



Operation Pepperberry/Operation Greenbank Publication Strategy

Category	Types of Information
Communications	<p>Operation Greenbank is the operational name Merseyside Police gave in response to the major incident in Southport in July 29th 2024.</p> <p>Operation Pepperberry is the operational name Merseyside Police gave in response to the public disorder investigative element of the disorder which took place in Southport and other areas in Merseyside during July and August 2024.</p> <p>In relation to both of these operations, regular updates were communicated to the public via local and national media and through the Merseyside Police website and social media platforms.</p> <p>These can be located on the following link - News Merseyside Police</p>
Strategy and Policy & Decision Making	<p>This is the <u>Gold Commander Overarching Strategic Aim</u> for the response to the disorder which occurred in Southport and across Merseyside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work in partnership with stakeholders, communities and partners to ensure public safety • providing a policing response that is proportionate to the risks presented by the gathering and • mindful of community feelings at this difficult me. This will aim to ensure as far as reasonably • practicable we work in partnership to prevent crime and disorder, mitigate disruption and preserve • the Kings Peace whilst also recognising local, regional and national community tensions. <p>The initial agreed <u>Gold Commander Objectives</u> for the disorder are as follows: -</p> <p>Preserve life and protect the public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To prevent and detect crime and prevent damage to property: • To prevent incidents of disorder and maintain the Kings Peace • To Develop a Co-Ordinated Communication Strategy: • To ensure that a coordinated response is provided to incidents and that relevant contingency plans are developed: • Consideration to be given to Articles 8, 9, 10 and 11 ECHR – collectively known as the right to protest. • To minimise disruption and maintain confidence of residential communities and provide reassurance through provision of appropriate information. • To work with all partners to return the area back to normality as soon as practicably possible: • To maintain public trust and confidence in Merseyside Police: <p>Key communication updates which included ongoing decisions regarding the investigations and disorder were provided by Merseyside Police to the media as the investigations progressed as per the above communications link.</p>
Finance	<p>The finance costs relate to both the disorder in Merseyside and the subsequent investigation into it.</p>

	<p>Mutual aid was requested and there has been no financial implications of this for Merseyside Police - Mutual Aid costs are all staying with the home (sending) force so there are no costs included below.</p> <p>Total policing cost for policing at 30th September 2024 is approximate £1,846,791, of which £240,000 relates to the replacement or repair of force vehicles.</p>
Staffing	<p>The event was staffed with an emphasis on additional public order officers for the disorder, to support the investigation and ensure business as usual service levels across the force were maintained.</p> <p>Additional resources in Merseyside Police were redeployed to support these operations assisting with the public order response and investigations.</p> <p>This ensured both an effective response to the public disorder and enabled the ongoing investigations to be expedited whilst ensuring offenders were brought to justice.</p> <p>The whole of Merseyside Police force operations team was engaged with the force response to both of these operations. This included Commanders, public order advisors, Gold and Silver logistics, Planning officers, and welfare Bronze in addition to increased support by local policing teams, intelligence and communications and media team.</p> <p>Mutual Aid arrangements, from regional and National police forces were utilised for the specialisms of; Public Order trained staff and investigations, for both of these operations.</p> <p><u>Injured Officers</u></p> <p>During the above events there were a total of 85 officers injured.</p>
Operational Activity	<p>As a result of this disorder, to date, there have been the following number of people arrested;</p> <p>130 people arrested 92 charged 70 sentenced (151 years imprisonment)</p>
Professional Standards	<p>There were 10 complaints about police recorded during this operations.</p>

In Summary

From the initial incident in Southport, Merseyside Police has worked with its partners on Operation Greenbank, the investigation into the murders of Elsie Dot Stancombe, Alice da Silva Aguiar and Bebe King and attempted murders of others who attended the event. An 18-year-old man, Axel Rudakubana, was charged with the murders of the three girls, 10 counts of attempted murder and possession of a bladed article. A provision trial is scheduled for January.

As a result of misinformation online, the following day disorder broke out in Southport, which extended across the UK and other parts of Merseyside over the following 10 days.

Merseyside Police condemn in the strongest possible terms the violence and disorder that took place across the region during this time following the tragic stabbings of three innocent young girls.

Merseyside Police and key Criminal Justice stakeholders and partners worked together to provide an effective response to the public disorder, by publicising those offenders arrested, charged and sentenced, in order to prevent further incidents of disorder and bring offenders to justice. Merseyside Police continues to publicise offenders on its website, via social media and via local and national media.

Ongoing support is being provided to victims by Merseyside Police and Victim Care Merseyside. Police officers and staff who attended the incident and disorder have been provided with additional support.