

**Meeting:** Safer Communities Executive Board

**Date:** 4 November 2010

**Report Title:** Half Year Performance Report Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 2010/11

**Report of:** Claire Kowalska, Community Safety Strategic Manager

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

To inform the Board of performance for the first half of the financial year 2010/11 against the key community safety targets and responsibilities

**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 any 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. See point 9 for further comment

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

There are no areas of obvious concern from a legal perspective

**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 has recently been undertaken 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. Significant reductions across all external grants are expected to be announced in October 2010.

## **10. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs**

A project/ budget highlight report is attached giving details of funding, progress being made and areas of concern identified.

## **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

## **12. Background**

### **12.1 The Safer Communities Partnership is responsible for a number of key priorities under the Local Area Agreement (LAA). These are:**

- Reducing serious violent crime, domestic and gender-based crime
- Reducing serious acquisitive crime
- Improving perceptions of how well the police and local authority deal with crime and ASB in the local area
- Preventing violent extremism
- Increasing numbers of people in effective drug treatment
- Reducing the number of young people (aged 10-17) entering the youth justice system
- Increasing local confidence in the criminal justice system
- Reducing re-offending and the impact of re-offending
- Increasing support to young victims of crime

## **13. Key highlights and successes from Q1 & Q2**

### Overall crime (Total Notifiable Offences)

### **13.1 Haringey police recorded 6.7% fewer total recorded offences (12,055 against 12,862) during April – September 2010 compared with the same period last year. Without exception, all crime targets are performing well and exceeding their annual targets. This also compares noticeably and favourably with the 0.4% overall reduction across the Metropolitan Police Service area. Haringey**

has now seen seven consecutive years of reduction for total recorded offences. We believe that this is due to a combination of effective prevention, better problem-solving, smart use of a range of data and intelligence, robust case work, neighbourhood policing and a focus on the most vulnerable locations and people.

#### Key crime types

- 13.2 Last year the rate of serious violence was a significant concern. However, 'most serious violence' in Haringey has now fallen by over a fifth (21.4%) compared to its annual target of 4% (fall of 49 from 229 to 180 offences). Contributing factors include the Gang Action Group work and the Tackling Knives Action Plan (TKAP). The former is delivering a multi-agency response to gang related violence and some early successes have been achieved. New referrals continue to be received from a range of partners, demonstrating that they see the benefits of referring individuals to the group. 10 individuals referred to as 'nominals' have been removed from the main monitoring list due to reduced risk.
- 13.3 Acquisitive crime overall is down by 13% compared with the same time last year and despite anticipated rises due to the economic downturn (fall of 490 from 3,713 to 3,223 offences). Performance is primarily being driven by reductions in residential burglary (down 17%) and theft from motor vehicles (down 15%). Better use of data and shared intelligence is paying dividends as well as joint tasking and targeted action.

#### Drug treatment

- 13.4 The first part of 2010-11 has seen a reverse in the recent trend of fewer people entering treatment. This trend was responsible for our missing the target for drug users in effective treatment last year as opposed to issues of ineffectiveness. There are now 48% more new clients in treatment compared with previous years (117 in Q1 compared with 70 in Q1 last year). Haringey has consistently ranked above the London average for the proportion of clients completing treatment drug free (44% against 33%). Efforts to understand the reasons for drop out have intensified as has activity towards full recovery rather than stabilisation and maintenance. A full needs' assessment is being prepared and will also include alcohol. Results will be shared with SCEB members early in the new calendar year.

#### Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE)

- 13.5 Preventing violent extremism work has reached its target of level 3 based on the Home Office self-assessment framework. However, projects are already running at reduced capacity as funding has been cut in year. Furthermore, the future of this work remains uncertain and there is a strong sense that it will not continue in its current form. This belief is affecting morale and the third sector delivery agencies are beginning to focus on how they might survive beyond April 2011.

#### Youth crime prevention

- 13.6 Haringey has already achieved its challenging target this year for prevention of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 (NI 111). There were 1,491 new entrants recorded against a final target of 2,313. This reflects a reduction of 37.5% compared with last year. A key success factor has been the multi-agency approach and the prevention work of trained youth offending 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 and the Intensive Intervention Project.

13.7 The July 2010 figure for those not in employment, education or training (NEETs) was 7.4% which compares with 6.9% last month and 7.7% last July. This is comfortably below the NEET target (8.9%).

#### 13.8 Anti-social behaviour

In relation to enforcement against ASB offenders, the ASB Action Team is using all available tools and powers. Enforcement rates remain well above the national average. They have a 94% success rate for enforcement action following surveillance. The weighting in Haringey is towards the use of injunctions and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts as early intervention measures. However, ASBOs continue to be used sparingly and to good effect, most recently against long-term street drinkers in Wood Green. Prevention work and training continue and the parenting programme has been highly successful with no further enforcement required for 150 families engaged. This work is all subject to short-term and uncertain funding.

#### 13.9 Reducing re-offending

Pilot work with non-statutory offenders is progressing steadily towards the target of helping 30 offenders to resettle in the borough. The case worker is currently working with 21 people and using the full resources of the Haringey Reducing Re-offending Network and supporting programmes such as mentoring and employer engagement. Conversations are underway with Probation and others regarding integrated offender management, pending announcements around resettlement budgets and offender management structures in the Autumn/Winter.

#### 13.10 Domestic violence

Hearthstone continues to provide support and advice to survivors of domestic violence in Haringey. The key performance points from Q1 and 2 are as below:

- Hearthstone received 601 contacts from agencies and members of the public
- Hearthstone supported a total of 232 survivors of domestic violence in Haringey. This is a slight decrease from 249 survivors during the previous six month period (Oct 09 – Mar 10). However, the centre is generally quieter during the summer months
- The service supported 5 male survivors, compared to a total of 15 in 2009-10.
- The average age group of clients is 20-29, accounting for 41% of clients during the period.

#### Ethnicity of clients

- The largest represented ethnic groups accessing Hearthstone remain unchanged. During Q1 and 2:
  - 17% of clients defined themselves as White British
  - 16% as Black Caribbean
  - 12% as Black African

#### Support provided

- 16 clients were provided with Sanctuary installations, to help them stay safe in their homes
  - 14 clients were placed in a domestic violence refuge
- 13.11 Police recorded repeat victims of domestic violence show the majority relating to a second offence. This dropped from 88 to 78 between April and September. This does not account for the actual number of incidents which may have occurred prior to police contact.

13.12 Perception target (NI 21)

In response to the Residents' Survey 2009/10 (Question 12: How much would you agree or disagree that the police and other local services are successfully dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime in your area?) - 53% agreed and 16% disagree (of all 1,276 respondents). When asked a similar question in 2008/9 in the Place Survey 2008/9 (NI21), respondents answered with the following - 28% agree and 25% disagree. This represents a considerable increase in positive perception. Targets of this ilk are due to be cease from April 2011.

14. **Issues and areas of concern**

- 14.1 Reductions to external funding and internal finances will affect many areas of the Safer and Stronger Communities Service and wider Safer Communities Partnership. The main areas of vulnerability are around prevention and diversionary work, case work and intensive support, delivery arrangements for drug treatment and reducing re-offending. A further important issue is that all case loads are set to increase due to the likely knock-on effects of increased financial pressures and unemployment. Changes to the benefit system could significantly affect some Haringey residents and families.
- 14.2 Delays have been experienced with our support to young victims due to an amended contract with Victim Support and the need for further recruitment. The current ABG funding anticipates mainstreaming most of this activity within existing youth and children's services in order to eliminate or greatly reduce the reliance on partnership grants. The successful candidate is currently capacity building, strengthening the volunteer base and creating relationships with the relevant services to help secure sustainable support.
- 14.3 The Coalition Government has indicated its intention to remove central targets as far as possible and to expect partnerships to set local priorities on the basis of robust data, intelligence and consultation. Measuring Total Notifiable Offences may be the only police target. However, the partnership should agree on which key targets should remain subject to measurement and monitoring for the purposes of continuity and comparison.
- 14.4 Several Green Papers are due this Autumn/Winter on Overall Crime, Anti-social Behaviour (ASB), Rehabilitation and Resettlement. The Green Paper on crime is expected in October with consultation from November to February. The paper is likely to concentrate on the adult system with the Youth Justice System inter-woven or as a separate section. It is envisaged that in relation to youth justice it will cover:
- sentencing reform, including a second stage of review of out of court disposals;

- payments by results and local delivery and
- the governance of youth justice