

Meeting: Safer Communities Executive Board

Date: 18 February 2010

Report Title: Performance and Project Exception Report (April – December 2009)

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1. Purpose of the report (That is, the decision required)

To inform the SCEB of performance year-to-date (April – December 2009) against the key community safety targets. The latest information from the police performance scorecard is available up to week ending 24th January 2010 and has been used where relevant.

2. State link(s) with Other Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

2.1. Addressing the prevention and reduction of crime, the fear of crime, the harm caused by drugs and alcohol and anti-social behaviour are all key parts of the cleaner, greener and safer priority. Collectively, these remain top priorities for residents

3. Recommendations

That SCEB note the highlights and the mitigating actions to address the areas of concern

4. Summary – See purpose of the report above

5. Chief Financial Officer Comments (N/A)

All planned actions are deliverable within agreed and existing budgets, primarily through the Area Based Grant.

6. Head of Legal Services Comments (N/A)

There are no areas of obvious concern from a legal perspective

Head of Procurement Comments – [Required for Procurement Committee] – **N/A**

7. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments

People from black and ethnic minority communities, and young people, have a disproportionately high risk of becoming a victim of crime. In addition, women and

older people tend to suffer from higher levels of anxiety about crime. There are several actions which have directly addressed this over the year and these include: Targeted interventions of the most vulnerable streets and houses in the borough; an increase in outreach to young people by Victim Support; development of the third party reporting process for hate crime; delivery of the Preventing Violent Extremism agenda; increased response by the YOS to ethnic changes in their caseload; additional support with resettlement for non-statutory offenders. A Scrutiny Review of support to victims is nearing completion in the borough.

8. Consultation

All issues relating to performance are shared and discussed with the multi-agency Performance Management Group (PMG), reporting to the SCEB

9. Service Financial Comments

A high proportion of the Safer Communities Service is funded externally and through the Area-Based Grant (ABG). This leaves the Service without the security of stable and ongoing funding. Reductions on external grants (e.g. National Treatment Agency funds for drug treatment services) result in some areas of work being particularly vulnerable.

10. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs

A project/budget highlight report is attached

11. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

11.1. Background papers are as follows:

Cutting Crime: Home Office Strategy 2008-2011
Safer for All Strategy 2008-2011
National Drug Strategy 2008-2011

13. Background

13.1 The Safer Communities Partnership is responsible for a number of key targets under the Local Area Agreement (LAA). These are:

NI 15 – serious violent crime
NI 16 – serious acquisitive crime
NI 21 - perception of how well the police and local authority deal with crime and ASB in the local area
NI 35 - preventing violent extremism
N 40 - numbers into effective drug treatment
NI 111 – reduction in young people (aged 10-17) entering the youth justice system

13.2 In addition, there are two stretch targets which expire in March 2010: Reduction in repeat victimisation for domestic violence (and increased detections); reduction in personal robbery.

14. **Key highlights and successes from Q3 2009/10**

14.1 Haringey police recorded 5.6% fewer total recorded offences (21,302 against 22,556) up to the end of January compared with the same time last year and compared with a 2% reduction at the end of Q2.

14.2 All key property crimes (robbery, motor vehicle crime and residential burglary) saw reductions up to 24th January. Collectively, performance against these acquisitive crimes (NI 16) is 10% better than this time last year despite predictions to the contrary during a recession. Significant partnership activity, seasonal campaigns and investment in burglary and theft from motor vehicles have contributed to the favourable results. Mapping technology is also being used to identify and target localised areas that are most likely to be affected by these crimes.

Robbery stretch target

14.3 Personal robbery is showing a 7.5% decrease (777 offences) compared with this time last year and is on track to be well within the upper target limit of 1,557 offences by year end. This crime predominantly affects young people with 75% of perpetrators aged 12 – 19 years and victims of a similar profile. The continuing strong performance by police Q-cars remains a key factor.

Domestic violence stretch targets

14.4 There were 520 DV sanctioned detections during Q3, giving a rate of 41% against a stretch target of 38%. Performance had improved still further to 43% by 24th January and we are currently on track to achieve this target.

14.5 By the end of Q3, there were 117 recorded repeat victims of domestic violence against a stretch target of 142 by the end of the stretch period - March 2010. Past and current performance suggests that this target will be reached.

14.6 Perceptions of how well the council and police deal with crime and ASB (NI 21) are measured annually in the Place Survey. Haringey has delivered an exceptional package of interventions this year and has been highly commended by the Home Office for innovative practice. This includes successful parenting interventions, published court outcomes, Community Payback schemes, a street drinking review, recruitment of a Victim and Witness Support Officer for ASB cases in the civil court, assistance into housing, treatment and employment through the Helpdesk and distribution to all households of the first community safety newsletter focusing on confidence and achievement. In addition, ASB issues of concern are being dealt with through local problem-solving groups and there are plans to increase positive publicity from this activity and successful ASBAT action. The Home Office recently confirmed funding for 2010-11.

14.7 The programme to address violent extremism is developing steadily and Haringey is on track to achieve level 3 as per the agreed target (NI 35). We

are currently at level 2 on the delivery scale. Training is underway for front-line staff to support the main objectives of the programme. These entail challenging ideology; disrupting those who promote extremism; supporting individuals, who are vulnerable to recruitment; and addressing the grievances that ideologues are promoting.

- 14.8 Haringey is progressing well this year with the challenging target of preventing first time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 (NI 111). Year-to-date 1,135 new entrants have been recorded against a final target of 2,313. In Q3 alone, the number dropped significantly to 252 against a quarterly target of 578. The adverse weather conditions may have been partly responsible for this result. However, a key success factor has been the prevention work of trained youth staff working in custody suites as part of the 'triage' programme. Further intensive intervention programmes are running as part of the Challenge and Support scheme. It must be noted that the official figures always await full confirmation from the Youth Justice Board and these can vary slightly from the police generated figures above.

The percentage of 16-18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEETS/ NI117) has also improved. The current number of NEETS (228) represents a decrease of 26 or 8% compared with last month. At the end of Q3, the numbers were down to 7% against a target of 10%. Serious youth violence saw a marginal increase to the end of January of 189 compared with 185 the previous year-to-date.

- 14.9 Improvements were recorded to victim support services for young people during Q3. Victim Support reported an increase in the number of 1-2-1 appointments held, with 60% honouring their appointment. They also saw a decrease in cancelled appointments from 56% in Q2 to 41% in Q3. The outreach workers appear to be having some impact and will be commissioned to undertake more specific work in the coming year.

15. **Issues and areas of concern**

- 15.1 The number of recorded 'most serious violent crimes' (NI 15) has been of utmost concern this financial year and remains a top priority. At the end of January, Haringey was showing a 20% increase against the same period the previous year with the annual reduction target of 4% still out of reach. There were 391 recorded offences at the end of Q3 against a year-end target of 311. This figure has, however, reduced by *more than double* from a 45% peak in August 2009. The Gang Intervention Project is underway and providing mediation and signposting to education, employment and training opportunities. A specialist worker is being recruited through the targeted inclusion programme to respond to referrals from the Gang Action Group and the fruitful collaboration between Haringey and Enfield continues.
- 15.2 Performance data for the number of problematic drug users in effective treatment (NI 40) relates to the 12-month rolling period from Sept 08 – August 09 due to established delays in data availability (clients in the cohort must remain in treatment for 3 months). The target for year end 2009/10 is to have at least 1,108 users in treatment. Haringey achieved 993 people during Q1 and Q2 but the number of new clients has been declining and there is a risk of not meeting the final target. This follows a trend across London and all local partners and services commissioned by Haringey DAAT are stepping up

actions to address this. These include BUBIC, Eban, Probation, DIP and DASH. An access and engagement group has been developed to co-ordinate the work and the trend is being monitored on a monthly basis.

- 15.3 There is always a structural delay in confirming figures for the rate of hospital admissions per 100,000. However, provisional figures for the first half of the year 2009/10 suggest a rate of 899 against a year-end target of 1,654. These figures are higher than during any quarter in 2008/9 and meeting the target will be challenging. It must be noted that the outcomes from current investment and actions are not likely to be seen in the short-term. This target category also includes partially attributable conditions such as falls and hypertensive disease which may be linked to alcohol but have other causes.

Significant activity is taking place in the borough to address these problems. This includes interventions at A&E, new detoxification facilities, peripartetic nursing, enhancement to the COSMIC service for children and families, social marketing campaigns, alcohol needs' assessments and possible enhanced screening.

16. **Project and budget highlight report (copy attached)**

- 16.1 All project leads report on a quarterly basis against agreed milestones and a spend plan, submitted at the start of the year.
- 16.2 In Q3, all projects were rated Green or Amber with the following four areas indicating at least one Red marker:
- 16.3 The anticipated recruitment of a sustainable CCTV Manager to unite operational and strategic functions has been unsuccessful and the amount has been used this year for interim arrangements. It is currently expected that this gap will be covered from within existing resources in the coming year.
- 16.4 The Haringey Police Provision registered an under-spend in Q3 and plans are being adjusted in order to achieve full spend and delivery across all targets.
- 16.5 The problem-solving budget is due to achieve full spend by the end of the financial year. However, several invoices are still going through the system and have not yet registered. This budget has been successful in promoting efficient problem resolution and strengthening partnership working.
- 16.6 At the next PMG meeting due in February, the remaining funds from the problem-solving budget (approximately £10K) will be allocated to bids put forward for approval. These bids will address the priorities arising from the new strategic assessment and/or evidence led requests from the Zonal Steering Group.
- 16.7 Haringey received additional and unexpected funding to deliver the Preventing Violent Extremism programme late in the year. This, coupled with outstanding invoices, has caused the Q3 under-spend. Discussions are underway to resolve this issue.
- 16.8 In line with previous years, the Safer Communities Partnership has received a capital fund of £121K. This was put to tender in the summer and a final decision on successful bids was made at the last PMG. One project in

support of an Open Air Gym facility is unable to proceed due to planning issues and the PMG will decide on re-allocation at its forthcoming meeting. The main projects approved for 2009/10 are listed below. These all strongly support the priorities in the Safer for All strategy and Local Area Agreement:

- : Overt surveillance of priority Anti-social behaviour
- : IT training equipment for empowering Muslim women
- : Priority anti-burglary projects
- : Swift response monitoring and support system for vulnerable victims
- : Inter-generational community project
- : Woodwork project to assist offenders into work

We have recently received confirmation of continued but reduced capital funding of £60K for 2010-11

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