



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.



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

- Common vision and a sense of belonging – individual and community
- Appreciation for diversity and identity
- Drive for equality
- Opportunities to build positive relationships with others and learn from them.



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 support and promote community cohesion



What tensions are we monitoring?

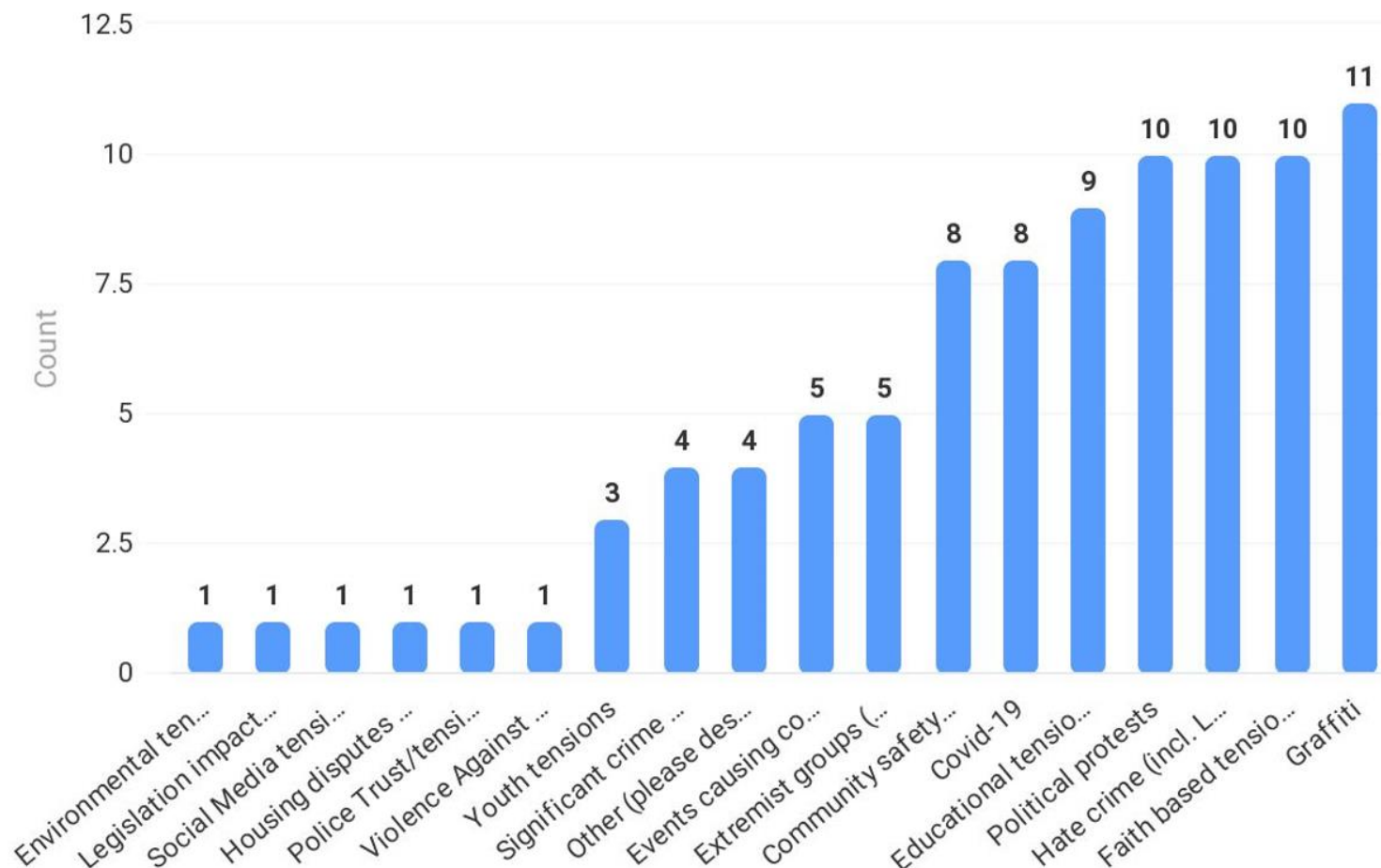
Events causing community unrest	Hate Crime
Extremist groups within the borough	Environmental tensions
Faith Based tensions	Community Safety Concerns
COVID-19	BREXIT
Community development	Terrorist incident (UK or Abroad)
Youth tensions	Housing disputes/housing related hate crime
Significant Crime affecting communities	Migration tensions
Graffiti	Anniversary/legacy events

Reporting via community tensions should not replace reporting incidents to the police – 101/999.

Examples...



TYPE OF TENSION REPORTED COLUMN



Roles and Responsibilities of the Tensions Monitoring Strat Group

- Collect, share and co-ordinate information about community dynamics and tensions
- Analyse community information based on experienced, evidenced and potential tensions
- Tensions feed into local risk assessment
- Take a multi agency response – onward reporting.
- Devise interventions and support mechanisms where needed
- Have a consistent approach to tackling any tensions that arise

Ask from the CSP

- The work around community tension monitoring will be used to guide our approach to intervention; short, medium and long term.
- It will also be used to inform and support the management of critical incidents and to support and promote community cohesion overall.
- That Community tension monitoring supports a number of ongoing workstreams and projects.
- That the board supports the monitoring of community tensions, the approach taken and a commitment to share with partners, so we are able to mitigate short and long-term impacts.

How can you support?

- Report any tensions using the following tool:
- <https://forms.monday.com/forms/d2fab5a838612fefce4bba1504c1c60?r=use1>

Encourage all front line staff to report what they see/hear!

Community Tensions Reporting Form

We are using this tension monitoring page to: • Understand local community dynamics and identify potential or action tensions • To minimise the potential negative affects of tension, prevent escalation and reduce conflict • To consider and plan interventions – short, medium or long term • To inform and support the management of critical incidents • To support and promote community cohesion. Please ensure any emergency incidents are reported to the police!

1. Name the tension

This will be visible in an overview map for people to better understand the type of tension & where in the borough. e.g. Estate based criminal activity or Anti-Semitic Graffiti

Answer will be written here

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Workstream

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Next Steps

- Continuation of training/briefings to key council members and external partners
- Support community groups and faith leads who are victim to/impacted by tensions
- Develop and implement engagement plans to build and improve relationships with local communities, businesses, voluntary, community and faith organisations to raise awareness of tensions and or hate crime, encourage reporting of incidents and to strengthen community engagement.
- Implement borough initiatives to share intelligence concerning individuals/groups responsible for activity in hot-spot areas

QUESTIONS?

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