

## **REPORT OF Cabinet 04/2023/24**

### **FULL COUNCIL 14 March 2024**

Chair: Cllr Peray Ahmet- Leader of the Council

Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion– Cllr Adam Jogee

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

This report arises from the Cabinet meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 and asks Full Council to consider the following:

Adoption of the Community Safety Strategy as part of the Council's Policy Framework in accordance with Article 4.01 of the Council's Constitution.

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, requires that the Council establish 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.

#### **2. Adoption of the Community Safety Strategy**

- 2.1 We considered the attached Community Safety strategy at our meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March and commended officers for their significant efforts in compiling this strategy which was for adoption by full Council. The Hate Crime strategy was for approved by Cabinet as an executive function and has been included in papers for further noting alongside the Community Safety Strategy .
- 2.2 The priorities in both the Hate Crime and Community Safety strategies had been developed following a Community Safety Strategic Needs Assessment (2022) (Appendix 4, attached to the Cabinet Report). This highlighted several key crime and community safety priority areas for Haringey. The identified priorities were then used as the framework to begin a period of pre-consultation with our residents, businesses and communities. Following the pre-engagement in December 2022 we were able to co-produce six Community Safety priorities and five Hate Crime objectives with our communities who identified these as being the issues that they would like both strategies to focus on.

##### Community Safety Priorities

- Violence and high harms
- Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)
- Exploitation
- Increase in trust and confidence.

- Reducing reoffending
- Reducing victims of crime and ASB

2.3 In line with the Haringey Deal, we had ensured that there was significant pre – engagement on the priorities and then consultation exercise on both strategies in draft form. Officers had whole heartedly supported and facilitated this. There had also been a lot of collaborative work, specifically on the women's safety element of the strategy, with support from the Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care, and Wellbeing and also experienced steer and support provided by the Leader of the Council.

2.4 The main focus of our engagement was talking to people, obtaining their lived experience and their views to provide rich data to compile these strategies. This had been achieved and was illustrated with some of those responses outlined in the evaluation report, attached at Appendix A of the Cabinet Report, included in the Council Agenda pack. Also at page 4, of this Appendix (Table A), outlined the high number of consultation events using council and community outlets to engage on both the Community Safety Strategy and Hate Crime Strategy.

- 2.5 We discussed the following, specifically in relation to the Community Safety Strategy, after questions were put forward:
- The core focus was on direct engagement with local communities. Officers did approach the VCS through the Bridge Renewal Trust as a way of getting some of these surveys out to the wider community, but the focus of engagement was speaking to people directly. Officers sought the views of various seldom engaged communities; for example, multi faith groups, older people's groups, and young people's groups. Almost every library in the borough had the opportunity to host a conversation where residents could contribute their views.
  - In relation to reducing gang violence and preventing young people falling into gangs, there were several schemes and support provided by the Violence Reduction Unit. There was a partnership approach with them and a commitment from the Mayor of London to tackle many of these issues. It was a Council priority to keep young people safe and there was a wider political point about creating further opportunities for young people; and this was an issue that the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families was taking very seriously.
  - The Police were a key partner and had signed up to delivering the strategy and all councillors themselves were accountable for actively supporting achievement of the objectives, for this Policy Framework document.

## **WE RECOMMEND**

1. That Full Council approve the Community Safety Strategy as part of the Council's Policy Framework.
2. The Full Council delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Safer Stronger Communities, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion to make any minor amendments to the Community Safety Strategy and to agree and publish an annual action plan.

3. That Full Council note that the Climate Community Safety and Culture scrutiny Panel have no changes to the Community safety strategy and recommend Cabinet note their comments set out below at paragraph 13 in accordance with Part four Section E paragraph 2.2 of the Council's Constitution.