



Meeting: Safer Communities Executive Board

Date: 23 June 2008

Report Title: Annual Review 2007/08

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1. Purpose

1.1 To inform members of the board of the proposed content of the public Annual Review of Safer Communities activity and delivery for 2007-08

2. Background

2.1 It is not only good practice but also a requirement to feed back to the public the outcome of partnership work over the past year. For the last couple of years, Government Office for London has been encouraging a short and simple format such as the one attached for Haringey. It will be formatted as a simple fold out leaflet, following this popular format in previous years.

3. Draft Annual Review 2007-08 – see attached text

Annual Review 2007 08 - Keeping Haringey Safe Across All our Communities

In our annual review for 2007-08, we are pleased to share with you some recent achievements of the Safer Communities Partnership.

The Partnership is made up of Haringey Council, the Police, Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust, the Probation Service, the Fire Service, local charities and community and voluntary organisations. We are delighted to be welcoming two new members this year from Community Link.

Last year was another very successful year. There were significantly fewer victims of crime compared to the previous year (**check number**). We achieved record reductions in many crime types; and the number of drug-using offenders entering and remaining in treatment has significantly increased. Safer Neighbourhood Teams are well established in every ward in the borough and maintain high levels of popularity.

For the coming few years, we have reconfirmed our commitment to early intervention and problem-solving and we will continue to balance deterrence and enforcement with prevention, support and treatment. We will also continue to invest in activities and programmes that meet the needs of the community.

As always, maintaining high performance and lasting improvements will be a real challenge and we ask for your continued support and co-operation. In return, we will work *smarter* together to create an environment that *is* safer and *feels* safer.

Councillor Nilgun Canver
Cabinet Member
Enforcement & Community Safety

Richard Wood
Acting Borough Commander
Haringey MPS

Helen Brown
Acting Deputy Chief Executive
Teaching Primary Care Trust

John Brown
Borough Fire Commander

Crime reduction

- There was some excellent performance in 2007/08 with falls in personal robbery (by 24.8%), theft of motor vehicle (by 10.3%), wounding/assault (by 8.8%) and theft from the person (by 8.7%)
- Sanctioned detections for domestic violence offences were better than ever, standing at a rate of 60%, and well ahead of the target
- In the latest Annual Resident's Survey, concern about crime fell from 54% to 46%; lower than the London average (54%) and at the lowest level since 2000 (41%). Older people tended to be less concerned about crime than younger people: 56% of 11 to 17 year olds stated that they were concerned about crime, compared with 39% of people aged 60 and over
- One quarter of all offenders were brought to justice in Haringey, the highest in Greater London
- The Q-Car model that has been successful in dealing with robbery and has been applied to burglary. This has enabled proactive stop and searches on the street leading to quick identification and arrests of known and suspected burglars

Awareness raising and prevention

- Privacy spaces – yellow boxes painted on the pavement – have been marked around cash machines in Muswell Hill Broadway and Fortis Green Road. This aims to give the user a 'personal defensible space', making them aware of other people nearby and helping to reduce theft of card details
- All Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been provided with portable correx posters with an anti-burglary and motor vehicle crime message for use in hotspots
- Over the Christmas period, a 'posters on wheels' van drove around burglary hotspots in the borough
- Stickers reminding vehicle owners to take all of their belongings with them were posted on every pay and display machine in the borough

Domestic violence support

- Use of Hearthstone Domestic Violence service increased significantly in 2007/08, with more than 1200 referrals, and continues to reflect the borough's diverse communities
- In November 2007 on White Ribbon Day the Borough won an award of distinction from the Mayor of London in recognition of the outstanding and innovative work done to combat Domestic Violence
- During the last year, Hearthstone has had an increase in staffing and in the next year will be undergoing a physical expansion. This will ensure a more appropriate space for survivors, and allow additional services to be available on site

Safer Neighbourhoods Policing

- Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been working on the London-wide Army Cadet Force Outreach programme. This aims to help disengaged young people who may be vulnerable to becoming involved in crime, by using challenging activities to raise self-esteem and build confidence. The Teams have been working together to identify young people in the borough to benefit from the programme.
- Safer Transport operations led to 100 arrests for offences including drug offences, offensive weapons, fare evasion, public disorder and fraud

Tactical enforcement operations

- The Out-of-Hours Enforcement Response team is now accompanied by police officers and is additionally able to carry out licensing and planning enforcement. The service runs 24 hours a day
- There have been successful convictions and jail sentences for street trading without a licence; fines have been given for blocking the footway and contravention of the smoking ban.
- A joint operation between the Tactical Enforcement Team, Safer Neighbourhood Team and Officers from Federation Against Copyright Theft led to the seizure of around 3,000 illegal DVDs and CDs with an estimated street value of £15,000.

Reducing drug and alcohol misuse

- There was an increase in the numbers of people into drug treatment: **1347 (provisional – are final figures available yet?)** in 2007/08, and an 86% retention rate above the national target of 80%
- Bringing Unity Back into the Community (BUBIC), a pioneering peer-led support group were the regional winners of the Home Office sponsored 'Tackling Drugs Changing Lives Awards'. Their work was recognised for its commitment, passion and drive, and the contribution they make to tackling substance misuse problems in black and minority ethnic communities.
- Haringey Reachout, a short-term outreach project which aims to increase the numbers of drug users, particularly hard-to-reach drug users, going into drug treatment, has been running four evenings a week. Workers across the drug and alcohol agencies are involved and the long-term plan is to develop an outreach strategy.
- Eban is a new stimulant/poly drug service in the borough. The service provides hard to reach users with low level engagement services such as space to shower, eat, laundry as well as providing evidence-based treatment interventions.

Anti-social behaviour improvements

- There has been a highly successful policy of prevention in relation to ASB with the emphasis on Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. Haringey has managed the highest number of crack house closures in London.
- There has been selective use of ASBO's for persistent and serious cases, with a 98% success rate in court applications.
- Five commendations have been received for ASBAT officers relating to their work to combat ASB in the Borough. Two of these were commendations received by the Acting Chief Superintendent, Haringey Police Service, the first of their kind for Haringey Council employees.
- For the second year running, ASBAT held workshops with young people in schools during their crime awareness day. The sessions focused on the impact and repercussions of ASB and gave the chance for the pupils to raise their concerns. Other schools are programmed throughout the year.
- Haringey ASBAT and Youth Offending Service co-facilitated the *Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities* parenting programme, with high levels of attendance and progress by participants. The aim of the programme is to equip those responsible for their children's behaviour with improved parenting skills and techniques. An awards ceremony was held at the end of April.

Supporting young people

- St Thomas More School pupils participated in a highly successful and well publicised Say Yes Challenge. The challenge is a social enterprise project engaging young people to develop solutions to local crime and anti-social behaviour issues, working with mentors from the business sector. Another challenge is planned for this year.
- The number of first time entrants into the youth justice system has decreased by 5.4% since 2005/06, and in 2007/08, 75% of all young people supervised received full-time educational/employment provision, an increase since last year
- The YOS received the national *Communicating Youth Justice Award 2007* for Best Promotional Work for the Trail Blaze Cannabis Awareness Board game, which was developed by YOS drugs workers. The award was presented at the National Youth Justice Board conference in October
- Primary school staff have been trained in restorative approaches for use in schools to encourage young people to understand the impact of their actions at an early stage
- The Fire Service launched the new Local Intervention Fire Education (LIFE) programme for young people and has been running a pilot in Haringey. The intensive programme helps the participants to understand the roles of a fire fighter and the consequences of deliberate fire setting and vandalism. In Haringey, the young people have been undertaking training exercises, casualty rescue and problem solving tasks.

Planning for emergencies

- The Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Team responded to a large fire at Grand Parade, Green Lanes. The team coordinated the response of the Council, providing support for the emergency services and help and support to residents who were evacuated from their homes at 5am on a Saturday morning.
- Other incidents have included a tower block fire and major power cut
- In addition to responding to incidents the team has organised a number of training events to practice for serious emergencies affecting the borough, for example a major hospital fire and an extreme storm event
- Many lessons were learnt from the floods in summer 2007 and partners have been working together to implement them, developing a flood plan for the borough

Other achievements

- Community Justice Courts are being piloted at Tottenham Court, covering crimes committed in Northumberland Park, Seven Sisters, Tottenham Green and Tottenham Hale, as well as borough-wide knife crime and prostitution. The purpose of these courts is to ensure that the sentences given reflect concerns of the local community; address the risk factors leading to offending behaviour; and provide reparation opportunities suggested by members of the community. Overall, the courts aim to reduce re-offending.

For more information about the planned work of the Haringey Safer Communities Partnership, go to the *Safer for All Strategy 2008-2011* on our website www.haringey.gov.uk. Or please phone us on 020 8489 6957 for a hard copy of the strategy and other documents.

Other useful contact numbers:

Anti-social Behaviour Action hotline – 0845 671 1177
 Victim Support line – 0845 30 30 900
 Hearthstone – 020 8888 5362
 Crimestoppers – 0800 555 111