding the issue of vehicle theft and the Inspector explained that the police were undertaking significant work around the issue of keyless vehicle thefts. The SAC team was involved with this work and the police were also liaising with car manufacturers nationally to establish how vehicles could be made less easy to steal and more traceable.

The Chair was keen that figures were brought to a future meeting of the Forum that outlined the number of calls being received and handled and what specific crimes these calls related to.

Members thanked Chief Inspector Galt and Inspector Moss for their attendance and for a very interesting presentation.

## **RESOLVED**

**That the content of the presentation be noted.**

## **7 COVID-19 UPDATE**

The Forum received a presentation from the Interim Director of Population Health, who gave an update in respect of the current position with regard to Covid-19.

Trends in new cases of the virus in Tameside as of 14 January 2022 were displayed and it was reported that the current rate of new cases in the last seven days per 100,000 people was 1,122.3/100,000 (2,549 cases). The rate had increased rapidly in recent weeks, however this was now declining again

The highest numbers of new cases were in younger working age adults (20-40), but still increasing in children. The number of people in hospital with Covid-19 in Greater Manchester and Tameside had increased in recent weeks, however, overall increases in intensive care usage for Covid patients in Greater Manchester and Tameside had not been realised. The situation would continue to be monitored.

Members were advised that:

- Tameside had a similar rate of Covid to the rest of Greater Manchester;
- The rate of new cases had started to reduce but this should be treated with caution due to testing patterns and access;
- The positivity rate was extremely high with almost one in two tests coming back positive (45%);
- Rates in children were still increasing and this was expected to continue as children returned to school after Christmas;
- Guidance changes around testing;
- High numbers of outbreaks and some large outbreaks, particularly in care homes though the levels of vaccination were keeping hospital admissions low;
- Hospital activity had increased and there were indirect impacts in the health system and other public services due to staff absences and disruption to routine activity; and
- Ongoing pressures on all Council front line services and on direct Covid response within Public Health; Adult Social Care; Public Protection and Education.

Current drivers of the present situation in Tameside were outlined, including:

- The new Omicron variant of Covid-19 discovered in late November which had spread rapidly across the globe since then, driving a huge spike in infections;
- The Omicron variant was extremely infectious and was spreading more quickly and more easily than previous variants, such as Alpha and Delta;
- Omicron was now completely dominant across the country and in Tameside;
- This had come at a time heading into winter when seasonal viruses spread easily and there were relatively few measures and restrictions in place to limit transmission;
- Outbreaks were widespread across settings in the borough, some of which were particularly high risk such as care homes. This further spread added to the overall numbers of infections; and
- Spread of infection linked to confined, crowded indoor spaces with inadequate ventilation.

Basic measures to prevent transmission were again emphasised:

- Regular, thorough handwashing with soap and running water;
- Wearing a face mask/covering when in certain settings;
- Social distancing from others of at least two metres;
- Following the current relevant guidance/advice; and
- Vaccination.

Details were given of the current rules in respect of PCR testing, regular testing and contact tracing. Information was also provided in respect of testing sites in the borough and their opening times. The Interim Director encouraged anyone who had not yet received a vaccine to come forward, as well as those who had not yet received their second dose or a booster.

Recent changes to testing and isolation advice were highlighted, including the importance of registering test results online for data collection and in order that they could be followed up.

The presentation summarised how people were being encouraged and supported to tackle Covid in Tameside, as follows:

- Ongoing messaging – testing/vaccination;
- Engaging with communities to provide information and listen to concerns;
- Community Champions programme;
- Supporting people and services to follow guidelines and reduce spread; and
- Support to isolate – there were still support payments available for those needing to isolate and help via the Council call centre (0161 342 8355).

A discussion ensued regarding vaccine uptake among particular age groups and BAME communities. The Interim Director explained that the Population Health team was working with community organisations to encourage uptake of the vaccination among those groups which had

shown vaccine hesitancy. It was highlighted that the difference in vaccination rates was starkest among the different age groups and was lowest among younger people. However, it was advised that young people often had a degree of natural immunity due to outbreaks in schools. At present, around 50 per cent of the borough's 12 to 15 years had received a Covid-19 vaccine.

It was highlighted that Covid-19 rates remained high in Tameside and Greater Manchester and had not fallen as quickly as in other areas of the country and therefore residents were urged to remain vigilant.

The Chair thanked the Interim Director for a very informative presentation and all those who had been part of the successful vaccination rollout in the borough.

**RESOLVED**

**That the content of the presentation be noted.**

**CHAIR**

# Tameside East

Neighbourhood Forum

# Neighbourhood Police Surgery

NBO's/PCSO's have been setting up stalls on their beats throughout March to give advice, support and gather intelligence whilst building strong relationships with residents.

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The teams have also been collecting donations at surgeries to support the Ukraine appeal, all donations have been given to our local Ukraine association in Ashton.

The surgeries have already had such a massive impact on neighbourhoods throughout Tameside, with such positive reviews.



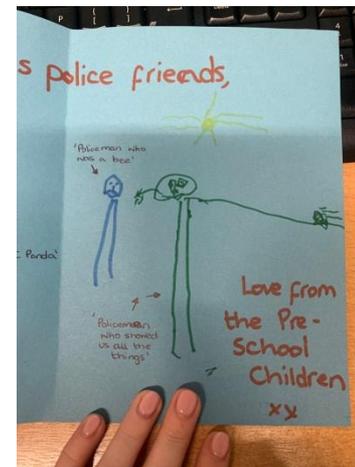
# Hill Top Day Nursery Visit

On Tuesday 8 March, Pc Lawton, Stalybridge PCSOs, Oso's Stanger and Keenan (as the GMP panda) attended Hill Top Day Nursery where they give the under 3's class an informative talk about the work Greater Manchester Polices Neighbourhood teams do around them.

Following the talk the children were able to ask questions, look at the equipment officers carry daily and have their photos taken with the police vehicle whilst wearing a police officer's hat.

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The children were mesmerised by the officers as well as the our vehicle!



# Vehicle Crime Disruption!

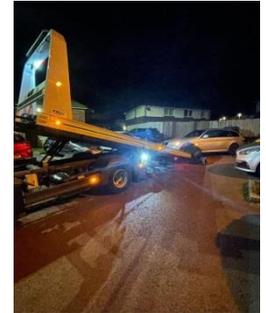


Whist on patrol over two sets of shifts, officers on the east have seized and recovered nine vehicles that were either on false plates or stolen.



Great disruption to vehicle crimes across the east!

Vehicle crimes can often lead to more serious criminality, example: death by dangerous driving.



# Operation AVRO

Tackling anti-social behaviour, youth violence and road safety in hotspot areas of our neighbourhoods. Specifically Ashton town centre. It's a multi-agency operation between Greater Manchester Police, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council and the Fire Service. Utilising different tactics, partners and enforcement agencies to coordinate activity, raise public awareness and put criminals under pressure.

## Results:

Arrests made - 30

Search warrants undertaken - 10

Officers involved - 200

Traffic offences - 26

Speed offences - 82

Vehicles seized - 5



Times	Activity
06:00 – 15:00	X2 Warrants - Booth Close, Stalybridge - Briefing to be completed by PS CHAPMAN - East NBO'S ASSISTING - Details to be confirmed - TAU serial allocated.  NBO'S for each address - PC 19032/18965 on one address - PC 15875 Dench on one
08:30 – 09:15	Briefing Ashton Town Centre Shopping Centre. <b>Chief Constable</b>
12:00	PCSO'S/Council staff joint, Stalybridge high visibility patrol and stall set up within Tesco
09:15 – 15:15	Local scrap metal dealership visits: <b>PC Lee Cocks And PC Nat Hill and TMBC partners</b> /Senior Environmental Crime Officer at the Environment Agency
09:15 – 15:15	Off license visits – <b>PC Harry Taylor / Trading standards</b>
Locations/Dates throughout	School based police officers: <b>PC Howard and PC Lawton ***</b>
09:00 – 10:00 and 14:45 – 15:45	School Based Parking issues/enforcement ***

# Stalybridge Street Fest

A family friendly community event for those with penchant for good food, good drink, good music and good friends.

This has been a great opportunity for our NBOs to make positive relationships with the residents of Tameside. It's also an opportunity for the community to ask questions, get advice and provide feedback.

Andy Burnham attended the event on Friday 11 March, He took the opportunity to speak with our officers and praise them for their work!



# Upcoming for the East:

Safer Tameside Multi agency day – Road safety/vehicle crime based event on 25 March

Police surgeries:

1. Ridgehill team – Local hub, Ambleside on TBC
2. Stalybridge team – Tesco, Stalybridge Town Centre on TBC
3. Dukinfield team – Morrisons, on TBC
4. Mossley team – Emmaus, bottom Mossley on 31 March

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# Tameside Youth Service

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## Staff Team

8 Full Time Staff  
12 Part Time Staff  
( 3FTE)  
Total is 11FTE

Who are we?  
What do we do?

## Seven Buildings

Copley Youth Base  
Bennett Street Youth Club  
Blocksages Youth Club  
Mossley Youth Base  
Cyclops Adventure  
Cedar Park Youth Club  
Denton Festival Hall

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# Targeted Youth Work



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# Targeted Youth Work



## Why?

- Youth Council gives young people a voice, to help improve and shape services, for young people.
- Bike project has been delivering for many years, we believe everyone should have access to a safe bike. This empowers autonomy and is a fun way to help with our health.
- Music is known to help with mental health, playing an instrument, lyric writing, digital music.



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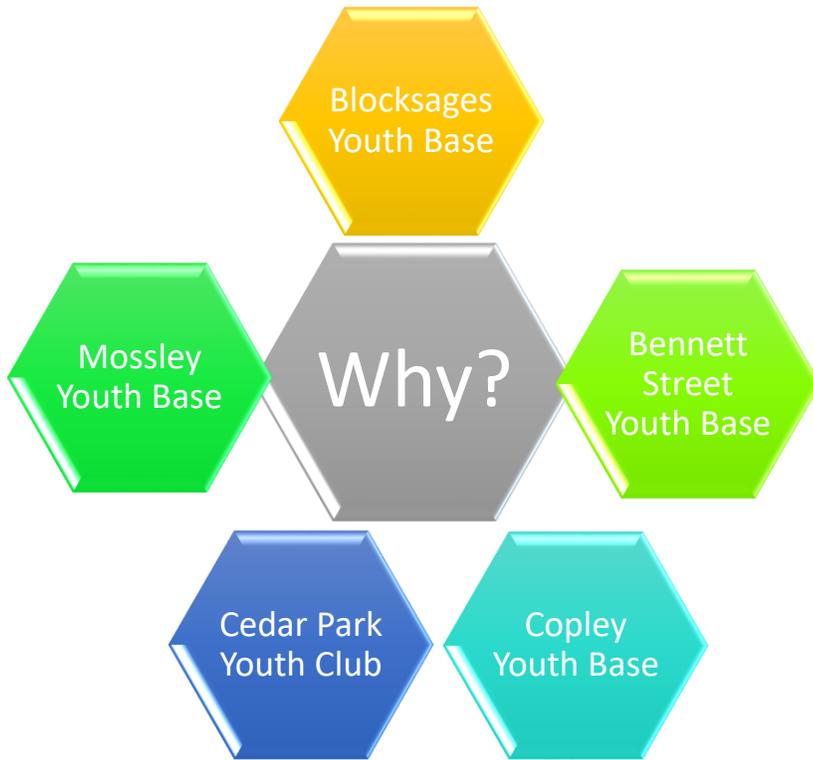
- Disability work empowers young people to make their own informed decisions, also experiencing our accessible bikes.
- Pre Covid we identified a growing trend of young women involved in ASB, this work is about challenging that and supporting better choices.
- Our LGBT+ young people have support and a safe space to seek support for issues that they encounter.



# Open Access Youth Work



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# Open Access Youth Work

## Why?

- Giving Young people a safe space.
- Building trusted relationships with youth workers.
- Sitting in communities, encouraging young people to be a positive influence in their communities.
- Offering positive activities for young people to be involved in.
- Tea Time clubs providing a meal for all those who want to eat.
- Supporting children & young people through key transitions through to adulthood.
- Empowering informed decisions, building resilience & learning transferable life skills.



# Community Support



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## Why?

- Detached Youth Work, is working on the streets and spaces where young people choose to be.
- Community work is where we start with a low level issue and negotiate a solution.
- Pop up events with bikes & ramp kit, taking activity out and about.
- We offer support to primary, secondary schools, as well as colleges. From Restorative Approaches training to Fresher's stalls or problem solving in our countryside.
- We support one foodbank and one food pantry.
- We deliver Solihul parental training, supporting our colleagues in Children's Services.



# Past 12 months – Covid Delivery

Throughout the Covid Pandemic, we have continued to deliver, we have followed the guidance from our governing body, National Youth Agency. Youth Workers were allocated Essential Service status by the Government. Our delivery has remained Covid Compliant, with **NO** Covid outbreaks.

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In the last 12 months we have delivered **1751** sessions.

In the last 12 months we have had **20334** contacts.



# The East Strategic Neighbourhood Forum



The East Strategic Neighbourhood Forum includes the Wards of East Dukinfield, Mossley, Stalybridge North and Stalybridge South

- Mossley Youth Base:
  - Tea Time Club: This is a very busy session, we have all the usual fun of a youth club, as well as everyone who attends gets a hot cooked meal.
  - Food Bank / Pantry: In the last 12 months we have been working closely with the food bank. We have supported with joint funding applications, with a success of £12.5K. This money is to develop the food bank offer, to include fridge & freezer foods, to do work on the building, as well as provide resources for the food bank and activity / holiday provision.
- Copley Youth Base:
  - Youth Club: We have re opened a youth club night at Copley, this work is being delivered by Tameside Youth Service but is being informed by issues in relation to both primary & secondary schools in the area. As well as our colleagues in Community Safety and GMP.
- Blocksages Youth Base:
  - Youth Club: Wide selection of Activities & projects for young people to participate in.
  - Girls Work: Very busy session, empowering young women, arts award.
  - Juniors: Very busy session, lots of activities & projects to participate in.



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