

REPORT OF THE CABINET TO COUNCIL: 15 July 2013

Chair: Councillor Claire Kober

Recommendations from Cabinet on:

- a. Adoption of the Community Safety Strategy 2013 – 2017**
- b. Review of the Local Code of Corporate Governance**

Recommendation from Cabinet: Adoption of the Community Safety Strategy 2013 - 2017

The Council has reserved the right to exercise certain functions including the approval of the Community Safety Strategy. A list of all of the functions of Full Council is specified in Part 2 Article 4 of the Constitution.

Background information

The Community Safety Partnership has developed a new Community Safety Strategy (CSS) in response to changes promoted by the Mayor of London and to the financial pressures faced by Local Authorities and their partners. The outcomes set out in the strategy are based on a comprehensive strategic assessment, multi-agency workshops and public consultation.

The strategy has been developed during a time of reducing budgets and unprecedented changes in policing, probation and the way in which services are delivered by Local Authorities. The focus is on a limited number of outcomes (set out below) that are well evidenced as providing a challenge in Haringey:

Outcome One	Rebuild and improve public confidence in policing and maintaining community safety
Outcome Two	Prevent and minimise gang-related activity and victimisation
Outcome Three	Break the cycle of domestic and gender-based abuse by working in partnership to promote healthy and safe relationships
Outcome Four	Reduce re-offending with a focus on 16 – 24 year olds
Outcome Five	Prevent and reduce acquisitive crime and anti-social behaviour (to include residential burglary, personal robbery, vehicle crime, fraud and theft)
Outcome Six	Deliver the PREVENT strategy in Haringey

The tasks to deliver each strategic outcome will be set out in an annual delivery plan which will be overseen by the CSP. For each action there will be relevant milestones, targets, timelines and an appropriate lead agency identified. The delivery plan will also seek to rationalise the range of existing action plans across the council in order that officers work from this single document in future. A Performance Management Group (PMG) will ensure that progress against milestones and targets are monitored and met. Different partners will take responsibility for oversight and reporting on the outcomes to the PMG, affording greater scrutiny.

Recommended:

That Council adopts the Community Safety Strategy 2013-2017, as set out under Item 9 of the Council agenda.

Recommendation from Cabinet on Review of the Local Code of Corporate Governance

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Background Information

The Code of Corporate Governance exists as part of the Local Authority's governance framework. The CIPFA/SOLACE framework, "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government" (2007) established principles and standards to assist Local Authorities to develop and maintain their codes of governance and discharge their accountability for the proper conduct of business. To ensure that their guidance remained fit for purposes, CIPFA/SOLACE issued an Addendum to the Guidance in December 2012.

The framework places significant emphasis on six core principles of good governance. These principles have been taken from 'The Good Governance Standard for Public Services' (2004) developed by the Independent Commission on Good Governance in Public Services with support from the Office Public Management and CIPFA. The principles have been adapted to local government purposes for the framework and are included in the Haringey Code of Corporate Governance.

The six core principles of good governance are:

- A - Focusing on the purpose of the authority and on outcomes for the community and creating and implementing a vision for the local area.
- B - Members and Officers working together to achieve a common purpose with clearly defined functions and roles.
- C - Promoting values for the authority and demonstrating the values of good governance through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour.
- D - Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk.
- E - Developing the capacity and capability of members and officers to be effective.
- F - Engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability.

Recommended:

Cabinet recommends that Council adopt the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance.