

Report for: Community Safety Partnership Board

Item number: 9

Title: Weeks of Action

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Ward(s) affected: All Wards

Report for Key/

Non Key Decision: Non Key

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 This paper and accompanying PowerPoint presentation, (annexe A) provides details of the Weeks of Action activities and approach that will be adopted to ensure they meet the requirements of the Haringey Deal.

2. Recommendations

2.1.1 The Board is asked to Note the outcomes of the pilot week of action that took place in Bruce Grove between 26th and 30th October and to provide any feedback to improve and develop the approach.

2.1.2 The Board is also asked to agree to promote the Weeks of Action within individual service areas and to commit to the deployment of resources to support the activities.

3. Reasons for decision

3.1.1 One of the key Community Safety and ASB pledges in the Haringey Deal is to host "Weeks of Action" in wards across the borough where the council will deploy key services into one area to undertake key activities such as, Street cleansing/graffiti removal teams Regulatory visits to businesses, Community Engagement ASB and litter patrols, Substance misuse outreach, dealing with housing issues.

3.1.2 We will utilise an evidence-based analysis /problem profile of the location/area within the ward, that has the most need, which for example could be based on the number of ASB/Noise, littering complaints, Member Enquiries, analysis of the crime picture in a particular ward/location as well as other local issues and factors that are a cause of concern to our residents.

3.1.3 This will involve council officers being highly visible and approachable, being pro-active in their engagement with our residents, going to where they live and work, listening to their concerns, working with them to identify quick wins, and resolving issues as quickly as possible.

3.1.4 We will work closely with the police and will attempt to align some of our action weeks to their Positive Action Initiatives (which are similar in scope but are mainly concentrated in the east of the borough).

3.1.5 We will also aim to work with other services such as London Fire brigade, Transport for London to do some joint engagement and want to include our business and community groups in developing solutions together.

3.1.6 It is also important to note that we will need to take a “**one council**” approach to this and success is dependent upon the commitment of all services across the council to provide and deploy resources as needed.

4. Outcomes and Learning from Pilot

4.1.1 Between the 26th October and 30th October 2022, we launched our first Pilot Week of Action in Bruce Grove Ward.

4.1.2 This involved key services across the borough including, connected communities, Communications team, ASB team, Regulatory Services, Haringey Community Gold, litter and waste team, Home Improvement Team, Bubic and homelessness outreach teams as well as other services.

4.1.3 The idea of the pilot was to ensure that we understand any gaps or learning that we can take into the next the action week which we are planning to do in November 2022.

4.1.4 We have evaluated the initial pilot and already have identified areas for further development as well as some key successes such as for example the engagement of over 370 residents and businesses.

4.1.5 The next Week of Action is scheduled for November 2022, (location to be confirmed)

5. Alternative options considered

5.1 N/A

5.1.1 The Community Safety Strategy is a statutorily required document so this option has been discounted.

5.1.2 In order to ensure we have reflected the objectives of the Haringey Deal, the the new strategy will require extensive consultation with our residents, communities and stakeholders during the development phase to ensure their concerns are reflected in the aims and outcomes of the final strategy.

6. Background information

6.1.1 The administration’s current manifesto places a strong emphasis on ‘**people power**’ – which will fundamentally redefine the relationship between the Council and our communities. A major plank of which is the establishment of the Haringey Deal 2022-2026.

6.1.2 In order to achieve this we have to challenge ourselves in how we create and deliver services and will need to think how we get beyond consulting people, to genuinely engaging local people in prioritising, designing and delivering the councils services, programmes and projects.

6.1.3 This approach is not a one size fits all and doesn't simply mean we do what we currently do, (but in a slightly different way), we will need to stand back and challenge ourselves to think about how we are engaging and working with our residents/communities in everything we do.

7. Contribution to strategic outcomes

7.1.1 How we engage with our communities and ensure they are at the heart of our decision making is a key determinant of their satisfaction with the place in which they live and of the responsible local authorities.

7.1.2 The implementation of the Weeks of Action will make an important overall contribution to the objectives and outcomes of the Haringey Deal and in particular the Place priority of connecting stronger communities.

8. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)

8.1 Finance

8.1.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the strategy. Subsidiary plans and commissioning decisions will be assessed individually as they arise.

8.2 Procurement

8.2.1 There are no direct procurement decisions arising from the strategy. Subsidiary plans and commissioning decisions will be assessed individually as they arise.

8.3 Legal

8.3.1 The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance notes the contents of the report. There are no legal implications at this stage.

8.4 Equality

8.4.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

8.4.2 The three parts of the duty applies to the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion/faith, sex and sexual orientation. Marriage and civil partnership status applies to the first part of the duty.

8.4.3 The strategic aim of the Community Safety Strategy is to foster a safer borough. It seeks to do so by tackling specific community safety issues, including violent crime, domestic abuse, exploitation, low public confidence, repeat victimisation, and reoffending.

8.4.4 Individuals and groups with protected characteristics are overrepresented among those affected by these issues. For instance, young BAME men are disproportionately affected by violent crime, individuals with disabilities are disproportionately affected by exploitation and repeat victimisation, and women and girls are disproportionately affected by domestic abuse. A full impact assessment of the ways in which the strategy relates to individuals and groups who share protected characteristics has been carried out and is an Annex to the Strategy.

8.4.5 Delivery of the strategy will help the Council and partners to address known inequalities relating to community safety, including overrepresentation of particular groups among victims and perpetrators of crime. In so doing it will ensure the Council meets its Public Sector Equality Duty to have due regard for the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, and victimisation, and advance equality of opportunity.

9. Use of Appendices

9.1 Community Safety Strategy Development-Slide Pack.

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 None.