

Meeting: Community Safety Partnership Board

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Report Title: Year End Performance Report 2014 – 2015

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1. Purpose of the report

- To report on year-end performance against key indicators where significant change has occurred or by exception
- To report on partnership funding 2015-16 and outturn 2014-15

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; anti-social behaviour and reducing re-offending are priorities that sit under the Corporate Plan. These remain top priorities for residents.

3. Recommendations

- To note key changes and performance pressures
- To request further information and/or direct the partnership Performance Monitoring Group to report back on specific issues
- To note the breakdown of Community Safety partnership funds

4. Performance highlights (see chart at App 1)

- Across all key targets on appendix 1, 80% of performance is better than the previous year, indicated by the downward green arrows. This includes improved outcomes across all areas of work with complex individuals in the gangs, offender management and domestic violence areas.
- At year end, Haringey was on track at 20.5% to meet the four year MOPAC crime reduction target of 20% against a baseline of 2011/12. The two current areas of longer-term pressure are 'violence with injury'

and 'theft from person' offences. The latter needs to be seen in the context outlined below.

- Non-domestic violence with injury has remained an issue all year. Operation Equinox made a dent from 31% in October last year to 25% at year end but the volume remains high and greater than both the London and Most Similar Group (MSG) averages. Offences are occurring predominantly in and around town centres and frequently involve stranger violence. Some of this is assumed to be alcohol driven but alcohol- flagging is insufficient to give us the full picture. The figure quoted in the Crime Survey for England and Wales by victims of violence is that alcohol was a driver in 50% of cases.
- Haringey is now showing a 21% reduction in 'theft person' but this is measured against the high level of offences recorded the year before for mobile phone thefts at major venues (Finsbury Park and Alexandra Palace).
- During 2014/15, personal robbery saw a significant rise of 21% (from 866 to 1,044). This is against a backdrop of a 23% reduction across London and a 26% reduction in our most similar group. This will be a key area of focus in the coming months.
- Residential burglary has been a challenge throughout the year but at year end began to see a slight reduction of 1% versus the previous year (30 fewer – 2,104). However, across London this was down 13% and down 14% in the MSG. The introduction of Met Trace in Haringey is expected to achieve significant further improvement.
- In relation to all sexual offences, there were higher reported levels by an average of approx 30% across London and our MSG. There were 188 recorded rapes in Haringey, 30 more than last year. This should be seen, however, in the context of historical cases being brought to light, and much greater awareness. There is still a high level of under-reporting across these crimes.
- The MPS Commissioner has recently announced that he is placing rape offences on a par with other priority crimes such as terrorism. The law is also due to change in a way that accepts females under the influence of alcohol as not being capable of giving consent. Together these changes will lead to a significant increase in offences recorded.
- Recorded incidents of serious youth violence rose from 220 to 285 during the year and by 32% for the rolling period compared with a 3% increase across London. Residents' fear of gangs also rose from 16% to 24% during last year according to the Public Attitude Survey.
- The number of recorded domestic violence offences remained at around a 25% increase during the year compared with the previous

year. This amounts to 472 additional recorded offences with a total of 2,234 at year end.

- The proportion of ASB victim cases being resolved by the ASB Partnership Action Group is documented as Red. However, the actual numbers being referred are much lower and the cases are more complex due to the successful early intervention of the ASB Victim Worker. This should, therefore, be viewed as a positive development alongside the drop in repeat calls to the police.

5. Partnership finances – See chart at App 2

- 5.1 At year end, Haringey showed full spend across all main partnership grants. These were predominantly from MOPAC and the Home Office. It should be noted that the MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund ceases in March 2017 and the Home Office grant is negotiated on an annual basis.
- 5.2 Haringey continues to maintain a solid reputation for accounting and delivery and, on this basis, we were invited to bid to a Victim Fund which has come from other boroughs under spending their grant.
- 5.3 Appendix 2 shows the breakdown of allocated funding so far for 2015 - 2016. The borough will receive the same amount per programme from MOPAC under the London Crime Prevention Fund and marginally more from the Home Office for PREVENT projects.
- 5.4 Since last year, the partnership budget has received an additional amount for Operation Shield and Gangs strategic work as well as a full year of the police co-funded Partnership Policing Team, documented on the attached as 'flexible policing'. The MAC UK team is fully up and running and has completed recruitment to key posts.