

**Meeting:** Safer Communities Executive Board

**Date:** 10 September 2009

**Report Title:** Quarter 1 Performance and Project Exception Report

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## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To draw the exceptions and key issues from Q1 performance monitoring (April – June 2009) to the attention of the Board.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 The Safer Communities Partnership is responsible for a number of improvement targets under the Local Area Agreement and for two stretch targets relating to personal robbery and domestic violence. The current state of play can be seen on the attached scorecard. This is the new format for capturing progress against targets on a quarterly basis.

## **3. Performance issues**

- 3.1 The following issues should be raised for Quarter 1 against the improvement targets:
- Most serious violent crime is showing Red and (currently) with a downward trend. This is due to problems with youth-related violence earlier in the financial year and also due to the fact that we are required to measure performance against the same period in the previous year and this was exceptionally good. A further impact has resulted from the change in classification to include where an object was perceived, intimidated or used. There is substantial problem-solving activity underway with close partnership work and priority funding attempting to impact on this problem.
  - Although acquisitive crime performed well overall this quarter, there are concerns about achieving performance throughout the year relative to last year's successes and about maintaining reductions against burglary and robbery simultaneously during a recession. These areas have been prioritised for problem-solving funds.
- 3.2 This is the final year of the LAA stretch target agreement which relates to performance on personal robbery and domestic violence. The final

robbery target has already been exceeded but close monitoring of changes will be required. Haringey has recently re-negotiated the target to reduce repeat victims of DV, which was based on a flawed calculation. The newly agreed target should now be within reach and will, again, be closely monitored.

#### **4. Project delivery**

- 4.1 A robust quarterly monitoring system is in place and there is close liaison between the Safer Communities Service and the HSP partnerships and performance teams.
- 4.2 A copy of the Project Highlight Report is attached. The ratings and information have been supplied by individual project managers and checked by monitoring staff.
- 4.3 The returns are predominantly rated Green for Q1. The main issues of note are as below:
  - There has been some delay in recruiting a CCTV Manager and a Reducing Re-offending Officer. Interviews for the latter will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Recruitment for the former is underway. The under-spend resulting from this delay is being managed by the Performance Management Group in line with current priorities and performance gaps.
  - The problem-solving budget has been slow to spend with no actual expenditure logged in Q1. However, projects have since been approved for a value of £50K and bids are underway for the value of a further £50K. The problem-solving training and dedicated funds have contributed to closer partnership work in the borough.
  - The delivery of Victim Support services to young people and several posts within the Youth Offending Service are facing some uncertainty due to the funding from Children and Young People's Service having been committed for only 6 months of this financial year. We await confirmation for the second half of this year.

#### **5. Future monitoring**

- 5.1 A half-year performance report and full finance update will be presented to the Board in November.

See Attachments: Safer Communities Scorecard Q1  
Project Highlight Report Q1