

Meeting: Safer Communities Executive Board

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Report Title: Safer Communities Project Highlight Report

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Purpose

To provide an update about the projects funded via the Safer Communities Area Based Grant and the Borough Command Unit Fund during 2008/9; capturing some of the key achievements.

Financial/Legal Comments

N/A.

Recommendations

This report is for information only.

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1. Background

- 1.1. Projects funded through the Safer Communities Area Based Grant (ABG) and the Borough Command Unit Fund in 2008/9 ranged from youth crime prevention projects to the establishment of a multi-faith forum and the delivery of a burglary hotspot project.
- 1.2. All project leads were required to complete quarterly monitoring returns and a final report in early April. All projects were assigned a partnership contact to support them throughout the monitoring process.
- 1.3. A one page profile for each project will be available from June 2009 and will be used to promote the key achievements of the partnership.

2. Project Highlights

- 2.1. All projects achieved the outputs to which they committed in their original project plans. Some of the key achievements and lessons learned are highlighted below.
- 2.2. **Haringey Police and Community Boxing Club** received national press coverage in the Financial Times and on London Weekend Television; using profiles of the boxers to demonstrate the positive impact that the club can have on the behaviour of local young people.
- 2.3. As part of a problem solving approach to **residential burglary**, Metropolitan Care and Repair were commissioned to target harden 100 properties in three hotspot areas. Feedback from residents and local Safer Neighbourhood Teams has been very positive. An independent evaluation is being carried out to assess the suitability of rolling this initiative out to other parts of the borough.
- 2.4. In December 2008 students from 14 primary schools in **motor vehicle crime** problem areas were invited to enter a competition to re-design anti-car crime posters. The intention of this competition was to ensure that messages about car crime were delivered to residents in problem areas (via their children) and that new publicity materials were produced. Performance relating to theft from motor vehicles was turned around from an increase of 11.4% in September to a reduction of 6% at the end of the financial year.
- 2.5. Students from Gladesmore Community School expanded the **Value Life** Campaign this year by inviting other schools to get involved. Park View Academy, Woodside High School, John Loughborough, Alexandra Park and Haverstock School (from Camden) joined Gladesmore for a tour of the borough on open top buses, delivering the value life message. The students then took part in a peace walk up Wood Green High Road and a Peace Concert.
- 2.6. The **Haringey Multi-Faith Forum** was launched in July 2008. Since then, the Forum has produced a Critical Incident Response Plan and held two 'places of workshop open days'. They have also started to develop a multi-faith forum website.
- 2.7. Haringey Peace Alliance delivered three **Networking Meetings** during 2008/9 bringing together community representatives and statutory partners to discuss community safety issues.
- 2.8. The **London Boxing Academy (LBA)** continued to demonstrate the successful impact of their approach during 2008/9. The LBA achieved an attendance rate of 90%. Of the 28 students that are at risk of entering the Youth Justice System, 16 have shown increased levels of reading and writing skills. In the subsequent end of term tests 84% of GCSE assessments passed A* to G and 34% of passed A* to C.

Appendices

None.