

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Review on Gun and Knife Crime (2021/2022); Scope and Terms of Reference

Review Topic	Review / Project Title
Rationale	<p>Despite recent reductions, there is a strong perception that violent crime has been increasing within the borough. The issue is a serious source of concern for many local residents, as evidenced by the recent consultation undertaken by the Committee and its Panels on potential issues for the work plan for 2021/22.</p> <p>The review will focus on three distinct areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knife crime;• Gun crime; and• Violence against women and girls. <p>In doing this, it will consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current levels and trends;• Definitions;• The profile of perpetrators and victims;• Where incidents occur within the borough;• Enforcement action currently undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership; and• Interventions by the Council and its partners to prevent offending <p>It will also compare and contrast the approaches of other boroughs. In addition, it will engage with representatives of the local community, including children and young people, to obtain their perspective. In doing this, it will seek to establish how effective current interventions are and what, if anything, else could be done to reduce levels.</p>

Objectives/Desired outcomes	To make recommendations to the Council's Cabinet and/or the Community Safety Partnership on what additional action may be undertaken by the Council and its partners in order reduce levels of knife and gun crime and violence against women and girls.
Terms of Reference (Purpose of the Review/ Objectives)	To consider causes, current levels and trends in gun and knife crime and violence against women and girls in the borough as well as current interventions to address them and to make recommendations to the Council's Cabinet and/or the Community Safety Partnership on what additional action may be undertaken by the Council and its partners to further reduce levels.
Scrutiny Membership	<p>Councillors Khaled Moyeed (Chair), Pippa Connor (Vice-Chair), Dana Carlin, Makbule Gunes and Matt White</p> <p>Co-optees/Non-Voting Members: Yvonne Denny (Co-opted Member – Church Representative (CofE)), Lourdes Keever (Co-opted Member – Church Representative (Catholic)), KanuPriya Jhunhunwala (Parent Governor representative) and Anita Jakhu (Parent Governor representative)</p>
Links to the Borough Plan	<p>Priority 3: Place</p> <p>Outcome 12: A safer borough</p> <p>a) Improve community confidence and reduce the fear of crime using our relationships with partners and communities as well as our physical assets including the built environment and closed circuit television (CCTV) stock;</p> <p>b) Reduce the number of victims and perpetrators of crime and reduce the serious harm experienced by victims;</p> <p>c) Ensure that the criminal justice system proceeds swiftly and proportionately, with victims supported and perpetrators brought to justice.</p>
Evidence Sources	<p>These will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant performance statistics; • Guidance, research and policy documents;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews and discussions with key officers, partners and community organisations; and • Information and data from other local authorities and the Mayor Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC).
Methodology/Approach	<p>A variety of methods will be used to gather evidence from the witnesses above, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desk top research; • Evidence gathering sessions with witnesses; and • Visits
Witnesses	<p>Police - Borough Commander</p> <p>Eubert Malcolm – Assistant Director for Safer and Stronger Communities</p> <p>Jackie DiFolco – Assistant Director for Early Help, Prevention and SEND</p> <p>Sheri Jiwani-Burnett - Service Manager Haringey Youth Justice Service</p> <p>Emma Cummergen – Head of Service for Young Adults, Youth Justice Service and Hasslemere</p> <p>Youth Worker from Bruce Grove Youth Centre</p> <p>Manju Likhman - Violence against Women and Girls Strategic Lead (VAWG)</p> <p>Dr Chantelle Fatania - Consultant in Public Health</p> <p>Haringey Headteachers</p> <p>Voluntary sector and community organisations</p>

	<p>Haringey Youth Council</p> <p>Young people from the Youth Advisory Board, Youth Justice Service</p> <p>Victim Support</p> <p>Joe Benmore – IOM Strategic Lead</p> <p>The Probation Service</p>
Equalities Implications	Knife and gun crime and gender based violence disproportionately impacts on black and minority ethnic communities and women. Fear of crime can disproportionately affect older people.
Date for completion	The final report of the review will be submitted to the Committee meeting on 13 January 2021.
Reporting arrangements	The Assistant Director for Safer and Stronger Communities will co-ordinate a response to the recommendations.
Publicity	The review will be publicised through the scrutiny website and scrutiny newsletter providing details of the scope and how local people and community groups may be involved. The outcomes of the review will be similarly published once complete.
Constraints/Barriers/Risks	<p>Risks:</p> <p>Not being able to get key evidence providers to attend on the agreed dates of evidence gathering.</p> <p>Not being able obtain evidence from key informants e.g. local authorities.</p>

Officer Support	<p>Lead Officer: Robert Mack, Scrutiny Policy Officer, 0208 489 2921 rob.mack@haringey.gov.uk</p> <p>Service Contact: Eubert Malcolm, Assistant Director for Safer and Stronger Communities</p>
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