

CRIME & DISORDER SUB- COMMITTEE

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA (2)

1 November 2016

The following report is attached for consideration and is submitted with the agreement of the Chairman as an urgent matter pursuant to Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

9 URGENT BUSINESS (Pages 1 - 2)

To consider any other item in respect of which the Chairman is of the opinion, by reason of special circumstances which shall be specific in the minutes that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Andrew Beesley
Committee Administration
Manager

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Greg Tillett – Head of Barking & Dagenham, Havering and Newham NPS

The NPS is responsible for managing all offenders who are subject to a statutory sentence (custodial or Community Based penalty) and who fall into one (or more) of the following categories:

- Assessed to pose a High or Very High risk of serious harm to others
- All MAPPA eligible offenders
- All Foreign National offenders

NPS currently manage approximately 320 Havering offenders (It is important to note that Havering is a joint Local delivery Unit with neighbouring Barking & Dagenham and a total of 800 offenders are dealt with onsite in Romford). Approximately 60% of the current caseload are custody cases and 40% currently either being supervised on post release Licence or as part of a Community Order.

NPS will shortly start purchasing services from providers on a case by case basis and we expect a Rate Card to be produced in the new year to support front line staff in commissioning services. This will expand the range of interventions available to offenders during their period of supervision in custody and the community. Existing available interventions include;

- Full access to CRC delivered accredited programmes.
- Delivery of the internal Community Sex Offender Group Programme
- Personality Disorder specialist (seconded Probation Officer who works alongside psychologists) and link into specialist services for this group of offenders
- Victim Liaison Service
- An internal Housing advice worker (HAWK)
- An Employment, Training and Education advisor
- Access to the European Social Fund programme
- Link to NPS Serious Case Advisory Unit to access specialist interventions for those offenders with gang affiliations and TACT related convictions. As well as specialist programmes of intervention, Barking & Dagenham and Havering have a designated Probation Officer from within the SCAU who provides specialist advice and support to Offender Management staff at Victoria Road Office.

I commenced my role in February 2016 and have spent my first six months focussed upon restructuring the Local Delivery Unit to improve utilisation of available resources. I expect to recruit up to six additional Offender Managers (Probation Service Officers) over the next 12 months.

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