

# Safer Communities Executive Board

## 15 October 2008

Report Title: **Overarching Policing Priorities for Haringey**

Report of: **Haringey Community & Police Consultative Group Ward Panel Chairs' Public Consultation**

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Haringey Ward Panel Chairs' & Partnership Forum (the Forum) has representatives from each of Haringey's nineteen Wards and from nine non-geographic communities. It receives an overview of crime and disorder in the Borough from analyses provided by the Police and its partners. It assembles twice yearly, to discuss and identify the three key policing issues in Haringey considered to be of highest priority from the community's perspective.

The Forum is a key conduit for community consultation, providing a response on specific community safety issues that the Police and its partners wish to discuss with the communities of Haringey.

### 2. OVERARCHING POLICING PRIORITIES

The three current overarching policing priorities outlined below stem from consultation with local residents and ward panel chairs and are endorsed by the Haringey Community & Police Consultative Group.

| <b>Overarching Policing Priorities derived from Public Consultation</b>                | <b>Recommended Initiatives required to address these concerns</b> |
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| 1. Youth Disorder  | Deployment of detached youth workers                              |
| 2. Violent Crime (partially driven by territorial gang culture on estates/by postcode) | Zero tolerance  |
| 3. Robbery (theft & muggings)  | Zero tolerance  |

From this and further discussions at the Forum's Management Board Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2008, it was concluded that problems relating to young people were the matter of greatest concern to the wider community.

At a subsequent meeting with Jean Croot (Head of Safer Communities, Haringey) and Belinda Evans, (Head of Youth Service, Haringey), the Forum Chair, Ralph Crisp, together with Enid Ledgister, Director, HCPCG & Fred Ellis, Chair, HCPCG, were pleased to learn that measures were in the

process of being implemented, including the formation of a twenty strong Rapid Response Team, which appear to largely address many of the Forum's concerns. This news was welcomed and will be fed back to the Forum.

### **3. FORMULATION OF THE OVERARCHING POLICING PRIORITIES 2009**

The above set priorities cease in March 2009 following its 6 monthly review. The Forum will monitor progress to determine re-occurring trends and/or patterns emanating from each Ward.

The Forum works in-conjunction with local residents to identify the perceived perception of crime and safety, and to agree the next set of policing priorities for the borough. Once the initial consultation work has been carried out and the results have been analysed, the information will be presented to the Safer Communities Executive Board for consideration.

It is the Forum's view that local engagement may be frustrated if locally expressed priorities are not capable of influencing community safety and community policing. In this regard, the Forum would welcome the Safer Communities Executive Board support of the recommendations in this report.

### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a) SCEB notes the Forum's directions for community engagement indicated in setting overarching policing priorities for the Borough.
- b) SCEB endorses the 3 overarching policing priorities identified by the Forum.

Ralph Crisp  
Chair, Forum Management Board