

Title: Community Safety and Hate Crime Strategy-Report to Scrutiny-
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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 According to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, it is mandated that the Council establishes a Community Safety Strategy. As a collaborative document outlined in the Constitution and integrated into the Council's Policy Framework, the Crime and Disorder Reduction (community safety) Strategy, hereafter referred to as the "Community Safety Strategy," is reserved for ultimate approval by the full Council, subject to a recommendation made by the Cabinet.
- 1.2 The co-creation of a Hate Crime Strategy for Haringey aligns seamlessly with the Council's unwavering commitment to a zero-tolerance stance against any manifestation of hate and discrimination. Additionally, the issue of hate crime has been incorporated as a prominent theme within Haringey's Corporate Delivery Plan for 2023.
- 1.3 The Community Safety Strategy will serve as the overarching framework encompassing key priorities in community safety, harmonised with vital council strategies and action plans including the Corporate Delivery Plan for 2023-2024, the Young People at Risk strategy for 2019-2029, and the proposed Hate Crime Strategy for 2024-2027.
- 1.4 On the 7th February 2023 Cabinet gave approval to consult and engage with the public on the development of the Community Safety strategy and Hate Crime strategy.
- 1.5 The purpose of this report is to present the outcome of the consultation and public engagement exercise that took place during 2023 and to outline the

next steps ahead of Cabinet and full council approval in March 2024

- 1.6 The report should be read in conjunction with the presentation attached.
- 1.7 The presentation focuses on the summary of the in-depth analysis of responses to the consultation and public engagement exercise from which we have discerned recurring trends and prevalent narratives. These trends have been organised into six overarching themes, which are as follows:
 1. **Reporting, Including Barriers to Reporting:** This theme delves into the respondents' perspectives on reporting incidents and the obstacles they encounter in doing so. It sheds light on the challenges individuals face when attempting to bring incidents to the attention of relevant authorities.
 2. **Trust and Confidence in Police and Council Services:** Within this theme, we explore the sentiments of trust and confidence that respondents hold towards the police and council services. This encompasses their perceptions of how effectively these entities address issues related to safety and community well-being.
 3. **Communication and Engagement with Residents:** The third theme centres around the communication strategies employed by authorities to engage with residents. It investigates the effectiveness of these approaches and whether they facilitate productive dialogues between residents and the relevant agencies.
 4. **Raising Awareness of Crime Types and Definitions:** This theme tackles the respondents' awareness of different crime types and their understanding of crime definitions. It evaluates whether there is a need for enhanced awareness campaigns and clarifications in this regard.
 5. **Lived experiences:** this theme highlights the personal accounts or experiences of the respondents. The questions asked, offered a platform for individuals to express their own stories, reflecting on the various events, emotions, and lessons that have impacted their lives.
 6. **Other, Including Ideas on Co-Production and Other Miscellaneous Comments:** In this broad category, we gather miscellaneous comments and ideas, including suggestions for collaborative efforts (co-production), innovative solutions, and any additional remarks or insights shared by respondents.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Scrutiny Board note the content of the accompanying presentation, which highlights the key findings from the Community Safety and Hate Crime Public engagement and consultation that took place in 2023.

2.2 That the Board note the next steps including Cabinet Approval to take the Community Safety Strategy to Full Council for approval in March 2024.

3 Reasons for decision

n/a

4 Alternative options considered

n/a

5 Background information

5.1 Haringey has a signed agreement with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime to contribute to tackling the Mayor's priority crimes. The agreement is accompanied by a grant of £553K per year for 2022-2025. This is allocated across seven areas: Drug treatment intervention to reduce reoffending; an integrated Gang Exit Programme; Hate crime prevention; Advocacy and support to victims of domestic violence; Cross-borough support to ASB victims and witnesses (Haringey and Enfield); A dedicated Pentonville Prison worker; Gangs outreach training.

5.2 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.

5.3 Performance monitoring occurs in between Community Safety Partnership board meetings and attendance includes the holders of KPIs, the budget holders and statutory partners such as the police.

6 Contribution to strategic outcomes

6.1 This work contributes to the Mayor of London's Policing and Crime Plan and the Haringey Community Safety Strategy. It will also help to deliver Haringey's Corporate Delivery Plan, Serious Violence Duty, Young People at Risk strategy, VAWG strategy, as well as other key workstreams such as the North Area Violence Reduction Group (NAVRG), Violent Crime Action Plan.

6.2 Officers and partners work strategically across related work areas and boards such as Youth Offending, Safeguarding Children and Adults, Health and Wellbeing, Tottenham Regeneration, Early Help and the Community Strategy.

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

n/a

Finance and Procurement

The Local Crime Prevention 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.

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.

8 Use of Appendices

Appendix A –Community Safety and Hate Crime Strategy-Engagement & Consultation outcomes-2023 PowerPoint presentation.

9 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985