



Haringey Council

Agenda item:

[No.]

**CABINET**

On 22 April 2008

Report Title: **Safer for All Strategy 2008 – 2011**

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable):

Report of: **Councillor Nilgun Canver, Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Community Safety**

Authorised by: Sharon Kemp (Assistant Chief Executive PP&C)

Signature

Date 11/4/08.

Wards(s) affected: All

Report for: Key

**1. Purpose (That is, the decision required)**

1.1 To inform Cabinet of the statutory 3-year partnership plan for Safer Communities entitled Safer for All 2008 – 2011 – (The full document plus a short summary are attached)

**2. Introduction by Cabinet Member**

2.1 The agenda that the Safer Communities Partnership has been developing over the past few years has placed Haringey in an excellent position to deliver the new national framework and priorities. This includes progress made with the use of partnership data and the higher level of public consultation through, for example, Safer Neighbourhood Teams

2.2 The proposed priorities and approach have been widely discussed and match the priorities that have been identified through local consultation. The strategy as a whole reflects the learning that the partnership has achieved over the past few years.

- 2.3 The new indicator framework is more focused but will remain a real challenge. Tightening up on business processes, minimising duplication, working more closely with the community and further developing partnership delivery will all be more important than ever over the coming few years.
- 2.4 The Safer Communities Partnership has achieved some exceptional results over the past two years and sustaining reductions across the board will be a challenge that will require the close and effective alignment of our experience, knowledge and joint resources.

### **3. Recommendations**

3.1 For Members to endorse this Strategy

3.2 For Members to note compliance with statutory duties (as outlined in section 4)

Report Authorised by: Jean Croot, Head of Safer Communities Service

Contact Officer: Claire Kowalska, Community Safety Manager

### **4. Director of Legal Comments**

- 4.1 The Head of Legal Services has been consulted in the preparation of this report, and makes the following comments.
- 4.2 The Head of Legal Services can confirm that the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 does place a duty on the Council to formulate and implement a strategy designed to reduce crime and disorder – to include anti-social behaviour and other such behaviour which has an adverse effect on the Borough - and to combat the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substance abuse in the Borough.
- 4.3 The strategy is required to cover a period of three years, and is to contain measurable targets and objectives - informed by partnership working with local stakeholders and consultation with residents - which are required to be monitored by the Council. There is an obligation to make such changes as are required in order to ensure that the strategy remains effective as a means of meeting its objectives.
- 4.4 Detailed action plans with smart targets are in preparation and will sit under each priority area outlined in the strategy. At the time of writing this report, negotiations were still underway with Government Office for London. The deadline given by them for a final version is 2<sup>nd</sup> June with a public summary available in July 2008
- 4.5 The Head of Legal Services confirms that the strategy attached to the report meets the statutory framework.

## **5. Director of Finance Comments**

- 5.1 The key resources available to support achievement of the agreed priorities outlined in the attached strategy principally come from three sources (a) the Area Based Grant (ABG), (b) the National Treatment Agency (NTA) and (c) funding aligned by other HSP partners – largely the Police. The ABG forms the largest portion of funding.
- 5.2 As Chief Officers are aware, 2008/09 will be a transitional year in terms of the allocation and use of the ABG pending the introduction of a new performance framework which will allow for more strategic decision making on how and where this funding is directed and a move towards a commissioning framework is envisaged. Officers and Members should be aware that this could impact on the level of funding available beyond 2008/09 to support implementation of the Strategy/Partnership Plan.
- 5.3 NTA funding has also only been confirmed for 2008/09 but indicative figures are available for the following two years.

## **6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

- 6.1 The key documents were used to support this strategy:
- Cutting Crime 2008 – 2011 National Strategy
  - Home Office Guide to Effective Partnership Working (2007)
  - National Drug and Alcohol Strategies
  - Staying Safe (Dept. of Children, Schools and & Families) (2008))
  - Working Together to Cut Crime and Deliver Justice (2007)
  - National Community Safety Plan (2008)

## **7. Strategic Implications**

- 7.1 The delivery and performance structure in this strategy formalises much of what is already being done. The overarching strategic priorities identified should be tackled at a local level according to residents' concerns and local intelligence. The approach advocates the application of partnership problem solving at an area based level, assisted by intelligence and guidance from the Safer Communities Service. The area based working priorities will be linked to the new Assessment of Police and Community Safety priorities.
- 7.2 Closer joint working, planning and the maximising of effort and outcome is proposed across key Council departments and with partner agencies, notably with a view to joining up work in support of better outcomes for young people and those resettling back into the community in need of simultaneous assistance with housing, treatment, and employment. This will require strong links with, for example, the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, Integrated Housing Board and Enterprise Board.

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1 The Area-Based Grant has now been confirmed and the Safer Communities Service has prepared a draft highlight resource allocation plan for 08/09 – appended to the main strategy. Close performance monitoring will ensure that we are able to deliver and achieve value for money.

## **9. Legal Implications**

- 9.1 Please see above the comments of the Head of Legal Service

## **10. Equalities Implications**

- 10.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken by the Equalities Team, which is favourable and has highlighted compliance with equalities' legislation.

## **Consultation**

- 11.1 A workshop for the members of the Safer Communities Partnership was held in December 2007 to assess what had worked well and what remains a challenge for the future. There was a high degree of consensus among members about future priorities.
- 11.2 Every six months, 200 residents in each ward (3,800 residents across the borough) have been consulted by Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) about their top three community safety priorities. This Strategy has been built around SNT consultation and local priority setting over the past two years and matched against the priorities reflected through data, intelligence and experience.
- 11.3 A bespoke consultation exercise was undertaken during the Christmas period 2007 around concern about crime in top crime hotspots, including Wood Green and Tottenham High Road.
- 11.4 A Safer Sixties event has regularly taken place in the borough over the past few years. This has been well attended and highly appreciated. Crime, fire safety and advice on health into old age have been covered and the opportunity used to consult a cross section of the older population about their particular safety concerns.
- 11.5 Members of the Community Police Consultative Group and all ward Chair Panels have been consulted and have commented on the Strategy.
- 11.6 Significant, direct consultation has taken place with young people in the borough over the past year. This included the Haringey Young People Empowered consultation (via the Community and Police Consultative Group); the Say Yes school/business Challenge and consultation with young members of the African-Caribbean community on issues of disproportionality, victimisation and crime.
- 11.7 An extensive multi-agency consultation exercise was undertaken in 3 wards significantly affected by crime and anti-social behaviour prior to piloting Community Justice Courts in Haringey.
- 11.8 Broader public consultation has taken place through the Haringey website.
- 11.9 Consultation, views and feedback will be ongoing through Ward Panels and area-based working.
- 11.10 A larger, annual partnership consultation event will take place during 08/09

## **12 Background**

- 12.1 The production, implementation and monitoring of this strategy is a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent reviews of this legislation.
- 12.2 The broad headings and overall content has been proposed by the Home Office and developed with support from the Government Office for London.
- 12.3 All priorities in the Strategy reflect agreed targets and ways of working locally, and the content of the draft is in line with Haringey's Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement.
- 12.4 The specific content is based on information from evaluation reports, public consultation and analysis using data covering 18 months to 3 years.

## **13 Conclusion**

- 13.1 This draft is based on sound evidence and issues identified through local consultation. It is the culmination of many years of partnership experience and it complies with new guidance from central Government.
- 13.2 Delivery will depend more than ever on constructive collaboration across Council departments and with partner agencies
- 13.3 The strategy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

## **11. Use of Appendices / Tables / Photographs**

- 11.1 Strategy and appendices
- 11.2 Two-page summary supplied