

Meeting: Safer Communities Executive Board

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Report Title: Key Issues from Acquisitive Crime Partnership Board

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Summary

The Acquisitive Crime Partnership Board is responsible for taking forward partnership activity to contribute to the achievement of NI16 (serious acquisitive crime rate). Good progress is being made on the completion of the board's action plan. The board has also developed and is taking forward a burglary action plan.

Recommendations

This report is for information only.

Financial/Legal Comments

N/A

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1. Background

- 1.1. The Acquisitive Crime Partnership Board meets on a quarterly basis and is responsible for taking forward multi agency activity to contribute to the achievement of NI16 (serious acquisitive crime rate).
- 1.2. According to the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) weekly scorecard, in this performance year to date (1st April to 16th November) the serious acquisitive crime rate has fallen by 1.6% compared to the same period last year. However, burglary has increased by 2.9% and theft from a motor vehicle has increased by 8.6%.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1. The acquisitive crime partnership board action plan is progressing well. The action plan includes activity relating to intelligence-led crime prevention advice, sharing information between different partners and implementing the problem solving model to address specific crime issues.
- 2.2. The board has prioritised both motor vehicle crime and burglary as these crime types contribute most significantly to the overall serious acquisitive crime rate.
- 2.3. During the first quarter of 2008/9 burglary continued to show an increase. In response to this information the September Acquisitive Crime Partnership Board (ACPB) focused on burglary. A partnership burglary action plan has been developed and is being delivered by members of the board.
- 2.4. The partnership burglary action plan is divided into four key objectives: prevention, intelligence and data analysis, enforcement and reassurance.
- 2.5. One of the key projects commissioned as part of the action plan was a proactive target hardening project for properties in three burglary hotspot areas. This approach is based on good practice from other borough and on a model used in Haringey for victims of burglary aged 55 and over.
- 2.6. Funding was also secured to commission a burglary schools project. However, the campaign was revised in response to a significant increase in allegations of theft from motor vehicles. A competition will be run for primary school students to re-design a motor vehicle crime prevention poster. The aim of this project is to update the current publicity and to raise awareness of measures to prevent theft from motor vehicles among students and their families.
- 2.7. As part of the burglary plan, work is also being carried out to bring the crime prevention and the housing agendas together. This includes the ACPB commenting on the draft Housing Strategy and the MPS Crime Prevention Officers sharing information with Housing Renewal Team about vulnerable properties. This will help to develop a picture about private landlords so that enforcement action can be taken, where necessary.
- 2.8. The November ACPB meeting focused on motor vehicle crime. The following actions were agreed:
 - a) Further analysis of the problem will be completed. This will include the development of victim profiles and a mapping exercise.
 - b) Targeted projects will be developed on the basis this analysis.
 - c) Victim profiles will be monitored to assess the impact of these projects

- 2.9. The next ACPB meeting will include a presentation about the Haringey re-offending action plan, an update about burglary and motor vehicle crime.