

Crime Reduction in Milton Keynes

– A Neighbourhood Approach

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History

Fullers Slade Project (2000)

Aim

- To establish a substantial and sustainable reduction in the level of criminal damage on Fullers Slade

Objective

- To involve the local community in spotting damage and in ensuring that it is rapidly repaired
- To involve the community in researching the cause of criminal damage and in developing an action plan to resolve the problem on a long term basis

Objectives (contd)

- To assess effective methods of tackling criminal damage so that they may be applied more generally throughout Milton Keynes

History

Fullers Slade

- City estate (popn 1770)
- 40% of residents under 20
- Estate is in 5% most deprived (Jarman)
- High crime rates
- Few amenities
- Few transport links in evening

History (contd)

1st phase January – June 2000

- Projected initiated by Council and Police – steering group set up, but limited involvement of residents
- Concentrated on quick wins to encourage residents

2nd phase July 2000

- Major publicity campaign started
- Local Action Group set up with local residents

History (contd)

3rd phase June 2001 onwards

- Original steering group disbanded
- Action Group takes over functions of the steering group

History (contd)

Action Plan

- Appointment and supervision of a Neighbourhood Warden
- Design and construction of a sports facility
- School Watch scheme
- Local newsletter
- Graffiti and litter removal

History (contd)

Results

- 35% reduction in all crime in 12 months
- Warden in place
- £100,000 raised for sports facility
- School Alert scheme in place
- Regular newsletters
- Subway murals
- Kangaroo runs

Questions

Local Management of Community Safety -The Neighbourhood Approach

To achieve a sustainable reduction in crime and disorder in Milton Keynes through the development of locality-based multi-agency crime reduction teams

Project Aims

- Establish permanent multi-agency crime reduction teams in each Parish or group of Parishes in Milton Keynes
- Ensure a multi-agency approach to crime reduction and prevention in each locality
- Reduce the fear of crime in each locality
- Develop local accountability for crime reduction

Local Management of Community Safety

- Local Public Service Agreement
- Partnership between Milton Keynes Council, Police and Parish Council
- 2 pilot areas – Campbell Park and Woughton Parish
- Home Office evaluation

LPSA Targets

- Reduce all crime by 25%
- Reduce repeat victimisation from domestic violence by 20%
- Reduce repeat referrals of neighbourhood nuisance by 24%
- Reduce domestic burglary by 30%
- Reduce vehicle crime by 40%

Flexibility

Parish Councils included within Section 115
(as amended in the Police Reform Act
2000)

Process March 2001 - March 2004

- Meetings with Parish Assembly
- Rural Parishes take interest
- Steering Group established
- Police reconfigure service
- Pilot area established
- Baseline evaluation
- Project Manager starts (March 2002)

Structure

- Steering Group
 - Thames Valley Police Authority
 - Council Cabinet lead for crime
 - Parishes
 - PCT
 - Bucks Fire & Rescue
 - Thames Valley Police
 - Community Safety team
- Project Manager
- Area based community safety teams
 - Area Beat Officers
 - Parish Community Safety Officers
 - Milton Keynes Council officers

Base Line Data

2 estates surveyed

- 61/80% have no knowledge of what a Parish Council does
- 88/82% do not know who their Parish Councillor is.
- 66/64% feel that they can contribute to making a change for the good
- 44/54% local paper is their main source of information

Base Line Data

- 67% of victims of crime called the police
- 39% of victims kept informed – 14% not kept informed
- 88/82% do not know the police officers in their area
- 43% see a police officer less than once per week
- 48/61% sightings of a police officer are in a police car

Base Line Data

- 37/24% think that the Police and Parish Council should increase the numbers of police officers on the beat.

Funding for LMCS

New costs

Project Manager + on-costs	30,000
Set-up of local offices (computers / phones etc)	10,000
4 Community Safety Officers (+ on-costs)	110,000
Training (including national training courses)	5,000
Wardens (6 in LMCS areas)	120,000
Cost of combined operations in area	<u>20,000</u>
Total	295,000

Financed by:

PSA funding (MKC)	45,000
4 Parish or Town Councils	110,000
ODPM	120,000
Community Safety Partnership	<u>20,000</u>
Total	295,000

Future

- Extend LMCS to all areas of Milton Keynes
- Increase membership of teams to include PCT and Fire Service
- Set challenging targets for individual teams
- Extend local accountability (Local Community Action Groups?)

Local Management of Community Safety

Questions?

Issues for Discussion

1. At what level should we engage with the communities ie. Through Town and Parish Councils, Action Groups, Residents Associations etc.
2. How do you manage interaction between Town and Parish Councils and other partners
3. Should Wardens/PCSOs concentrate primarily on enforcement or community engagement
4. How can levels of community reassurance be measured as part of evaluation of the schemes?