

MINUTES OF MEETING Community Safety Partnership HELD ON Wednesday, 16th December, 2020, 2.00 pm

PRESENT:

Treena Fleming – Borough Commander for Haringey & Enfield, Metropolitan Police (Chair)
Cllr Mark Blake – Cabinet Member for Communities and Equalities
Cllr Kaushika Amin – Cabinet Member for Children and Families
Beverley Tarka – Director Adult & Health, Haringey Council
Ann Graham – Director of Children's Services
Chantelle Fatania – Public Health Consultant
Geoffrey Ocen – Chief Executive, Bridge Renewal Trust
Eubert Malcolm – Interim Assistant Director Stronger Communities
Joe Benmore – Community Safety & Enforcement Team
Karina Kaur - Strategic Lead of Communities
Hugh Smith – Policy & Equalities Officer
Tracey Downie – Executive Director of Housing Management, Homes for Haringey
Roger Hadwen – Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC)
Ian Thompson – Borough Commander, London Fire Brigade
Keith Trotter - Tottenham Town Centre Growth Manager
Graham Philpot - Town Centre Regeneration Officer
Nadia Burrell – Modern Slavery Coordinator
James Lerpiniere, Counter Terrorism Security Advisor (Met. Police)

17. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred Members present to agenda Item 1 as shown on the agenda in respect of filming at this meeting, and Members noted the information contained therein.

18. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

19. URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr Blake advised that there was one new item of Urgent Business. This was the Borough Commander to provide a short update on an incident that took place in West Green Road last week.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th October were agreed as a correct record.

22. MEMBERSHIP

Noted.

23. MOPAC UPDATE

The Panel received a verbal update on the Mayor's Action Plan - Transparency, Accountability and Trust in Policing from Roger Hadwen, Programme Manager, Victims, Mayors Officer of Policing & Crime (MOPAC).

The Background to the action plan was the fact that the BLM movement had underlined continued concern and mistrust between Black Londoners and police. The Partnership were advised that Feedback from communities, staff and other stakeholders alongside the existing evidence base data highlighted the need for an urgent response. In response, the Mayor has been clear in his commitment to reducing inequality across the board and to a specific action plan to improve trust and confidence, transparency and accountability in policing

The four key areas within the plan were identified as:

- Better use of police powers
- Working together to make Black communities safe
- A police service that better represents and understands Black communities
- Holding the police to account for what they do.

In terms of next steps, the Partnership was advised that:

- MOPAC would be doing more work with communities and local authority partners throughout implementation.
- MOPAC also welcomed support on engaging with LA partners and accessing their local communities for the development of the community engagement and scrutiny structures.
- MOPAC would be commissioning an external organisation to assist with this and would be in touch with partners as we progress that in early 2021.

The following was raised in discussion of this agenda item:

- a. The AD for Stronger and Safer Communities advised that local discussions were taking place with the Borough Commander around the action plan and that the authority would be convening meetings in with partners locally in due course. A further update would come back to the Partnership at a later date. **(Action: Eubert Malcom).**
- b. The Partnership welcomed the focus on Children and Young People and the use of Stop and Search powers. The Director Children's Services advised that she would be looking into the details of the action plan to see how it aligned to

the local plan being developed in conjunction with the Haringey Safeguarding Partnership.

- c. The BRT welcomed the production of the action plan and sought clarification around how the voluntary and community sector could play its part – would funding and resources be delivered locally or would this be done centrally through the Mayor's Office? Roger Hadwen agreed to come back to the partnership with clarification on this. **(Action: Roger Hadwen).**

RESOLVED

That the verbal update on the Mayor's Action Plan was noted.

24. HARINGEY COMMUNITY SAFETY: MOPAC PRIORITY SETTING

The Partnership received a presentation and covering report which set out the Haringey Community Safety priority setting process for 2021/22. This was similar to the 2020/21 process, to be finalised by March 2021. It was noted that data showed that both violence (Robbery; Non-Domestic Violence with Injury) and burglary were trends on the rise and should be considered actively by boroughs when setting local priorities. MOPAC also ensured that anti-social behaviour remained a local borough priority across London. Alongside the local priorities were also London wide policing priorities on mandatory high-harm crimes: sexual violence, domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, weapon-based crime and hate crime. The presentation was introduced by Joe Benmore, the Interim Head of Community Safety & Enforcement as set out on pages 13-26 of the agenda pack.

The Borough Commander advised that Partnership that levels of crime were down overall which was really positive news. It was suggested that some of this was undoubtedly due to lockdown and lower footfall but that this was also due to some of the great multi-agency work that had been undertaken to target burglary hotspots. The examples of Operation Vertis and Operation Prosecco were noted. The Borough Commander also outlined Operation Alliance, which involved the embedding of outreach support workers within the Wood Green Custody suite to work with young people and create teachable moments.

The following was discussed in response to the presentation:

- a. The Partnership welcomed the focus on young people and adopting a targeted approach. A recent project targeted at a school in Tottenham Hale was highlighted and it was commented that similar targeted schemes could be developed.
- b. The Chair requested that a briefing on Operation Alliance come forward to the next meeting along with a report on what proactive work was being undertaken by the police and partners in talking to young people at risk and getting messages out to them to prevent them from being involved in robbery. The Borough Commander suggested that there were a range of violence reduction schemes that MOPAC had provided funding for and that this could also be incorporated into the discussion. The Borough Commander suggested that DCI Stuart Smiley should be invited to the next meeting. **(Action: Clerk).**

RESOLVED

That the Partnership noted that:

- I. Haringey's agreed local priorities for 2020/21 are Violence with Injury (Non-Domestic) and Personal Robbery. Whilst some positive improvements have been noted in Violence with Injury (Non-Domestic) (-11%) and Personal Robbery (-30%), both of these remain significant challenges for the borough. The seriousness of such incidents continues to also remain high, with levels of injury sustained often being significant.
- II. The volume of recorded crime has reduced significantly since March 2020, in Haringey and across London. Some crime types have experienced reductions in excess of 30% during this period.
- III. As each phase lockdown easing was implemented, crime levels have generally increased once again, however, they remain below previous baseline levels in most cases.
- IV. Nonetheless, Haringey experiences over 1,600 violent crimes per year and almost 1,700 robberies, equating to one of each of these offences approximately every 5 hours, throughout the year.
- V. Due to these factors, it is recommended that Violence with Injury (Non-Domestic) and Personal Robbery remain key local priorities for Haringey, along with the basket of high harm crimes (sexual violence, domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, weapon-based crime and hate crime) and anti-social behaviour. These priorities would also support a number of ongoing workstreams in Haringey, including the Community Safety Strategy, the Young People at Risk strategy, the Borough Plan and the North Area Violence Reduction Group (NAVRG).

25. MODERN SLAVERY PLAN

The Partnership received a copy of the Modern Slavery Plan as set out on pages 29-60 of the agenda pack along with an accompanying presentation. The item was introduced by Chantelle Fatania, Consultant in Public Health and Nadia Burrell, Modern Slavery Coordinator.

The Modern Slavery Plan was identified as Haringey Council's two year strategy to prevent modern slavery and to identify and support its victims. It was noted that Modern Slavery was defined and internationally recognised as; the exploitation of people who have been forced, deceived or coerced into a life of labour and servitude. Available data from 2019 showed that last year Haringey identified and referred 17 potential victims to the National Referral Mechanism and Met Police referred 150 potential victims. The Modern Slavery Plan covered the following key areas: Data & intelligence; awareness & training; reporting concerns; support for victims; disruption, prosecution and procurement; community response and Covid-19.

The following points were raised in discussion of this agenda item:

- a. The Partnership thanked officers for their presentation and sought assurances about how the plan would link into the Youth at Risk Strategy Action Plan, given the clear synergies with child exploitation and County Lines operations. Partners highlighted the importance of preventative outcomes within this. In response, officers set out that there was work already underway with the child exploitation team as well as rescue and response to make sure that there was cooperation around County Lines. Currently officers were focusing on data collection in order to understand what was a very complex problem. Officers also gave additional assurances that they were collaborating with partners and working across different teams.
- b. The Director of Children's Services acknowledged the very strong links with young people at risk and suggested that in some respects the two concepts were interwoven and had become synonymous with each other. The Director of Children's services also set out that there was a paper being drafted around violence, vulnerable children and exploitation and that this would form an overarching strategy to this work.
- c. Ian Thompson from the London Fire Brigade advised that his officers regularly came across some of the situations outlined in the plan and requested that the training be extended to LFB officers if possible. Officers agreed to provide this training and would contact Ian outside of the meeting to arrange this. **(Action: Nadia Burrell).**

RESOLVED

That the update on the Modern Slavery Plan was noted.

26. TOTTENHAM BUSINESS CRIME REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Partnership received a presentation and a report which provided an update on the setting up of a Safer Tottenham Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP). The report was introduced by Keith Trotter, Tottenham Town Centre Growth Manager and Graham Philpot, Town Centre Regeneration Officer as set out in the agenda pack at pages 63 -70. BCRPs were identified as private membership schemes where businesses and their security staff come together, with the police, council and other interested stakeholders to tackle crime, violence and ASB that have negative impacts on profitability of businesses, and the 'look and feel' and appeal of town centre environments.

The Partnership were advised that the Town Centre team have appointed Safer Business Network (SBN) to deliver a BCRP for Tottenham for a 12 month pilot scheme to complement and link with the BCRP operated by Wood Green Business Improvement District (Future Wood Green BID). SBN is a not for profit organisation, which coordinates and administers BCRPs across some of London's most diverse and challenging boroughs.

The following was raised during the discussion of this report:

- a. The Partnership sought clarification around whether there were any barriers to businesses joining and for the scheme to get off the ground. In response, officers advised that the current proposal was for a 12 month pilot scheme in Tottenham and that grant funding had been secured in order to pay the

- membership fees for businesses to join. It was recognised that the BCRP would have to demonstrate results before businesses would be prepared to contribute towards the costs. It was hoped that once the scheme was established and that members could see the value of it, then the scheme would be rolled out on a more permanent basis.
- b. The Partnership welcomed the scheme and saw it as a really positive initiative that would hopefully replicate the successes of the Wood Green scheme.
 - c. Partners welcomed the engagement with businesses and questioned how engagement with residents would take place. In response, officers set out that ward councillors had been engaged with as they were felt to be key sources for cultivating interest in the scheme. Officers acknowledged the issue around comms and suggested that they would pick this up at the next meeting of the steering group. It was also suggested that council channels of engagement could be used to promote the scheme, particularly Haringey People. The Bridge Renewal Trust advised that they were more than happy to help cascade messaging down through their community networks.
 - d. Some concerns were noted around the pilot scheme potentially reinforcing negative images of Tottenham. In response, officers acknowledged that there was a difference between actual levels of crime and a fear of crime and assured partners that the communications messaging was positive in nature and not based around Tottenham being or feeling unsafe.

RESOLVED

That the CSP noted the Safer Tottenham Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP) update.

27. COUNTER TERRORISM POLICING WINTER VIGILANCE CAMPAIGN

The Partnership received an update on the Metropolitan Police's counter terrorism policing Winter Vigilance campaign along with a copy of the December edition of the counter terrorism policing national bulletin, which was included in the agenda pack at pages 61-63. The update was provided by James Lerpiniere, Counter Terrorism Security Advisor for the Met Police. The Partnership was advised that the current threat level had recently been increased from substantial to severe and that the key threats were around vehicles being used as weapons, improved explosive devices and attacks with bladed weapons.

Counter Terrorism officers were working with local authorities and TfL to provide advice on protective security for buildings and key locations such as transport hubs as well as providing advice and guidance on how people could be better prepared in case of an attack. It was noted that Covid-19 had resulted in a number of challenges as result of lockdowns and the changing look and feel of public locations.

In response to a question around links with the Borough Crime reduction Partnership, Mr Lerpiniere agreed to pick this up off line to see how best to link in with the BCRP. Officers advised that the safer business network had links into BCRPs all over London. Officers agreed to drop James an email and have further conversation outside of the meeting. **(Action: Keith Trotter & Graham Philpot).**

In response to a question around the links between counter terrorism and young people, the Partnership advised that this was covered as part of the Prevent work undertaken by the Police.

RESOLVED

Noted

28. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

The Borough Commander advised the partnership that an incident occurred on West Green Road on the Tuesday of the week prior to this meeting, which involved an interaction between MPS officers and a small group of 16 year old boys. A video had been circulated of the incident on social media and there had been a significant amount of community concern about what took place in that video. The Borough Commander advised that the MPS have released a statement concerning this incident and that a voluntary referral had been made to the IOPC who would undertake an investigation. The Borough Commander advised that as this was an ongoing investigation she was unable to provide any further comments.

29. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

30. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

24th February 2021

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date