Community Tension Monitoring

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What are Community Tensions?

- Community tension is a state of community dynamics which may potentially lead to disorder, threaten the peace and stability of communities or raise the levels of fear and anxiety in the whole or part of the local community

- Strained relationships may build up within or between communities, or against particular institutions, based on real or perceived events or information or on fears, prejudices, circumstances or specific actions. This may develop over a long period of time or be inflamed by a 'spark' which leads to disorder or criminal activity.

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Community tension may also arise as a result of the *absence* of those factors:

- There is a common vision and sense of belonging

- The diversity of people's backgrounds and circumstances is appreciated and positively valued

- Those from different backgrounds have similar life opportunities

- Strong and positive relationships are being developed between people from different backgrounds and circumstances in the workplace, in schools and within neighbourhoods.

What tensions are we monitoring?

Legislation impacting communities	Political Protests
Events causing community unrest	Hate Crime
Extremist groups within the borough	Environmental tensions
Faith Based tensions	Community Safety Concerns
Illness/public health	BREXIT
Community development	Terrorist incident (UK or Abroad)
Youth tensions	Housing disputes/housing related hate crime
Significant Crime affecting communities	Migration tensions
Graffiti	Other

Purpose of Tension Monitoring

- To understand local community dynamics and identify potential or actual tensions

- To minimise the potential negative affects of tension, prevent escalation and reduce conflict

- To consider and plan interventions – short, medium and long term

- To inform and support the management of critical incidents

- To support and promote community cohesion

Roles and Responsibilities of the Group

- Collect, share and co-ordinate information about community dynamics and tensions

- Analyse community information based on experienced, evidenced and potential tensions

- Produce Community Impact Assessments including risk assessments

- Devise interventions and support mechanisms where needed

- Have a consistent approach to tackling any tensions that arise

How can you support?

- Report any tensions using the following tool:

https://forms.monday.com/forms/58272115a26235b0281a582687d72a60

- **Consider joining the strategic panel**

QUESTIONS?

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