



Report for:	Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel 10 th March 2015	Item Number:	
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Title:	Report of Operation Equinox in Haringey Borough
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Ward(s) affected: Noel Park, Northumberland Park and Tottenham Green	Report for Key/Non Key Decisions: For information
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1. Describe the issue

- 1.1 Haringey's Community Safety Partnership has a responsibility to prevent and reduce priority crime in the borough. Haringey works with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for London under a co-funded agreement to address the MOPAC 7 crimes, among others. These include 'violence with injury' offences which are non-domestic crimes that occur primarily in town centres. In Haringey, these incidents frequently involve stranger on stranger violence and alcohol is often present as a catalyst.
- 1.2 Incidents of 'violence with injury' have risen across the Capital but more so in Haringey. This single crime type within the MOPAC 7 has been the most significant an area of concern since the Summer 2014. Figures can be found within the report.
- 1.3 The MPS as a whole has been running Operation Equinox to combat this problem. In addition to this, Haringey has also trialled the use of a town centre based SOS bus to prevent, deter and deal with incidents on location. Attached is a police report that documents the impact thus far. The MPS has pledged ongoing support for the moment for Equinox. Further use of the SOS bus will require discussion about resourcing between the council, police, health colleagues and voluntary sector services. Early results are contained within the appended report.



2. Cabinet Member introduction

2.1 Operation Equinox is a welcome intervention from the MPS and the CSP supported this as partners. Haringey Council also supported the SOS bus trial which showed indications of success. We will be exploring how we can capitalise on the learning from this joint professional outreach service within manageable resources and proportionate to the level of the problem.

3. Recommendations

3.1 For noting

4. Alternative options considered

4.1 N/A

5.0 Background information

5.1 See attached report

6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications

6.1 The work is being resourced from primarily from central MPS resources.

7. Comments of the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance and legal implications

7.1 N/A

8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

8.1 There are no particular equality or community cohesion implications arising from this report.

9. Head of Procurement Comments

N/A

10. Policy Implication

10.1 At a strategic level, this activity supports outcome 5 of the Haringey Community Safety Strategy and the Mayor's Crime Reduction plan. At an operational level, this



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work will be picked up through the evolving partnership joint tasking and joint enforcement arrangements.

11. Reasons for Decision

11.1 N/A

12 Use of Appendices

12.1. One police report as attached

13. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

13.1 None