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Safer Streets - Gwent
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Safer Streets 2

- 2 x successful bids – Pill (Newport) & Rhymney (Caerphilly)
- Reduce Neighbourhood Crime – Burglary, Vehicle related theft, Theft from person, Robbery
- Total funding across both projects - £699,564



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- Poor housing and unattractive local environment – abandoned vehicles and littering
- Unemployment higher than national average for Wales – increased anti-social behaviour in the locality = increased risk of organised criminality
- High proportion of social housing = increased risk of becoming a victim of burglary due to inability to afford security and insurance
- Violent crime and ASB significantly higher than force average – residents feel unsafe leading to heightened community concern



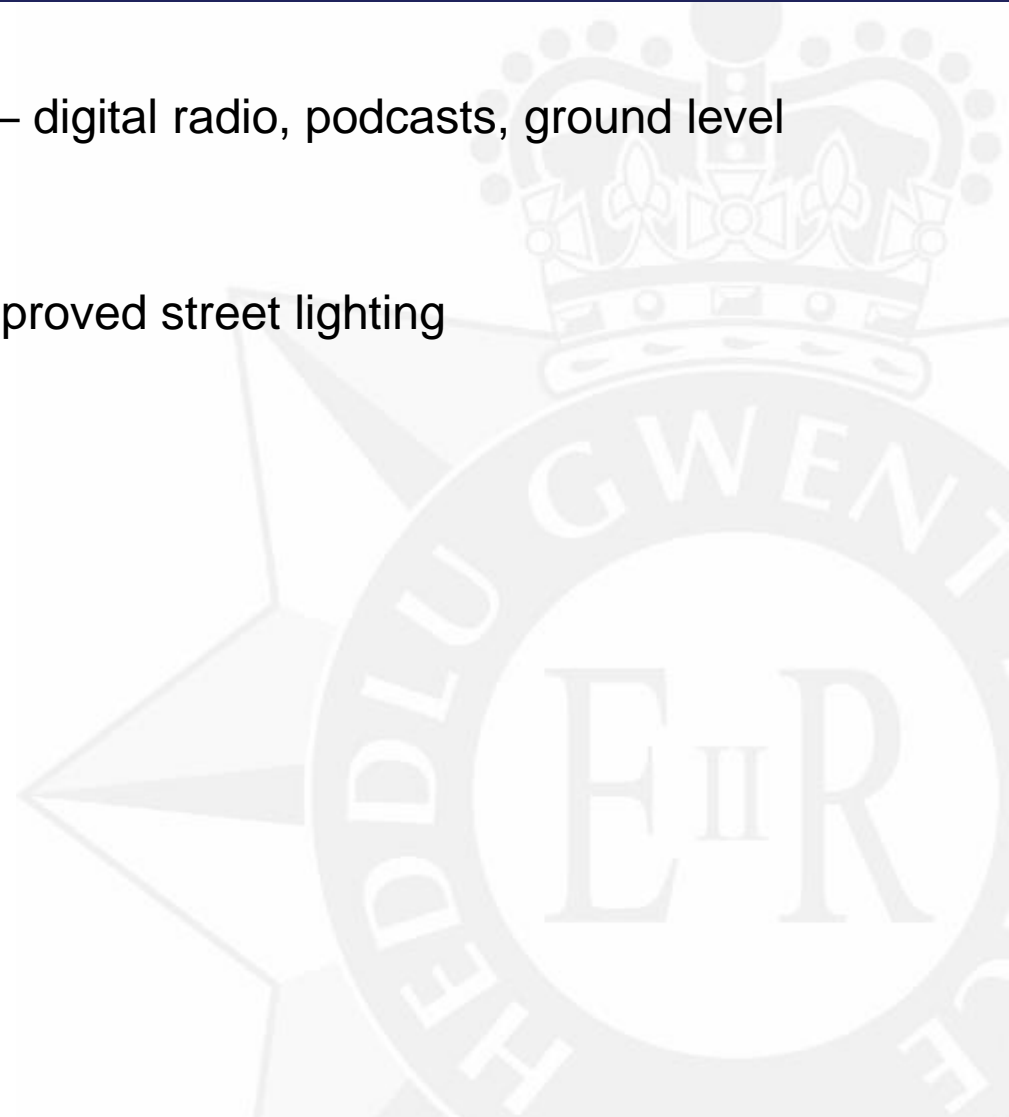
What have we delivered?

- Over 2000 Property marking and crime prevention packs – Smartwater, deterrent signage & crime prevention advice – further events planned
- Improved signage throughout Rhymney area – deterrent to offenders and reassure residents
- Home security improvements to more than 370 homes– door locks, security lighting systems, lighting timers, Ring doorbells and Ring stick up cameras
- Second hand retailers have been provided with UV/LED torches to check for forensic marking
- Covert assets – Capture Cars and Capture Bicycles purchased and are being deployed in these areas



What have we delivered?

- Comprehensive media campaign – digital radio, podcasts, ground level marketing
- Upgraded CCTV coverage and improved street lighting





Next Steps

- Continue to work in partnership with local authorities to deliver benefits to the community
- Finalise installation of CCTV and street lighting
- Distribute surplus equipment to communities – risk based
- Q4 reporting
- Evaluation



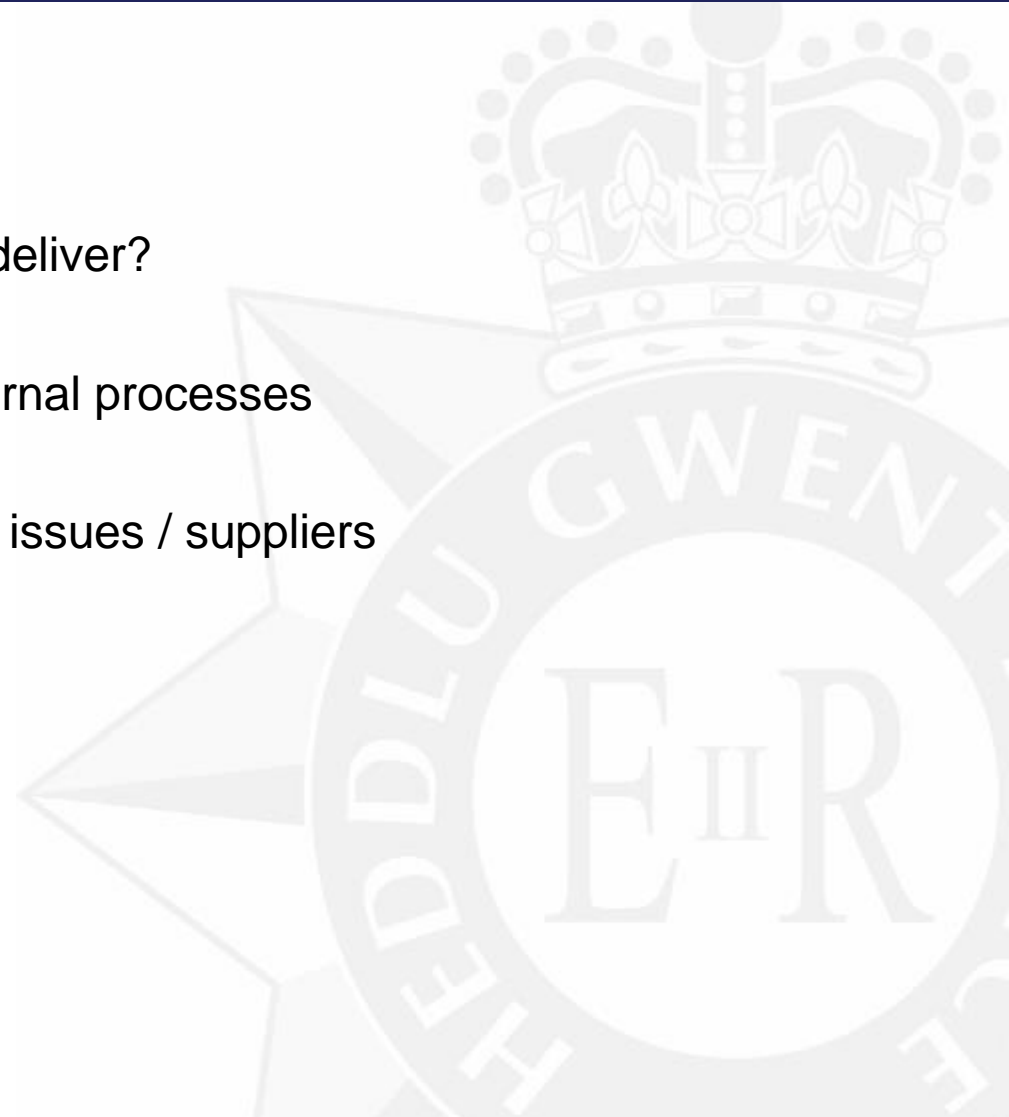
Benefits

- Reduction in acquisitive crime – burglary, theft, robbery
- Recovery and return of stolen property to owners
- Increased conviction rates for offenders
- Increased number of positive outcomes for offences
- Increased public confidence in police and local authority
- Strong relationship between partners and the community



Lessons Learnt

- Recruitment vs Contractors
- Local Authority buy in – can they deliver?
- Procurement – understanding internal processes
- Need to be flexible – supply chain issues / suppliers
- Project Management





Safer Streets 3

- 2 x successful bids – Stow Hill & Victoria (Newport) & Abergavenny (Monmouthshire)
- Tackle the issue of Violence against women and girls (VAWG)
- Total funding across both projects - £673,181



Why these areas? – Stow Hill

- Stow Hill / Victoria – adjacent to City Centre – high footfall due to retail and NTE premises.
- Number of urban parks requiring improvement
- Number of poorly lit streets and alleyways
- Engagement with community based organisations and individuals indicated high levels of concern for safety amongst women and girls – ‘I don’t feel safe in Newport and I don’t feel safe letting my female staff walk around anymore’ (local business owner)
- Violent crime and ASB higher than force average – residents feel unsafe leading to heightened community concern



Why these areas? – Abergavenny

- Relatively affluent area but with pockets of significant deprivation
- Large urban park that is used as a general thoroughfare from residential areas to the town centre – this is poorly lit and had no CCTV coverage.
- Number of poorly lit streets within LSOA, with a large amount of graffiti and overgrown foliage
- Engagement with community based organisations and individuals indicated high levels of concern for safety amongst women and girls
- Proportionately high number of sexual offences reported



What have we delivered?

- Over 2000 personal safety alarms given out – more to go
- Creation of 2 'night-time' ambassador roles in Newport. Uniformed presence to offer help and visible deterrent
- Purchase of 4 x tuk-tuk electric vehicles to be used in both project areas





What have we delivered?

- New and upgraded street lighting
- New and upgraded CCTV
- Graffiti removal and cutting back of shrubbery
- Development and delivery of educational programme for schools, youth and community groups
- Development of a Safer Streets Business accreditation scheme for both areas
- Supporting local community initiatives
- Fitness and wellbeing classes – in progress – 832 spaces filled. Creche facilities



Next Steps

- Continue to work in partnership with local authorities to deliver benefits to the community
- Finalise installation of CCTV and street lighting
- Finalise distribution of personal safety items
- Q4 reporting
- Evaluation



Benefits

- Reduction in offences involving VAWG
- Long term cultural change
- Increased conviction rates for offenders
- Improved feelings of safety
- Create a safe and healthy environment
- Strong relationship between police, partners and the community



Lessons Learnt

- Local Authority buy in – can they deliver?
- Procurement – understanding internal processes
- Need to be flexible – supply chain issues / suppliers
- Project Management



Questions?

