

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

Email comments from Mr Ian Counsell and responses from Mr Mike Tidy on Agenda 23.07.09 and Information Pack

I refer to your email to Crs Fishwick and Amphlett on 16 July 2009. Your email is repeated below with the responses in blue following each section.

AGENDA

Under item 1 at the bottom of page 5, a draft Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan (CSCPP) is proposed to be presented to Council on 21 July 2009 to seek approval to release the plan for public comment.

Is the intent to release the plan to the general public before the Advisory Committee has an opportunity to review and comment on the plan? I welcome a copy of the draft plan to review and come prepared to the next meeting on 23 July with comments. Please advise if a draft plan can be provided to me before the next meeting.

Also, one of the key factors in implementing a successful CSCPP is to listen to the community - let them define what they believe are the most important problems. I recommend community perceptions are surveyed to identify their perceptions of crime and to express their views on safety concerns before a draft plan is issued for public comment. The survey can be a sample of the COJ population (maybe targeting sample population of top 2 or 3 suburbs with highest crime occurrences). The results can be quickly analysed and considered in identifying key priority areas in the Plan. This approach is consistent with other Councils nationally and internationally. Also, the survey would provide a sound baseline on which to conduct future surveys and benchmark results of Community perception over time.

The agenda item for the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee was written prior to a report that was submitted to Council on Tuesday 21 July 2009 that recommended that the CSCPP be submitted to the Committee for comment. Unfortunately it could not be distributed to the Committee prior to Council resolving to do so.

Community perceptions are addressed in the CSCPP. The City already commissions an annual Customer Satisfaction Survey by an independent market research firm that covers among other things community perceptions of various aspects of safety and crime prevention. The results of the 2008 survey are identified in the CSCPP.

INFORMATION PACK

Appendix 1 and 2 (Graffiti)

(i) With Graffiti being the 5th highest recorded crime offence in COJ during 2008 with approximately 593 graffiti offences, why was the COJ not awarded Graffiti funding in 2008/2009 by the Office of Crime Prevention WA. Also, I understand the Graffiti Funding round for 2009/2010 has not yet been announced by the Office of Crime Prevention WA. Did COJ apply for graffiti funding in 2008/9 or 2009/10 from the Office of Crime Prevention WA?

For the last round of the Office of Crime Prevention's (OCP) Graffiti Fund that closed in January 2009 the City made three applications all of which were unsuccessful for the reasons mentioned below:

- a) \$15,700 to support teacher / student groups from local schools to conduct graffiti paint out and general clean ups in and around City controlled assets such as bus shelters and pedestrian underpasses. This proposal was linked to the Department of Education and Training's Community Service Program. The OCP indicated that it 'was not successful as it does not target at risk youth.'
- b) \$11,000 towards the installation of sonic anti-vandalism systems to assist with managing graffiti and other damage at specific City controlled buildings. The OCP indicated that the application 'was not intended to specifically address graffiti in preference to other crime types.'

- c) \$30,000 towards the installation of a video surveillance system in the memorial area in the north east section of Central Park in Joondalup. The OCP indicated that 'it was not clear how this will be specific to the graffiti problem in preference to other crime types.'

The City will consider submitting applications for any future funding rounds for the OCP's Graffiti Fund, its Graffiti Hotspot Fund or other relevant grant funding channels where suitable to its programs and strategies in the graffiti control area.

(ii) I welcome information from COJ (in liaison with WA Police) on the rate of identification and prosecution of graffiti offenders in COJ, particularly for offences in Hillarys, Joondalup and Woodvale which account for nearly half of the number of offences recorded in 2008. Also, is analysis of locations of graffiti offences in these three suburbs available to Council to better direct guide their efforts in prevention strategies.

The City works closely with the WA Police to share information and cooperate on graffiti matters relevant to City property however we do not track statistics for prosecutions relating to Damage (Property) and Damage (Graffiti). Local WA Police stations track, target and report on these statistics and are likely the best source of specific information. Contact details for local Police stations are as follows:

- Joondalup Police Station (care of Warwick Police Station until January 2010) – 9246 8333.
- Hillarys Police Station – 9403 1000.
- Warwick Police Station – 9246 8333.

The City identifies locations / properties frequently targeted by graffiti through the statistics for reported graffiti that it keeps. City Officers aim to link graffiti reports to specific property addresses when reports are recorded. This can assist with the targeting of City Watch patrols, video surveillance, advice to WA Police and other strategies where suitable.

(iii) I read COJ have the following strategies to address graffiti in local areas. Please advise;

- How many community art murals are there in COJ and where are the locations?
- How many graffiti removal volunteers are there in COJ?

The City has catalogued community art murals on 39 bus shelters and 23 pedestrian underpasses in local areas. Murals are also located on buildings (eg. public toilet building in Mawson Park, Hillarys), recreational equipment (eg. tennis rebound wall in Nanika Park, Joondalup) and other asset types around the City.

There are currently 46 participants in the City's Local Graffiti Removal Volunteer Program. Two local schools, Kinross College and Ocean Reef Senior High School, are also linked to this program with teacher / student groups carrying out weekly graffiti paint out in local pedestrian underpasses.

Appendix 8 (City Watch)

I welcome a breakdown of the top three incident types, namely Alarms / Premises insecure (1250), noise complaints (1008) and Anti-social behaviour (1079) by location (suburb/area). Has any trend analysis by completed on this data and if so what strategies has COJ implemented to reduce same incidents in these areas?

Trend analysis on the CityWatch data is being undertaken but is not yet complete.

Appendix 10

Please advise if there is a crime prevention profile for COJ 2007-08?

Unfortunately the 2006-2007 profile in the pack is the latest that is available.

Appendix 11

The reported crime occurrences for 2008 in each of the 22 suburbs was appreciated but this data could have been consolidated into one page to enable comparison of data between suburbs and to quickly identify trends. I'm sure a comparison table may exist, but i completed this exercise to compare the raw data - see attachment.

I welcome information from COJ (in liaison with WA Police) on a further breakdown of 2008 summary graphs for the suburbs of Hillarys, Joondalup and Warwick for the following four reported crime offences:

- Theft
- Damage (Property)
- Burglary
- Assault

These are the top four highest ranked reported crime offences by number and i am interested to learn what identification and detection (clean-up rate) is by the WA Police in these suburbs for these offences and what crime prevention measures are being implemented to further reduce same offences in our community?

In terms of a Police breakdown of the 2008 reported incidences by suburb thank you for creating the comparison chart. I will need to take on notice your interest in the four offence types you identified as of interest in Warwick, Joondalup and Hillarys. I am sure the other Committee members will be equally as interested in those and other suburbs. We will liaise with the WA Police and see what can be done.

Recorded crime in Joondalup in 2008 by offence counts (n)

Note: only highest number of offences shown below which represent 98% of total offences reported

	Theft	Damage (Property)	Burglary	Assault	Damage (Graffiti)	Drugs (Possess)	Fraud	Motor Vehicle Theft	Breach of restraint order	Receiving/Ill legal use	Threatening Behaviour	Sexual Assault	Trespass	Driving causing bodily harm	Drugs (Traffic)	Damage (Arson)	Robbery	Total number of offences	Percentage of offences
SUBURB (n=22)																			
Beldon	119	77	48	37	17	36	12	14	10	1	5	3	4	2	4	3	3	395	3
Burns Beach	37	14	6	5	1	0	9	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	81	1
Connolly	92	40	27	9	4	1	1	5	4	1	2	0	2	3	0	1	0	192	2
Craigie	103	69	47	33	24	49	11	11	19	3	3	1	5	1	12	2	4	397	3
Curumbine	169	131	51	22	23	14	27	8	21	3	2	6	2	4	1	3	2	489	4
Duncraig	273	129	169	34	29	21	11	31	8	10	3	5	2	4	0	3	5	737	6
Edgewater	104	52	50	7	8	8	14	5	10	3	2	5	0	6	3	3	1	281	2
Greenwood	196	129	113	45	49	34	38	19	15	51	11	4	6	1	3	3	4	721	6
Heathridge	124	91	82	41	29	24	5	16	20	4	2	3	2	6	3	2	2	456	4
Hillarys	678	220	84	113	105	78	39	31	14	6	16	13	11	15	5	4	8	1440	12
Iluka	80	50	23	5	4	12	15	7	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	203	2
Joondalup	723	359	160	164	73	73	112	61	39	12	20	37	16	13	11	9	14	1896	16
Kallaroo	209	62	68	19	28	30	9	15	2	5	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	461	4
Kingsley	209	62	68	19	28	30	9	15	2	5	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	461	4
Kinross	76	78	39	31	27	23	24	7	3	2	4	5	10	0	4	1	0	334	3
Marmion	37	21	22	2	5	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	98	1
Mullulo	226	64	50	43	8	14	8	14	4	1	3	15	1	0	3	2	1	457	4
Ocean Reef	190	95	53	29	16	25	16	12	8	6	7	3	6	1	0	2	1	470	4
Padbury	187	120	68	51	25	44	2	20	15	1	3	1	7	2	7	7	4	564	5
Sorrento	176	87	84	25	22	15	15	20	6	3	3	0	1	2	3	0	0	462	4
Warwick	375	138	77	41	21	41	43	19	5	5	11	2	1	4	2	8	0	793	7
Woodvale	127	126	42	26	47	13	35	14	15	2	11	1	16	4	4	4	0	486	4

47% of reported crime in 5 suburbs

Total offences =	4510	2214	1431	801	593	586	456	350	222	125	113	112	99	78	70	61	53	11874	100
Percentage of total =	38.0	18.6	12.1	6.7	5.0	4.9	3.8	2.9	1.9	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.66	0.6	0.5	0.4		

KEY FOCUS AREAS FOR CRIME PREVENTION
(Represents 84% of all reported crime)

98% OF ALL REPORTED CRIME