

Report for: Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel, June 11th 2019

Title: Young People at Risk Strategy Update

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Ward(s) affected: All

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision: Non Key Decision**

1. Describe the issue under consideration

This report provides an update to the Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel regarding the Young People at Risk Strategy 2019-29, which was approved by Cabinet in March 2019. It sets out progress made in the delivery of commitments made in the strategy and the Young People at Risk Action Plan and in terms of governance arrangements.

2. Recommendations

That the Panel note the contents of this report for information

3. Background information

The Haringey Young People at Risk Strategy was approved by Cabinet in March 2019. It represents an extensive programme of activity across the whole partnership, including the police, schools, health providers, and community groups, the overarching objective of which is to reduce and prevent serious youth violence in the borough. It adopts a public health model, designed to address the risk factors that may make young people more vulnerable to involvement in violent crime while building the protective factors that keep them safe and prioritising preventative and early interventions.

An Action Plan was noted alongside the strategy at Cabinet, which sets out the partnership's medium-term priorities and the actions that will be taken forward over the next four years to work towards the strategy's long-term outcomes. These range across the partnership and include Council-led and partner-led activity.

Both the strategy and the action plan, including the long-term outcomes and medium-term priorities, were informed by extensive engagement with partners and young people in Haringey.

Delivery

The Action Plan commits partners to delivering an ambitious range of activity. This section provides updates on the key programmes and projects:

- **Haringey Community Gold**
 - The detached and outreach youth work team is now in place and is establishing links with schools, alternative provision, and youth provision in Haringey.
 - Sports provision had begun at Broadwater Community Centre. The Council and Fusion are currently negotiating extension to 11pm.
 - Haringey Play activity has begun at Sommerford Grove site in Tottenham
 - Wood Green Sandbunker activity is on track to begin in June 2019.
 - The NLPC Community Leader Project is on track to begin in July 2019.
 - The Exodus gang education programme has begun delivery. Cohort 1 is underway in Tottenham and cohort 2 will run in Wood Green from Q4 2019. A light version of the Exodus programme will be delivered at the Octagon Academy from June 2019.
 - The Thinking Space project is currently recruiting with a view to initiation in Summer 2019.
 - The ACCESS UK BAME careers service has begun delivery and is accepting referrals from partners. Workshops will be offered in Wood Green from July 2019.
 - My Training Plan has begun delivery at the Engine Room, Bruce Grove Youth Space, and the Octagon Academy.
 - Work Works is accepting referrals from partners and is on track to run workshops with high risk young people in Q3 2019.
- **CAMHS Trailblazer**
 - Recruitment for the programme is almost complete, as of May 2019.
 - The two multi-disciplinary teams are introducing themselves to schools and have begun working in secondary schools.
- **Community Parenting Support**
 - Officers are currently finalising service level agreements with VCS organisations that will deliver parenting support projects in the community.
 - A lead officer is rolling out the Parent Champions programme and the Caring Dads training.
- **Wood Green Youth Space**
 - Officers are currently matching community groups in need of space for delivery with available spaces in Wood Green. The first wave of this is to match organisations delivering projects within Haringey Community Gold with space. A second wave will widen the offer to other community groups.
- **Summer Programme**
 - The Summer Programme is on track to launch in July 2019.
- **Exclusions and Alternative Provision Reviews**
 - The Exclusions Review is complete. The Director of Children's Services is currently discussing the findings and potential ways forward with partners.

- The Alternative Provision review is nearing completion. The Assistant Director for Commissioning will consider its findings once it is complete.
- Priamry to Secondary Transition Workshops
 - Workshops with Year 6 pupils are booked to run from May to July 2019.
- Youth Homelessness
 - The Housing First service for care leavers is on track to begin implementation in June 2019.
 - The Family Mediation service is on track to begin implementation in June 2019.
- Funding Bids
 - The Council intends to submit bids to Round 2 of the GLA's Young Londoners Fund and the Home Office's Youth Endowment Fund.

Governance

Officers have established a Joint Executive Group to lead the delivery of the Young People at Risk Strategy. The Group is chaired by the Director of Children's Services and other members include the Assistant Director for Commissioning and the Assistant Director for Stronger Communities. The Group is in the process of inviting representatives of partner organisations to join with a view to ensuring genuine partnership ownership and delivery of the strategy. A number of statutory partners and voluntary sector organisations have been approached.

The Joint Executive Group will report on progress and performance with regard to the Young People at Risk Strategy to lead Cabinet Members, Corporate Board, and four partnership boards (Community Safety Partnership, Early Help Partnership Board, Local Safeguarding Children Board, and Health and Wellbeing Board) as well as the Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel.

4. Contribution to strategic outcomes

The Young People at Risk strategy supports the following Haringey Borough Plan (2019-23) outcomes:

- Best Start in Life: The first few years of every child's life will give them the long-term foundations to thrive
- Happy Childhood: All children across the borough will be happy and healthy as they grow up, feeling safe and secure in their family, networks and communities
- Every young person, whatever their background, has a pathway to success for the future
- All residents will be able to live free from the fear of harm
- Strong communities where people look out for and care for one another
- A proud, resilient, connected, and confident place
- A safer borough

Haringey works in partnership with the Mayor of London's administration to tackle youth violence through liaison and joint working with the Mayor's Office of Police and Crime and the Metropolitan Police Service. The strategy fully aligns with the Mayor's Knife Crime Strategy and is integrated with the North Area Violence Reduction Plan

5. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)

Finance

N/A

Procurement

N/A

Legal

N/A

Equality

N/A

6. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1: Haringey Young People at Risk Strategy 2019-29

Appendix 2: Haringey Young People at Risk Action Plan 2019-23

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985