

Meeting: Safer Communities Executive Board

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Report Title: Strategic Assessment

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Summary:

The Strategic Assessment analyses crime, disorder and environmental data in Haringey to identify problem issues and emerging trends. This will assist the partnership in identifying priorities for reducing crime and disorder and meeting performance targets.

Recommendations:

That Board members can identify new issues they would like the Strategic Assessment to focus on in the future, for example extending its scope to issues such as health or Worklessness that are related to crime and disorder.

Financial/Legal Comments:

N/A

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1. Background

- 1.1. Home Office statutory requirements state that each year the partnership shall prepare a strategic assessment of crime, disorder and substance misuse to inform/revise the partnership plan. The Strategic Assessment will also guide problem solving to impact on targets.

- 1.2. Previously, Strategic Assessments were created on a six-monthly basis and were a data report. We are now moving to an annual basis and are creating a strategic report with recommendations based on analysis and interpretation of the data.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1. **Datasets:** The following list shows the sources/datasets collated and analysed to examine each issue:
 - 2.1.1. **Crime** – recorded crimes (CRIS), arson and malicious calls (London Fire Brigade), ambulance callouts (London Ambulance Service), hate crime (police data), victim data (Victim Support), domestic violence (Hearthstone) and youth victimisation/offending (YOS, police).
 - 2.1.2. **ASB environmental issues** – ASBAT (Anti-Social Behaviour Action Team), calls to emergency services (DARIS), disorder on buses (Code Reds) and road traffic accidents (LASS).
 - 2.1.3. **Environmental issues** – graffiti and flytipping (Haringey Enterprise), noise and refuse complaints (Urban Environment), enforcement FPNs (enforcement), abandoned vehicles (CIVICA).
- 2.2. **Methodology:** A variety of analytical techniques are used to identify issues of concern. Issues are judged to be of concern depending on whether they are high, increasing, or linked to priorities/targets.
 - 2.2.1. **Hotspot maps** are used to identify key locations, wards and geographical trends.
 - 2.2.2. **Long term trend graphs** are used to show long term trends, seasonality, estimate future levels and compare performance with the London average and our most similar boroughs.
 - 2.2.3. **Temporal hotspots** are used to identify key days and times.
 - 2.2.4. **Operational expertise** and anecdotal evidence to explain trends.
 - 2.2.5. The analysis focuses on identifying strategic priorities. Further analysis (for example, Victim/Offender/Location profiling) will identify tactics and opportunities to tackle these priorities.
- 2.3. **Key findings:** key findings and recommendations will be distributed to SCEB members in good time for the meeting on the 15th October.