

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 2016, 14.00

PRESENT: Cllr Eugene Ayisi (Co-Chair), Helen Millichap (Co-Chair), Andrew Billany, Jeanelle de Gruchy, Tracie Evans, Andrew Francalanza, Gill Gibson, Jonathan Joels, Eubert Malcolm, Cllr Martin Newton, Geoffrey Ocen, Jenni Plummer, Jill Shattock

IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Benmore, Sandeep Broca, Fiona Dwyer, Claire Kowalska, Jennifer Sergeant, Otis Williams, Jeffrey Wooding, Anne Woods.

Borough Commander Helen Millichap in the Chair.

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

RESOLVED

- That the Chair's announcement regarding the filming of the meeting for live or subsequent broadcast be noted.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Jon Abbey (Gill Gibson substituted), Andrew Blight (Jonathan Joels substituted), Joanne McCartney, Beverley Tarka (Jenni Plummer substituted), Helen Twigg (Andrew Francalanza substituted) and Cllr Weston.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

- That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March be agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising:

- School exclusions report: it was updated that a report on this would be considered as part of the Strategic Assessment and would be reported to the January Community Safety Partnership (CSP) meeting.

[action: CK/EM]

- Vulnerable Children Information Sharing Protocol: confirmation was provided that the draft Crime and Disorder Information Sharing Protocol (ISP) had been sent to both the Children's and Adult's Safeguarding Boards and the Council's Legal Services to ensure there was appropriate read across between the two ISPs.
- Request for a further discussion report on CSP priorities: agreed this action was now obsolete.

- The requested revision to the CSP terms of reference regarding the Clinical Commissioning Group had been completed.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHAIRS AND PRIORITIES

Helen Millichap, the Borough Police Commander and Cllr Ayisi, the Council's Cabinet Member for Communities gave brief outlines of their key priorities as the new CSP Co-Chairs.

DCS Millichap identified that since she had taken up post, group sessions had been held with borough police officers to feed into the identification of key themes and priorities for the Haringey Police Service going forward. These included a focus on putting victims first, especially young people, children and the vulnerable; building stronger communities and confidence in policing; partnership working with a prevention focus; offender management and the support provided to frontline police officers.

Cllr Ayisi outlined his key priorities for his portfolio of responsibilities which included community safety, engagement with the Police, youth offending and violence against women and girls (VAWG). He recognised the important opportunity the CSP had to make a positive difference to people's lives in the borough, particularly young people, through a partnership and collaborative resourcing approach. He outlined his three key political priorities for his portfolio which included the community response to VAWG; reducing offending and reoffending; and increasing public confidence in policing.

5. PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

The Chair gave an outline of current performance against the MOPAC 7 neighbourhood targets set within the context of the four year 20% reduction target including short and long term challenges to delivery. It was advised that the MOPAC 7 targets officially ended in April 2016 and currently the new London Mayor was consulting on a new Police and Crime Plan to inform the determination of future priorities and performance measures in this sector.

Key headlines of current performance included:

- A significant 54% increase in the last 12 months in theft from person offences related to a rise in moped enabled crime, a trend seen on a London wide level.
- Violence with injury incidents had seen a 7.8% 12 month increase. This incorporated domestic abuse offences and it was hoped that under the new Mayoral plan, this data could be drilled down further as it was a widespread issue. Street based crimes in this category tended to occur in key town centre hotspots which enabled the targeting of resources such as increasing visible street patrols in these geographic areas.
- An 43% increase in hate crime reports had been seen over the last year, potentially reflecting increased public confidence in reporting these crimes. A moderate spike in incidents had been seen post Brexit but this was within the context of an already upward trajectory.
- Performance around gangs and serious youth violence and knife enabled crime illustrated the importance of a focus going forward on youth engagement and

utilising intelligence around risk and early intervention. It was advised that the Police offer to primary schools would be increased going forward via dedicated ward officers to provide a more focussed, targeted approach to engagement around issues such as grooming, knife crime etc.

- The challenges associated with analysing performance in relation to drugs offences were outlined including the links with organised crime and sensitivities in community engagement in this area around stop and search etc.
- Sustained success had been achieved in reducing burglary rates including the roll out of the Met Trace scheme and a more visible street Police presence.
- An improvement had been seen in confidence levels in policing in the last quarter although it was acknowledged this remained a challenging area going forward and which required greater focus.

The Board raised the following issues in discussion of the report and presentation:

- The value was identified of unpacking the young people element of some of the performance datasets to help inform a more targeted approach in this area. It was advised that this would be captured within the Strategic Assessment. The Chair also outlined the ability of the Police to subdivide knife crime data into figures for the below 25 years age category.
- Concerns were raised that an area based assessment of domestic violence (DV) incidents skewed the underpinning narrative and it was commented that the rate of incidence might be a more appropriate measure. It was also recognised that there were data gaps around the ethnicity of DV perpetrators and victims, as it was advised that the recording of this information by the Police was not currently mandatory but that other Council services might hold information in this regard.
- Drugs were recognised as a key golden thread across crime types and an important area within which to identify vulnerability.
- It was commented that Bruce Grove was an emerging crime hot spot behind Wood Green and Northumberland Park and could potentially be a focus going forward when looking at vulnerability and victimisation data.
- Concerns were raised over reliance on the Public Attitude Survey which was based only on a small sample cohort and thereby how accurately this could be said to reflect and capture the local situation. It was also acknowledged that it was difficult to react to the survey results as confidence in policing remained a complex and nuanced area.

RESOLVED

- That the performance update report be noted.

6. CSP FACILITATED OBJECTIVE SETTING DISCUSSION

The Board participated in a facilitated discussion session on objective setting for the CSP, covering areas such as the make up of the partnership, branding, transformational change and opportunities for new areas of working and where the partnership could add value going forward.

It was agreed that the review undertaken by the Council of partnership arrangements across the borough be circulated to the Board alongside the minutes to help identify

any areas of overlap or gaps and to ensure that lines of reporting and responsibilities were clearly identified to provide a context to discussions over where the partnership could add value.

[action: EM/TE]

The Board held a brief round table discussion and provided the following feedback in response to key questions asked:

Q1) How can the work of the CSP be improved?

- The Board's strategy needed to set out clear, uncluttered lines of communications, assign clear roles and responsibilities and formalise arrangements for information sharing.
- Critical evaluation was required of the past work of the partnership in order to focus on lessons learnt and areas for improvement in approach. An important part of this was ensuring the Board was kept up to date on progress against outcomes and associated feedback.
- Implementation of a CSP communications strategy was required to publicise successes and send out key messages and counter narratives. In order to deliver this, input would be required from the Council's communications team in CSP meetings going forward and as such it was agreed that the team would be invited to future meetings.

[action: Clerk].

- The importance was identified of the CSP being receptive to change and new ways of working.

Q2) Priorities/areas of focus for the partnership going forward

- A focus needed to be maintained on the fundamental role of the partnership to provide challenge and support for key community safety elements but also to recognise the importance of delegation to underpinning sub bodies.
- Improving public confidence was proposed as an overarching objective of the Board in recognition that this was a broader community safety issue than just confidence in policing.
- Additional proposed objectives for the partnership were a focus on members of the community at high risk of harm or considered vulnerable (common definition of prevention required, clear pathways and roles and responsibilities identified) and improving community involvement (linking up to community forums, Youth Council, Bridge Renewal Trust etc to achieve a community voice on the CSP, whilst recognising a careful, nuanced approach was important to community engagement).
- Concerns were raised over the sometimes scattergun approach taken on CSP themes such as engagement with schools and how this could be improved through the assignment of a lead officer.

Q3) How could the CSP add value?

- Focus required on gathering intelligence not just data in order to provide a rounder context and the potential for rolling out a Haringey Stat approach to facilitate a focussed review of all the information held across the partnership on a specific issue.
- Improving the working connections between the strategic and operational mixed role of the CSP.

- Partner agencies interactions with schools relating to community safety required review in order to pool information and to maximise effectiveness in this vital area.
- The CSP had a key role in bringing together overarching themes and strategies and the importance was emphasised of the Board being kept up to date in this regard.
- The holding of themed CSP meetings going forward was proposed to allow a more thorough, detailed review of key areas of responsibility.
- The CSP had a clear role to play in the dissemination of information to the community in conjunction with a clear branding strategy.

A report summarising the discussion session would be drafted by the independent facilitator and submitted to the CSP Executive for consideration. The Executive would then feedback actions to the CSP Board.

[action: EM]

7. PROGRESS AGAINST COMMUNITY SAFETY DELIVERY PLANS

The Board received an update report on progress to date against the annual partnership delivery plan six strategic outcomes. Over 90% of actions were flagged as green or amber green status. The Chair extended her praise to the partnership for the good performance.

A number of areas of concern were flagged up going forward including in the gangs and IOM areas; structural changes to the Community Rehabilitation Company; lack of DWP engagement with the gang exit programme; overambitious targets for female reoffending; and information sharing with the Mental Health Trust. It was identified that the CSP Executive would be leading in taking these actions forward.

Buy in from partners regarding the service offer to young people at risk of reoffending such as housing, employment advice etc was also identified as an area of challenge going forward.

RESOLVED

- That the report be noted.

8. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS CONSULTATION OUTCOME

The Board received a short presentation on the final draft of the VAWG 10 year strategy which was due for submission to Cabinet in November for adoption. The report summarised the feedback submitted during the 10 week consultation process, key points of which had been incorporated into the final draft. The strategy would focus on four key priorities, with community involvement a fundamental thread. A three year action plan would sit under the strategy.

Confirmation was sought on the governance arrangements for implementation of the strategy. It was advised that the main delivery board would be the VAWG Strategy Group but that there would be dual reporting lines back to the CSP as well as the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

The Board identified that further clarification was required on the branding and communications approach accompanying the strategy, defining the key responsibilities for the CSP which would then filter through to the responsibilities of individual agencies for implementation at a frontline level.

A launch event for the strategy would be held on 25 November at Tottenham Town Hall.

RESOLVED

- To note the draft VAWG strategy

9. INFORMATION SHARING PROTOCOL

The Board received a short presentation on the introduction of a Haringey Crime and Disorder Information Sharing Protocol (ISP) building on the presentation given at the last meeting. The importance was emphasised of having an up to date protocol in place to facilitate and govern the effective and secure sharing of information between CSP partners. Examples were provided of the financial consequences to organisations should they incur fines from the Information Commissioner for the misuse of information.

Partners were asked to identify key points of contacts within their organisations to lead on the ISP. Principal signatories had also been identified for each agency (Chief Executive, London Borough of Haringey; Borough Commander, Metropolitan Police Service; Borough Commander, London Fire Brigade; Chief Executive, Haringey Clinical Commissioning Group; Chief Probation Officer, National Probation Service; Assistant Chief Officer, London Community Rehabilitation Company; Chief Executive, Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust; Managing Director, Homes for Haringey; Director, Bridge Renewal Trust) who needed to formally sign the ISP and send the information through to the Community Safety Team. The ISP would then be ratified at the next meeting in January.

[action: TE, HM, JC, JS, AB, ML, AB, GO].

10. RECENT INCIDENTS UPDATE

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

18 January 2017 and 29 March

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date