

**Title:** Haringey Community Safety Update February 2023

**Report**

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**Ward(s) affected:** Key crime wards.

**Report for Key/  
Non Key Decision:** Key decision

**1. Describe the issue under consideration.**

- 1.1 This report provides an update to the board following a recent presentation to the Board at the end of November 2022, where details were set out regarding the development of the Community Safety & Hate Crime Strategies scheduled to take place during the first seven months of 2023.
- 1.2 The development of the Community Safety Strategy (2023-27) and the Hate Crime Strategy (2023-2027) continues to progress, and is moving towards the beginning of Phase 3, which will be the formal engagement phase.
- 1.3 The development of both strategies has been broken down into four distinct phases and will be completed in Summer 2023. This allows for pre-engagement, formal engagement, evaluation, authorisation and sign off of the both Strategies. A summary of the phases is detailed in the body of the report.
- 1.4 Both strategies while separate from one another, will be linked through partnership work on adjoining themes, such as, building trust and confidence, exploitation, reducing high harm crimes, reducing victims of crime and reducing reoffending.
- 1.5 The aims and objectives of the Community Safety Strategy will be on improving the quality of life of residents, stakeholders, businesses, and visitors to the borough by focussing partnership action and resources on six identified

Community Safety outcome areas: Violence and high harm crimes, VAWG, Exploitation, improving public confidence, reducing victims of crime and ASB, reducing reoffending.

- 1.6 The aims of the Hate Crime Strategy will reflect the Council's commitment to creating an environment where hate crime is not tolerated but challenged, reported, and dealt with appropriately. This will be done via five key objectives: raising awareness, support for victims and witnesses, increase in reporting, engagement and listening to communities and working in partnership with police, CCTV and ASB team to tackle hate crime.

## 2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Board notes the content of the Report which provides an update on the development of the respective Community Safety and Hate Crime strategies.
- 2.2 That the Board agrees, (subject to Cabinet approval), to support the engagement process by encouraging participation across internal and external networks stakeholders, and partners.

## 3. **Reasons for decision**

n/a

## 4. **Alternative options considered**

n/a

## 3. **Background information**

### 3.1 **Phase 1 – Pre-Engagement Dec 2022:**

- 3.1.1 In line with the Haringey Deal, it was important that views and experiences of Haringey's communities were captured from the very start of the development of both strategies, and before any formal engagement took place.
- 3.1.2 In order to ensure that the priorities identified in both strategies reflect the voices, concerns and experiences of the community a period of pre-engagement was conducted in December 2022, where the aforementioned priorities and objectives of the strategies were co-designed with the community.
- 3.1.3 A variety of engagement techniques were used in order to capture the views of residents, business's, community groups and staff networks, including online surveys, in person surveys/workshops through direct engagement with residents in key town centre locations such as Wood Green/Turnpike Lane, Tottenham Hale, Tottenham High Road,

Muswell Hill, Crouch End, as well as joint workshops with connected communities.

### 3.2 Findings from the pre-engagement process.

3.2.1 Over the two-week period of Pre-Engagement, the team collated 104 responses to the survey and attended face to face sessions with residents and stakeholder groups.

3.2.2 With reference to the Community Safety Strategy, feedback indicated that there was overwhelming support and agreement from those who completed the survey and participated in face-to-face engagement meetings that the Strategy should be focused on the six identified key community safety priorities.

3.2.3 Similarly with respect to the Hate Crime Strategy feedback also indicated support from respondents around the five key objectives: Raising awareness, support for victims and witnesses, increase in reporting, engagement and listening to communities and working in partnership with police, CCTV and ASB team to tackle hate crime with a clear appetite from members of the public to coordinate this work under a structured strategy.

### 3.3. Phase 2: Cabinet Report.

3.3.1 A Cabinet Report has been prepared requesting permission to formally engage with the public on both strategies and will be included as an agenda item at **Cabinet on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.

### 3.4. Phase 3: Formal Engagement:

3.4.1 Subject to Cabinet approval on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, we anticipate a launch date for formal engagement on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and this will be live for a period of 12 weeks until May 2023.

3.4.2 Engagement will use a range of techniques and activities as listed below, and will include engagement with community groups, faith groups, residents, businesses, third sector partners, statutory partners, and Haringey staff.

3.4.3 An engagement plan has also been developed for the period of engagement by the team which will detail key dates and timelines. The plan is to be approved by the Cabinet Lead for Communities and the Member for Community Cohesion will be consulted for additional engagement & communication opportunities.

3.3.4 The engagement will consist of:

- Self-completion surveys, placed in public spaces, libraries, GP surgeries etc.

- Leaflets, displayed in public spaces (QR code to survey)
- Face-to-face surveys or interviews,
- Through use of the council's website as well as other digital media
- Utilising council buildings such as libraries and community spaces for a series of themed workshops, Briefings and drop ins which will be organised to include internal, external stakeholders, community groups, young people, residents' groups etc.

### **3.5. Phase 4: Seeking agreement and publishing:**

3.5.1 Based on current timescales it is envisaged that both strategies would have gone through a process of draft and engagement with key stakeholders and this Board regarding feedback and additional commentary before a final version is produced. (June/July 2023)

3.5.2 Phase 4 will involve Scrutiny Panel review, Cabinet sign off seeking agreement to ratify at full Council before publishing in Summer 2023.

## **4. Contribution to Strategic Outcomes**

4.1 Our vision for all residents and businesses in Haringey in respect to Community Safety and Hate Crime is summarised in the below priorities from the **Haringey Deal 2022 – 2026**:

### **4.1.1 Protecting our Residents:**

- It is important that we all feel safe on the streets of Haringey and in our homes. That is the minimum requirement of a good society.

### **4.1.2 Community Safety and ASB:**

- Living and working in areas where anti-social behaviour is rife can have a devastating effect on communities and individual lives. Every Haringey resident has the right to enjoy their local area in comfort and safety.

### **4.1.3 A Culturally Rich Borough:**

- Haringey is a welcoming borough for everyone who wants to live and work here.

**5. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)**  
n/a

## **Finance and Procurement**

The LCPF funding supports existing Community Safety workstreams. Quarterly returns are required which give considerable detail about our expenditure and performance to date. Haringey has an excellent reputation for compliance on both fronts.

Associated formal engagement costs will be taken from existing community safety budgets.

## **Legal**

n/a

## **Equality**

There is an inherent impact on equalities of much of our community safety work and this is presented and discussed at the Community Safety Partnership meetings. This includes the peak age of offending being between 16 and 24; a very high percentage of young black males (mostly of African-Caribbean origin) involved in street-based violence (approx. 80%); the impact of domestic and sexual violence on women and girls; high concentrations of crime occurring in areas of deprivation; and vulnerable individuals and communities becoming victims of hate crime.

This report considers the areas of challenge in direct correlation with the impact on victims, especially vulnerable victims. In this respect, significant attention is being given to the disproportionate impact.

## **6. Use of Appendices**

1x Appendix A – Haringey Community Safety Update

## **7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**