

## Data or Community Issue Scrutiny Template

<b>Safer Neighbourhood Panel</b>	TAMWORTH
<b>Date of Scrutiny</b>	21 May 2020
<b>Data or Community Issue</b>	<p>Report produced as the planned meeting was cancelled due to Covid19.</p> <p>The Tamworth SNP was asked by email to provide questions and concerns, 5 questions were received. Chief Inspector Ash Farrington was then asked by email to respond to the questions and to give his usual crime figure briefing.</p>
<b>Questions to the NPT Commander and responses</b>	<p><b>Question 1</b> Warwickshire PST appears to have had success with vehicle crime following the role out of "Operation Alternator". Does Tamworth LPT have plans to carry out a similar operation?</p> <p>Yes, as we move out of this lock down phase and life starts to get more like normal our focus is very much on those crimes that were a real problem before the pandemic. Thanks for supplying the link to the Warwickshire team and we will link in with them. We are still showing an increase in theft of vehicles {an extra 25 stolen} so it is a local priority. Indeed, the wider Community Safety Partnership has highlighted this for wider partnership focus.</p> <p><b>Question 2</b> There are social media reports that individuals associated with drugs are congregating in Glascote. Reports also suggested that some individuals including one that had recently been released from prison were known to the local residents and the Police. What is being done to stop these individuals congregating?</p> <p>The focus on drugs has continued throughout this period. We have known that this risk would have not gone away, indeed you could argue it may have got worse. This week alone 4 people have been arrested for drug linked offences. We are working with the forces Disruption team and Road Crime Unit to do all we can to arrest, disrupt and bring to justice those that commit these offences.</p> <p><b>Question 3</b> The reduction in traffic on the roads due to Covid19 has encouraged some motorists, cars, and bikes to take advantage and travel at speeds way in excess of the speed limit. Is "Operation Lightning" having a positive effect on these motorists?</p>

Yes, it is, and we have enjoyed having the Road Crime Unit in Tamworth helping with this issue and you are right speeding due to lack of traffic has been an issue. Not only has speed been a focus but a number of vehicles have been seized for having no insurance. Local officers also own and action complaints within wards so there is that local connection too.

#### Question 4

What has been the biggest changes (both positive and negative) to your teams' role since the start of "lockdown"

Positive.... amazed by the sense of community in Tamworth who have come together to do the right things and to do what they can to help. Vast majority of people have complied with the lock down and guidance which has been a credit to our community.

Negative.... a small minority who have not wanted to be responsible, but this must be stressed to be a really small minority.

Overall, this has been an unprecedented time where we all have had to get our heads around this situation. Staying safe, staying well yet responding, preventing, and looking out for the most vulnerable {we appreciate being home is not safe for everyone} has been a careful balance. We have been blessed with amazing staff, amazing Specials, and the kind support of the community.

#### Question 5

Will the number of drug related incidents recorded for April 2020 (22) which represents 10% of the total number of drug related incidents recorded since May 2017 (220) prompt targeted intervention measures to quash this surge?

Question 2 I think perhaps answers this too. Our focus on drugs and especially County lines is not diminished and will continue full force. It is a force priority and I have been given excellent support by the force to counter this surge with some exceptional arrests, seizures of drugs, weapons and money and a number of people going to prison.

### LPT Commander Response

Generally, crime is down by 5 %. A fall of almost 300 offences to a current rolling 12-month figure of 5363. As normal I will select those key offences:

- Burglary residential down 26% ...69 less to 192
- Less serious violence down 20 % 133 less to 534
- Theft of motor vehicles up 17 % up 25 to 168
- Theft from vehicles down 3%...11 less to 323
- Domestic incidents down 3% 51 less TO 1671
- ASB incidents {not linked to c-19} down 8% 171 less to 1912

Warning, these figures are from the BRAIN today (21 May) and may be subject to change depending on recording times and work load.

### SNP Review Date:

At the next SNP Meeting