

Report to the Council

Committee: Cabinet

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Subject: Community Wellbeing Portfolio - Supplement

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Ms S-A Stavrou

Item: 7(d)

ASB Limes Farm – Streetwatch Initiative

The Council has been actively involved in a crime reduction initiative at Limes Farm to reduce the criminal behaviour that is taking place there. The Police committed two Sergeants and six Constables, backed up by PSCOs, over the period 1700 hours to midnight on 30 November and 1 December last. Leaflets were delivered to every house in the problem areas inviting residents to report any anti-social behaviour on dedicated numbers during the above time. Police promised an immediate response from officers earmarked for this task alone.

A good response was received on the dedicated numbers and the following was achieved:

- 12 stop checks and persons moved on
- Curfew checks on persons in the area on bail
- 2 vehicles seized
- 2 persons arrested for disorderly behaviour
- 1 arrested for drink driving

The medium to long-term plan is to gather evidence for future ASBOs on troublesome individuals and to establish a Focus Group in the New Year. This group would involve officers from the DCRP, police, district and parish councillors, residents and perhaps co-opted outreach or leisure workers as appropriate.

This operation is part of the long-term commitment by the Council's Crime and Disorder Reduction Panel to reduce anti social behaviour on Limes Farm. The operation was deemed a success and it is proposed to repeat it in the New Year at Limes Farm and other ASB hot spots in the District.