

MINUTES OF MEETING Community Safety Partnership HELD ON Wednesday, 24th February, 2021, 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
Geoffrey Ocen – Chief Executive, Bridge Renewal Trust
Eubert Malcolm – Interim Assistant Director Stronger Communities
Joe Benmore – Community Safety & Enforcement Team
Sandeep Broca – Community Safety & Enforcement Team
Simon Eversley – Interim Head of ALMO Clienting
Manju Lukhman – Violence Against Women & Girls Strategic Lead
Beth Waltzer – Community Safety, Waste & Enforcement Manager
Karina Kaur - Strategic Lead of Communities
Stuart Smilee – Organised Crime Community Coordinator (Metropolitan Police).
Tracey Downie – Executive Director of Housing Management, Homes for Haringey
Tom Dodsworth – Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC)
Patsy Wollaston – London Probation Service
Mathieu Bergeal – London Community Rehabilitation Company

31. 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.

32. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

33. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

35. MINUTES

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

36. MEMBERSHIP

Noted.

37. RE-HOUSING HOUSEHOLDS IN URGENT CIRCUMSTANCES

The Partnership received a verbal update on rehoming households in urgent circumstances from Simon Eversley, Interim Head of ALMO Client. The key points of the update were noted as:

- a. The Partnership noted that there may be situations where individuals or their families needed to be urgently re-housed elsewhere from their home due to violence. This applied to all tenures and not just Council tenants. Any requirement for emergency accommodation to keep a household safe would be immediately investigated and a decision made, which could involve re-housing the member of the household who was at risk of violence or the entire household, as appropriate.
- b. Officers advised that regular contact would be maintained with external and internal agencies to manage risk and to assess any changing requirements. In relation to Council tenants, arrangements would be made for such cases to be considered by Homes for Haringey's (HfH) Housing Decisions Panel (HDP). The tenant(s) would be advised as well as when necessary, any external agencies including the IGU, of the outcome of the HDP's decision within one working day of this being made. HfH will facilitate the direct offer of suitable alternative social accommodation within six weeks of the HDP's decision. Officers acknowledged that this would be based on the availability of suitable stock.
- c. In instances where the person/s could no longer remain in the Borough, there were a number of alternative arrangements such as: Pan London Housing Reciprocal, the GLA's Housing Moves scheme and the not for profit scheme Homefinder UK.
- d. A number of Housing Associations have the ability to utilise their own stock for internal management transfers. However, Housing Associations have no statutory duty to move a tenant(s) on management grounds.
- e. In relation to those residing in Temporary Accommodation, the Housing Management Officer or Move-On Officer would consider the case and assess the risk to determine whether a move was required. A transfer request form would be submitted to the Move-On Team Manager within Homes for Haringey, detailing the reasons for the request. This would normally be within one working day of receiving a request for alternative accommodation. If the request for alternative accommodation was approved, the family would be added to the TA transfer list with a suitable priority. Where there were issues of Domestic Abuse, safeguarding issues or a request for management transfer, the highest priority (band A) would be applied.

- f. In relation to households in the private rented sector, HfH liaised with the landlord to ascertain whether the risk at the current accommodation could be mitigated by additional security measures to avoid the need for a move. If the property could not be made safe, HfH staff would explore whether they had any alternative accommodation that could be offered to the tenant. Failing this, the option of another private rented sector property would be explored, either in or out of the borough.
- g. For homeless households with nowhere to go, staff would seek to relieve the homelessness duty by considering a range of options and pursue the most appropriate option such as offering a private rented sector property, if there was suitable and affordable accommodation available. Again, this could either be in or out of the borough. Alternatively, a request for emergency accommodation would be made. If after 56 days, homelessness could not be relieved and a main housing duty was accepted, the applicant would be allocated a Move-On Officer.
- h. Homeowners who were unable to remain in their property would be classed as homeless under homelessness legislation and would be treated in line with other homeless households, with additional regard given to their available financial resources.

The following arose from the discussion of this agenda item:

- a. The Partnership sought clarification about what support was available for those coming out of prison and perhaps had Covid or were vulnerable and how this would be managed. In response, officers advised that there was nothing in the proposals on this at present, but that these were valid considerations to take away and given some further thought to.
- b. The Partnership questioned what would happen to families that had to move urgently and who would then have their utilities and other services disconnected. Of particular concern was digital access, not having access to the internet and the impact that would have on those children being able to access education remotely. Partners were keen to understand how these issues could be mitigated in future, particularly given inequalities considerations. Officers acknowledged these points and agreed to give some further consideration but cautioned that it may be difficult to guarantee given the possible urgency of such a situation.
- c. The Partnership asked whether there was any further information around the numbers of people being re-housed, the reasons for this and the pack of support offered. The Chair noted that there was an evidence base that existed about young people returning to the borough to access their family and support networks and queried whether the risk of being relocated put people off from coming forward for the help they needed. In response, officers advised that proposals were still at an early stage and they did not have the information to hand but would look into the issues raised and provide a further update to the CSP.
- d. In reference to the earlier point around digital exclusion, HfH suggested that this could potentially be included as part of the existing letting standards. This could be incorporated as part of the standard checks such as whether there

- was a gas safety certificate. As part of this, HfH would check to see how quickly digital access could be set up on a particular property. HfH also acknowledged that further consideration could be given on how support could be given to those moving out of borough and the issues that the partnership raised in this respect.
- e. The Partnership emphasised the importance of widening out the learning from Covid to help ensure wider support needs. It was suggested that part of this was ensuring that every contact counted.
 - f. Officers agreed to come back to the CSP with an updated paper at the next meeting in June. **(Action: Simon Eversley).**

RESOLVED

- I. That the update on rehoming households in urgent circumstances was noted.
- II. That a further update be brought back to the next meeting of the CSP.

38. UPDATE ON THE COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE (CCR) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PILOT TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (VAWG) IN HARINGEY.

The Partnership received a report which provided an update on developing a Coordinated Community Response, where agencies and the community worked together to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls. The report was introduced by Manju Lukhman - Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategic lead and Commissioner, as set out in the agenda pack at pages 13-18. The following arose during the discussion of this agenda item:

- a. The Partnership was advised that Haringey's Coordinated Community Response involved engaging all levels of the community, statutory, and non-statutory agencies to ensure they were working together holistically and effectively to support victim/survivors, hold perpetrators to account and prevent Violence Against Women and Girls. Following Covid, the proposal had been adapted to be able to be rolled out during the pandemic. This involved the roll-out of a two hour online training programme that had been attended by over 170 people.
- b. The Partnership sought assurances around what lessons could be learnt from Covid and the easing of lockdown. In response, officers advised that there had been significant learning and engagement with partners and that one of the main areas of feedback was around the clear barriers that existed for some within the BAME community to accessing services. It was proposed that a number of new posts would be commissioned to provide additional resources, including a mental health IDVA and a tri-borough LGBT post.
- c. The Partnership welcomed the proposals and queried whether there would be any specific nuances for children and young people including LGBT issues, as this may require slightly different language than for an adult audience. In response officers acknowledged the importance of this and advised that there would be a separate model for young people and that this would include online publicity and comms materials, for example.

- d. Manju agreed to share her contact details with partners to discuss how to support this further, including suggestions for safe spaces or if any further information was required. **(Action: Manju).**

RESOLVED

That the update was noted.

39. CRIME POST-LOCKDOWN PLANNING

The Committee received a presentation which explored the impact on crime and disorder from the pandemic and the accompanying lockdown, along with information around post-lockdown crime planning. The presentation was introduced by Joe Benmore - Interim Head of Community Safety and Enforcement, and Sandeep Broca - Community Safety Intelligence Analysis Manager. The presentation was set out in the agenda pack at pages 19-26. The following arose from the discussion of this agenda item:

- a. HfH commented that the key time slot for anti-social behaviour seemed to have shifted to between 2pm & 4pm and it was suggested that there was an opportunity to look at lighting and CCTV coverage on HfH sites. In response, officers acknowledged this point and suggested that a key takeaway from lockdown was around finding different and innovative ways to engage with the community, including around hotspot locations.
- b. Cllr Amin highlighted that Council services were coming into contact with young people who had not been in contact previously, as a result of the pandemic. It was queried whether referrals could be looked at to understand the extent to which those being referred were completely new and what their backgrounds were. In response, officers acknowledged that they were aware that a spate of robberies in Tottenham in 2019 involved a number of first time offenders. There was a lot of work being done with Children's Services and there was a child exploitation panel that met daily to look at young people who were vulnerable to criminality. It was acknowledged that more needed to be done, but officers suggested that it was difficult to understand the referrals at this stage. Referrals through Haringey Community Gold were currently taking place. The impact of community trauma from specific events was also highlighted.
- c. The Partnership sought assurances around what could be done as a system to look at prevention and early intervention, acknowledging that child exploitation and those with mild learning difficulties and mental health needs tended to be the ones that ended up in the criminal justice system. In response, officers acknowledged the importance of what the service offer would look like and the need to understand whether it was reaching the correct people, in order to properly formulate a partnership level response.
- d. The Partnership sought assurances around the extent to which a reduction in crime was sustainable after lockdown and whether it would just bounce back to pre-Covid levels. In response, officers commented that it may well just be a blip and that following an analysis of average crime figures over a three-year

- period; the expectation was that crime would return to pre-Covid levels. This was unless further actions and interventions were taken.
- e. Partners commented that there was an opportunity to develop a collective understanding of how trauma was dealt with by partners across the borough.
 - f. The role of the Young People at Risk Strategy and Haringey Community Gold was highlighted and the fact that these allowed Haringey to be able to look at young people from an early intervention perspective. One of the key factors going forwards was the need to listen to young people and involve them in the shaping of services
 - g. The Cabinet Member for Communities noted concerns about a potential spike in crime when lockdown restrictions were lifted, as happened in the summer. The impact of a possible decision by the government to remove the benefits uplift was noted as possible area of concern and one that conceivably could have an impact on levels of crime in the borough. The Cabinet Member advised the partnership of the development of a youth hub in Wood Green and the fact that a site had been identified and work was ongoing to set this up. The Partnership was advised that this would be the first dedicated youth work resource in Wood Green for a decade.
 - h. Partners raised concerns about the role of the drugs industry as a key driver for exploitation. It was commented that no matter how good partners were at intervening at the back end of the process and lifting vulnerable children out of crime, until the underlying problem was solved then exploitation would continue. The importance of adopting a whole systems approach was emphasised in this.
 - i. The Chair commented that she shared the Partnerships concerns about a rise in violent crime, noting recent murder incidents involving young people under 18 years old. Partners agreed to the establishment of a task and finish group to discuss how to work together to reduce violence post-lockdown. **(Action: Joe Benmore)**.
 - j. Officers agreed to bring back an update on this to future meetings as and when appropriate. **(Action: Joe Benmore)**.

RESOLVED

Noted.

40. UPDATE ON OPERATION ALLIANCE

The Partnership received an update around Operation Alliance from DCI Stuart Smillie, Organised Crime Community Coordinator (Met. Police). Operation Alliance was a Home Office funded partnership prevention piece of work involving outreach worker interventions with children in custody, to divert them away from crime following arrest. The update was a presentation that was included in the agenda pack at pages 27-30. The following arose from the discussion of this agenda item:

- a. The Partnership welcomed the project and it was suggested that officers were minded to support the request for further funding to continue the project from April 2021 but that being able to demonstrate evidence was crucial in developing a financial business case.

- b. Cllr Blake commented that the administration were supportive of the need to include young people in decision making and in how services were shaped, as per the Youth at Risk strategy. It was noted that the funding request would be considered by relevant Cabinet Members along with the Leader of the Council. Cllr Blake commented that it would be great to know how police colleagues were distributing information and lessons learnt from the project down to police officers.
- c. Cllr Amin welcomed the proposals and advised that HfH had a great apprenticeship programme and that it was important that this was linked into the apprenticeships offered as part of Operation Alliance.

RESOLVED

Noted.

41. COMMUNITY TENSIONS MONITORING

The Partnership received a report and accompanying presentation which provided an update on the work being done to record and monitor community tensions in Haringey, as set out in the agenda pack at pages 31-42. The report was introduced by Karina Kaur, Strategic Lead for Communities. The following arose from the discussion of the presentation:

- a. In response to comments around how the partnership could support this initiative, the Chair agreed to nominate a police representative for the strategic panel. **(Action: Treena Fleming).**
- b. The Strategic Lead for Communities agreed to share her contact details in the chat box.

RESOLVED

That the board noted the update and supported the monitoring of community tensions.

42. PROBATION RE-UNIFICATION 2021

The Partnership received a presentation on the reunification of the National Probation Service and the private sector Community Rehabilitation Company. The presentation was a slightly amended version of the presentation set out in the agenda pack at pages 43-50 and was presented by Patsy Wollaston, Head of Service NPS London and Mathieu Bergeal, Area Manager (North), London Community Rehabilitation Company. The following arose during the discussion of this agenda item:

- a. The reunification process would see low-risk and high-risk services brought back together under the National Probation Service and would develop a consistent approach to offender management. The Dynamic Framework was the only part of the service that would remain in private hands.
- b. Haringey would form part of the Haringey and Enfield cluster, one of the 12 geographic areas across London. The transition was due to be implemented in June 2021 and it was expected that the service would be stabilised by 2022.
- c. Cllr Blake noted concerns with the way in which young men in Haringey were currently being returned from prison and commented that he would be picking up this point outside of the meeting. In response, Patsy Wollaston advised that

they were developing resettlement pathways for the new service and that the NPS would be engaging with stakeholders on this issue.

RESOLVED

Noted.

43. IOM RE-LAUNCH

The CSP received a presentation on the new London Integrated Offender Management Framework, provided by Tom Dodsworth from MOPAC as set out in the agenda pack at pages 51-78.

RESOLVED

Noted.

44. NA BCU COMMUNITY MAPPING INITIATIVE & SAFETONET PROJECT

The Chair agreed to defer the community mapping initiative item to the following meeting.

Victor Olisa and Dal Babu to be invited to the next CSP meeting. **(Action: Clerk).**

45. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

N/A

46. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Director of Children's Services advised that OFSTED were conducting a focused visit to Haringey on 9th & 10th March to check on progress. The outcome of this focused visit was a letter to the Director (rather than a formal assessment and score).

The Cabinet Member for Communities advised that there was also a thematic review being conducted of the Youth Offending Service around disproportionality on 17th May. The findings of this review would be brought back to the CSP in due course.

47. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

TBA

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date