

**Meeting:** Safer Communities Executive Board

**Date:** 18 February 2010

**Report Title:** Safer Communities Priorities 2010 -11

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**Purpose**

To recommend to the SCEB suggested key priorities to be addressed by the Partnership during 2010/11, and to invite partners to identify any other key priorities or gaps.

**Summary**

The key priorities recommended below have been taken from the Safer for All Strategy 2008/11, using both the Strategic Needs Assessment and the National Indicators relevant to this area of work.

This paper sets out the proposals which, after agreement by SCEB, will be developed into an action plan for 2010/11 and brought back to the SCEB in June for approval.

**Legal/Financial Implications**

This work will be funded through core budgets of the partnership agencies, supplemented by the Partnership Area Based Grant where appropriate.

**Recommendations**

1. That SCEB approves the proposed key priorities for 2010/11 and adds any missing priorities.
2. That SCEB instructs the Safer Stronger Communities Service to develop the key priorities into an action plan for 2010/11 identifying lead officers and timescales for each activity required to achieve the key priorities.
3. That the appropriate partnership teams (particularly the Community Safety Team and Drug & Alcohol Action Team) set their teams' work plans for 2010/11 using these key priorities.

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## Background

1 The Safer for All Strategy is due to expire in March 2011 and therefore a new strategy will be prepared during 2010/11. The key priorities listed below have been taken from the current Safer for All Strategy 2008/11.

2 The Partnership also carried out a Strategic Needs Assessment in late 2010. This highlighted how the Partnership has addressed crime and anti-social behaviour during the previous year and what work is required to continue the very good progress already made to further drive down crime and anti-social behaviour in Haringey.

3 It is also important to note the key local performance indicators, taken from the National Indicators (NI's) relevant to this work, when agreeing the key priorities for 2010/11. These are as follows;

- NI 15 Serious violent crime rate
- NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate
- NI 21 Dealing with local concern about crime and anti-social behaviour by the council and police
- NI 35 Preventing violent extremism
- NI 37 Public awareness of civil protection arrangements in the local area
- NI 39 Reductions in alcohol-related hospital admissions
- NI 40 Drug users into effective treatment
- NI 41 Perceptions of drunk and rowdy behaviour as a problem
- NI 42 Perceptions of drug use or drug dealing as a problem
- NI 45 Engagement by young people in suitable education, training and employment (ETE)
- NI 111 Number of young entrants into the Criminal Justice System aged 10-17

4 Taking all the above into consideration, the key priorities suggested for 2010/11, with some identified actions to achieve these (in boxes below each priority) are:

*i. Prevent and reduce serious priority crime (both acquisitive and violent crime) and adult re-offending.*

Embed and develop intelligence-led planning, marketing, problem-solving and performance monitoring
Deliver and develop the work of the Gang Action Group (13 - 24 year olds)
Implement partnership residential burglary action plan
Implement and develop the reducing adult re-offending action plan
Analyse and develop a response to crime and disorder around key transport hubs

Further develop the reach and scope of the Q-Car robbery operations
Produce the next 3-year Community Safety Strategy (inc ASB/hate crime)

- ii. *Prevent and reduce the number of young people involved in crime. Promote a positive future for young people, increasing skills and educational achievement and contributing to reductions in child poverty and improvements in safeguarding children.*

Identify risks and actions to address these in relation to delivering youth justice services
Monitor referrals to Triage, the youth crime diversion scheme.
Carry out actions arising from the January 2010 Ofsted inspection and Safeguarding Plan
Commission targeted youth activity and diversion with proven outcomes (e.g. employment and pro-social skills)
Commission Victim Support to increase support, referral and reporting from young victims of crime and anti-social behaviour
Deliver ASB workshops in Primary and Secondary Schools

- iii. *Increase satisfaction with needs based, community-focused services. Improve community perceptions of responses to crime and anti-social behaviour and increase local confidence in the criminal justice system.*

Produce and monitor Safer Neighbourhood Panel priorities and Area Priority Plans
ASBAT to meet key KPIs: make contact with victim within 24 hours (90%); completion of Stage 1 tasks (70%), customer satisfaction levels (70%)
Deliver the Anti-Social Behaviour Communications Plan
Deliver key Justice Seen Justice Done priorities
Support and develop the structures and outcomes from the Community Justice Court
Establish an effective structure to facilitate 'Community Call to Action'

- iv. *Reduce the harm caused through drug and alcohol misuse. Tackle health inequalities.*

Increase the number of Problematic Drug Users (PDUs) recorded as being in effective drug treatment
Reduce Alcohol Related Hospital admissions
Reduce re-offending amongst drug misusing offenders
Increase the number of all adults over 18 years old recorded as being in effective drug treatment to 1369 (a 4% growth on the baseline figure for 2009/10)
Maintain an effective treatment rate of over 80% for those clients retained in treatment for 12 weeks or successfully discharged under 12 weeks
Achieve a successful discharge rate from drug treatment of 60%+
Health issues to be introduced as a standing item on Area Based Working agendas

- v. *Deliver key actions in the Anti-Social Behaviour and Hate Crime Strategies.*

Deliver parenting support to the most prolific families engaging in anti-social behaviour
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Improve outcomes for victims and witnesses of anti-social behaviour
Address and co-ordinate responses to lower-level anti-social behaviour in partnership with Housing Services
Train key teams in availability and use of all anti-social behaviour tools and powers
Target delivery of the Enviro-crime programme to impact positively on perceptions
Support and develop the use of localised problem-solving for anti-social behaviour issues, accessing relevant funding opportunities
Implement key standards to support anti-social behaviour outcomes (e.g. Tenancy Standards Authority; Secure by Design; Introductory tenancies etc)
Deliver key actions in the Hate Crime Action Plan

vi. Ensure that the Borough is prepared for emergencies and partnership agencies have effective business continuity plans in place.

Protect key sites from terrorist attacks
Develop and deliver a series of initiatives to inform the public and businesses about preparing for emergencies
Comply with the Minimum Standards for London (in Emergency Planning) Tranche 2
Review the Council's response to swine flu and severe weather
Undertake Olympics related contingency planning
Achieve an RSPCA Award for Animal Welfare for the Contingency Planning Footprint
Review and ensure the update the Council's Business Continuity Plans; deliver a programme of training and exercising for Council officers

5. Members are invited to agree the above suggested key priorities and identify any gaps, or other key priorities that need inclusion.

6. Members are invited to request that the key priorities agreed are developed into an action plan for 2010/11 and brought back to the SCEB in June for approval.

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