

## Safer for All 2008 – 2011 (Summary)

### 1. Background

The Haringey Safer Communities Partnership is responsible for addressing crime, drug and alcohol misuse and anti-social behaviour across the borough, and for ensuring that Haringey is prepared for major emergencies.

The partnership combines the energy, experience and resources of the Council, Police, health authorities, fire service and many valuable voluntary and community groups. Since the establishment of Safer Neighbourhood Teams in each ward, residents have been contributing to our work more than ever.

The format and content of the strategy complies with new Home Office Guidance for Effective Partnership Working and with new national crime reduction strategies. Haringey is ahead of the game in many required areas, such as partnership data provision and information sharing. The partnership also has good arrangements in place for evaluating and monitoring projects, working in neighbourhoods and for building on success from year to year.

### 2. What we have learnt

There have been many successes since the start of the last strategy in terms of falling crime, a decrease in public concern about crime and a better understanding of the drivers of crime. However, lessons learnt from all areas of community safety include:

- a joined-up approach to youth crime is necessary and services for young people should be co-ordinated
- solutions need to be long-term and holistic – early intervention is key
- intelligence and analysis is vital, as is information sharing
- good communication, consultation and engagement is important
- collaborative working must be at the core of planning

### 3. Key priorities for 2008-2011

We are pleased to present our joint priorities for the next few years as follows:

- Young people – prevention and support
- Serious crime – violence, acquisitive crime and domestic violence
- Anti-social behaviour – A focus on children and families, housing and the public realm
- Drugs and alcohol – prevention, effective treatment and re-integration
- Reducing re-offending – adults and young people
- Increasing confidence in the Criminal Justice System

### 4. Delivery

From a list of 198 new national targets across Government and 35 core targets across Haringey, the Safer Communities Partnership has chosen the following six improvement areas which we believe will contribute most to improvements on the ground:

- Reducing serious violent crime

- Reducing serious acquisitive crime (robbery, burglary and vehicle crime)
- Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and the police
- Building resilience to violent extremism
- Getting drug users into effective drug treatment
- Preventing young people aged 10 – 17 from entering the Youth Justice System

There is support from the partnership to work more strategically across areas of responsibility; to focus on outcomes and to place communication and engagement at the heart of delivery. Joint problem-solving will be reinvigorated and supported by regular training and application.

The Safer Communities Service will develop and monitor action plans every year and provide a link between the work and achievements of area-based groups and our performance across the borough, ensuring the best possible outcomes for all.

#### **5. Ongoing public involvement**

The partnership must hold at least one full public meeting a year and we will plan to hold an awareness raising and inter-active session in a relevant area such as Wood Green or Tottenham High Road, following the success of a similar event a few years' ago.

A community engagement forward plan is being finalised as an appendix to the strategy and this will focus on the groups and communities most affected by crime locally.

Ongoing, two-way communication about crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour will continue, for example, through the work of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and the Drug User Involvement Group and will be built into all project plans for the coming year.

A summary of the strategy is being produced in concise, user-friendly language with an up-to-date card of useful contact numbers and sites.

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