

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 2017, 2pm

PRESENT:

PRESENT: Cllr Ayisi (Co-Chair), Helen Millichap (Co-Chair), Andrew Billany, Tracie Evans, Andrew Francalanza, Gill Gibson, Jonathan Joels, Eubert Malcolm, Stephen McDonnell, Cllr Martin Newton, Geoffrey Ocen, Jenni Plummer, Jill Shattock

IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Benmore, Sandeep Broca, Simon Jones, Claire Kowalska, Jennifer Sergeant, Hazel Simmonds, Otis Williams,

13. FILMING AT MEETINGS

Cllr Ayisi in the Chair.

RESOLVED

- That the Chair's announcement regarding the filming of the meeting for live or subsequent broadcast be noted.

14. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Andrew Blight, Joanne McCartney, Geoffrey Ocen, Beverley Tarka and Cllr Weston.

15. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

17. MINUTES

RESOLVED

- That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2016 be agreed as an accurate record.

18. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/ FEEDBACK

It was advised that action points arising from the discussion session at the last Community Safety Partnership (CSP) meeting regarding the setting of future objectives would be considered by the CSP Executive in order to determine the best way forward.

19. HARINGEY STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT HEADLINES/ DRAFT POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

The partnership received an update on the Community Safety Strategic Assessment headlines and progress of the draft Police and Crime Plan.

A brief outline was given of the MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) which would provide a 4 year funding envelope from 2017 accompanied by an enhanced performance management framework. A 33% reduction in funding was identified over the first two years although authorities would be able to bid against a co-commissioning funding pot. It was proposed to utilise year 1 to assess the current impact of bids and align with the new Community Safety Strategy and identify cross borough bids in priority areas to recover the 33% funding reduction.

An update was given on the setting of the new Mayor's priorities going forward which indicatively would include VAWG, knife crime etc and with an overriding focus on the prevention of harm. Key areas of concern for the borough and partnership going forward inline with the draft Community Strategic Assessment initial findings were violence such as the incidence of violence with injury, vulnerability including domestic violence and exploitation including individuals at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation.

In response to a question, it was confirmed that a group was being established to examine BME school attainment, with the terms of reference currently being devised. An update would be provided to a future CSP meeting.

[action: Gill Gibson]

RESOLVED

To note:

- the allocation of the LCPF two year plan by maintaining the current allocation in year 1 with a reduction of 33% in year 2 covering all areas within the current LCPF allocation.
- draft Community Strategic Assessment initial findings with a focus on violence, vulnerability and exploitation highlighting links to the Mayor's priorities
- timescales to complete the Community Safety Strategic Assessment and Community Safety Strategy.

20. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The Board participated in a facilitated group discussion session to explore ideas for the development of the CSP. The importance was recognised of the partnership clearly defining and understanding priorities and issues going forward and setting the scene, and the ability to measure the impact of action taken and outcomes achieved.

The Board broke into groups and discussed key areas for the partnership going forward inline with the draft Community Strategic Assessment initial findings including confidence levels, exploitation and vulnerability. The following feedback was given:

Group 1: confidence levels

- Data: questions needed to be asked over the source of the data, whether it could be trusted, how reflective the data was and whether it pertained to the perception or reality of crime levels. The importance was emphasised of a shared understanding of the baseline data.
- A positive counter-narrative needed to be developed to celebrate CSP successes and to communicate in a more effective way with communities e.g. ward based newsletters.
- It was acknowledged that the issue was wider than just confidence levels in policing and that there was a wider responsibility for the whole partnership.
- Further consideration was needed on how to capture the voice of young people regarding safety on streets which could be delivered as part of the communications approach.
- Learning from the successful approaches of other boroughs in this area should be explored.
- Developing the CSP 'brand' needed to be progressed including deciding what it would look like and how to promote it. The importance of being transparent where approaches had not been successful was also noted.
- The contribution of the voluntary sector in this area needed to be capitalised on as part of transmitting the message on the ground.

Group 2: vulnerability and exploitation

- The inherent challenges in resolving issues in these areas were recognised.
- Collective understanding and agreement was needed of underpinning definitions.
- Clear mapping was required of routes into early intervention services e.g. via housing services, schools etc.
- Statutory responsibilities in these areas relating to both children and adults needed to be clearly identified to ensure it was apparent which agency had the key role for intervention.
- More detailed background data was required on repeat victims such as age, ethnic background etc to contribute to a greater understanding of the picture.
- Exploration was required as to whether all agencies were operating to the same risk rating levels.
- Mapping was required of pre-emptive services and alternative provision between the main stream service offers such as CAHMS.

Group 3: violence

- A clear, common definition was required.
- Greater emphasis was required on prevention, including the promotion of safer choices and pre-empting behaviour.
- An educational approach was needed for primary as well as secondary schools focussed on increasing confidence, targeting at risk siblings etc.
- The need was identified to engage with other agencies involved in this area such as GPs, schools etc.
- Potential consideration could be given to implementing a targeted, geographic approach for hotspots such as Noel Park.
- The link between alcohol and violence was recognised as significant.

Overall, it was considered that partnership working across the CSP was working well but that improvements could be made in deploying and utilising resources for example

a multi-tasking group to visit primary schools to discuss safety on the streets. The new Strategy needed to provide a themed and focussed way forward.

21. COMMUNICATIONS FORWARD FACING

Simon Jones, the Council's Head of Communications, gave a short presentation on the importance of good communications and engagement in relation to community safety, particularly in light of the low confidence levels across the borough. It was advised that the most effective approach would be communications focussed at a local ward level to ensure relevance to where people live. Consideration needed to be given to the use of engagement platforms, although the release of resources to support this would be a challenge. A business case could potentially be made for a shared communications and engagement role between the Council and Police to lead in this area e.g. the production of regular newsletters and press releases. The potential could be explored of securing matched funding for the business case using performance reward grant funds, once a clearly defined need and outcomes had been established. This would be progressed by the Council's communications team [action: **Simon Jones**]. Laura Cooper from the team would attend CSP meetings going forward.

[clerk to note].

22. YOUTH JUSTICE, YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGY

The board received a presentation on the Annual Youth Justice Services Plan 2016/17, the recent announcement of the government response to the Charlie Taylor review, an update on the review of progress of Haringey's Young People's Strategy and a briefing on recommended actions for the CSP following the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee review of disproportionality in youth justice.

The Board commented on the importance of the clear identification of where responsibilities in this area fell between the Health and Wellbeing Board and the CSP.

The Borough Commander requested that details of the data showing an increase in fear of crime in young people be forwarded to her. Consideration could also be given to having this as a future CSP agenda item.

[action: **Jennifer Sergeant**].

The importance was emphasised of both responding to young people as victims as well as offenders as these were often interlinked. It was identified that a Youth Management Panel was in place and would have responsibility for putting in place plans of protection for victims.

The potential was noted for a joint bid with other local authorities to support a piece of work to explore the impact of contributory factors in this area. Work in this area was already underway within children's services and in LB Hackney as well as a work stream focussed on young people at risk of exclusion.

RESOLVED

- That the update be noted.

23. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

24. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The Borough Commander advised that plans for a high level reconfiguration of the Metropolitan Police were being developed including the potential for 12 'super boroughs'. Plans were being communicated to Council Leaders and Chief Executives for feedback.
- Thanks and best wishes for the future were passed on to Claire Kowalska, Community Safety Strategic Manager who was leaving the employment of the Council.

25. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

29 March 2017.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date