



## **CRIME & DISORDER COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**7.30 pm**

**Tuesday  
15 July 2014**

**Town Hall, Main Road,  
Romford**

Members 6: Quorum 3

**COUNCILLORS:**

David Durant (Chairman)  
John Wood (Vice-Chairman)  
John Glanville

Garry Pain  
Dilip Patel  
Linda Van den Hende

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## **What is Overview & Scrutiny?**

Each local authority is required by law to establish an overview and scrutiny function to support and scrutinise the Council's executive arrangements. Each overview and scrutiny committee has its own remit as set out in the terms of reference but they each meet to consider issues of local importance.

They have a number of key roles:

1. Providing a critical friend challenge to policy and decision makers;
2. Driving improvement in public services;
3. Holding key local partners to account; and
4. Enabling the voice and concerns of the public.

The Crime and Disorder Committee considers issues by receiving information from, and questioning, Cabinet Members, officers and external partners, particularly the Responsible Authorities, i.e. Metropolitan Police, Metropolitan Police Authority, Fire and Rescue Authorities, and Primary Care Trusts, to develop an understanding of proposals, policy and practices. They can then develop recommendations that they believe will improve performance, or as a response to public consultations.

Committees will often establish Topic Groups to examine specific areas in much greater detail. These groups typically consist of between 3-6 Members and the review period can last for anything from a few weeks to a year or more to allow the Members to comprehensively examine an issue through interviewing expert witnesses, conducting research and site visits. Once the topic group has finished its work it will send a report to the Committee that created it and it will often suggest recommendations to the executive.

## **Terms of Reference**

The areas scrutinised by the Committee are in exercise of the functions conferred by the Police and Justice Act 2006, Section 19-22 and Schedules 8 & 9.

## AGENDA ITEMS

### 1 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

### 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(if any) – receive.

### 3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Members are invited to disclose any pecuniary interest in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

*Members may still disclose any pecuniary interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.*

### 4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING (Pages 1 - 8)

To approve as correct the minutes of the meetings held on 10 April 2014 and authorise the Chairman to sign them.

### 5 INTRODUCTION TO OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

To receive a presentation on the role of Overview and Scrutiny.

### 6 CRIME STATISTICS - STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

To receive a presentation on the Strategic Assessment.

### 7 UPDATE ON TRANSFORMING REHABILITATION (PROBATION REFORMS) (Pages 9 - 20)

To consider the effect of the changes to the Probation Services.

### 8 REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEAD MEMBER FOLLOWING THE TOPIC GROUP ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Report to follow.

**9 PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE FOR 2014/15 MUNICIPAL YEAR** (Pages 21 - 24)

To consider the attached report.

**10 VISIT TO ROMFORD AND HORNCHURCH TOWN CENTRES**

To consider whether the Committee would like to visit Romford and Hornchurch Town Centres to assess the impact of the various projects aimed at improving the Night Time Economy.

**11 URGENT BUSINESS**

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**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
CRIME & DISORDER COMMITTEE  
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford  
10 April, 2014 (7.30 - 8.55 pm)**

**Present:**

Councillors Osman Dervish (Chairman), David Durant, +Linda Hawthorn, +Robbie Misir and Georgina Galpin

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Roger Evans, John Wood and Linda Van den Hende.

+Councillor Linda Hawthorn substituted for Councillor Van den Hende.

+Councillor Robbie Misir substituted for Councillor Roger Evans.

**28 MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The minutes of the meetings held on 23 January and 5 February 2014 were agreed as a correct and signed by the Chairman.

**29 COMMUNITY PAYBACK**

The Committee received a presentation on the Community Payback programme in Havering from the Community Safety Team Leader.

Members were informed that the relationship between SERCO and the Council had been very positive over the past 6 months. Serco was now running Community Payback schemes seven days a week in the borough.

The programme had recorded the following recently:

**February 2014 hours worked**

Group Projects	1458
Agency Placements	652
Total	2110

**March 2014 hours worked**

Group Projects	2025
Agency Placements	492
Total	2517

The Committee were informed that SERCO was currently working on the following projects with the borough:

- **LBH Streetcare Team** – work completed & in progress.  
Town Hall car park area. The team undertook cutting back and the generally cleaning of the area. The following car parks would now be done on a yearly basis:  
Keswick Car Park, Hoppy Hall Car Park, Appleton Way Car Park, Dorrington Way Car Park.

The team also litter picked the alley way and had cut back the trees, cutting the branches away to a height of 5 feet to prevent individuals hiding behind them.

**Crow Lane Cemetery.** The team had on going work of preparing and painting the railings surrounding the cemetery, excluding the gates.

- **LBH Havering Homes.** The team started work on Cherry Tree Lane, where they were cleaning, preparing and painting the washed out red railings on the main street. They would also be painting the small parking posts, metal bin doors, and shed doors
- **Add-Up.** The team had worked on a short project to redecorate two offices in Billet Lane. They group would be undertaking painting of the exterior doors and windows
- **St Nicholas Church.** The team undertook a redecoration of the interior of the church, once this was completed they would commence on the exterior of the church.

- **Schools**

**Gaynes School.** The team was working within the school and its grounds, assisting with grounds maintenance, sorting and clearing of sheds within the school grounds, and painting within the school where required.

**Dycorts School.** The team was assisting with grounds maintenance, exterior painting of the school and out buildings.

**Marshalls Park School.** The team was assisting with grounds maintenance, painting of classrooms and corridors when required. They also assisted the caretaker with school furniture and clearing and assembling of school furniture

**Mead School.** The team was assisting with grounds maintenance, creations of foot paths, painting of classrooms, corridors and toilets. Assembling of school furniture, setting up of classrooms with new furniture and removing old furniture. This may be disrupted due to on-going building work taking place at the school.

Members asked that the worked hours be converted to money in order to evaluate its value to the borough.

The Committee agreed Community Payback provided good value to the community in Havering.

The Committee noted the report.

### 30 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

The Committee considered a report that reviewed Domestic Violence in Havering.

The cross-government definition of domestic violence and abuse was defined as:

Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This could encompass any of the following types of abuse:

- psychological
- physical
- sexual
- financial
- emotional

The Council's community safety team co-ordinates the Domestic Violence Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and, in conjunction with Housing and Adult Social Services, commissions a number of services to support victims of domestic violence and their families break the cycle of domestic abuse, through the legal process to prosecution of the perpetrator.

#### **Domestic violence in Havering – the facts**

The Committee was informed that Domestic violence was prevalent in Havering and had a significant impact on the Council's Living Ambition Vision to provide Havering residents with the highest quality of life. Domestic violence was under reported in Havering which follows national trends as detailed in the breakdown of domestic and sexual violence in Havering as of 25 March 2014.

## Domestic and sexual violence

Havering	12 months to January 2014	12 months to January 2013
Domestic violence	1,329	1,245
Rape	77	54
Other sexual	129	134

- For domestic violence this represented an increase of 6.7% in Havering and a Met-wide increase of 8.7%.
- For rape in Havering this represented a 42.6% increase, compared to a Met-wide increase of 22.8%.
- Other sexual offences across the borough saw a 3.7% decrease, compared to a 0.7% increase across London.

*(Source: Metropolitan Police March 2014)*

The Committee was informed that victims of domestic violence have access to the following services in Havering:

### Refuge

Havering Women's Aid provided refuge accommodation for women fleeing domestic violence and abuse. Currently there are two refuges in Havering. Refuge one was based in an existing refuge building owned by Havering council. This refuge consisted of 23 bed spaces. Refuge two was a newly converted building owned by Old Ford Housing Association. The building consisted of fourteen self-contained flats, varying from a bedsit to one, two and three bedroom flats and has forty bed spaces. In 2012-13, one hundred and ten families were supported in refuge accommodation. In the first three quarters of 2013-14, eighty families had been supported in local refuges.

### Advocacy and support group service

Havering Women's Aid was commissioned to provide a minimum of 204 two hour drop-in sessions in the borough. In addition to the drop in, the service is supported by an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor who provides two hours support to victims.

### Floating Support

The floating support service provided emotional and practical help, advice and information to women and children experiencing domestic abuse who want to remain within their own home. In 2012-2013 the service provided 11,960 hours of floating support to one hundred and thirty one families.

### Victim Support Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA)

The Community Safety team and the Home Office jointly funded the IDVA post. The IDVA supports domestic abuse clients through the



criminal justice process and refers high risk cases of domestic violence to the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference.

**Maternity Service IDVA**

The Maternity Service IDVA contract based at Queens Hospital and commissioned by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), ended in March 2014. There was currently no plans by the CCG to re-commission the service – which potentially had implications for vulnerable pregnant women, especially, as pregnancy is often a time that domestic violence commences for the first time.

**Age UK Havering Safe at Home Service**

The service, which was commissioned by the Council and was provided by Age UK, provided a ‘target hardening’ (securing of windows and doors) service, and remained free to victims of domestic violence. For the year to date forty-six homes of domestic violence victims had been target hardened.

**East London Rape Crisis Centre**

Havering, along with Newham, Redbridge, Waltham Forest, Tower Hamlets, Hackney and Barking & Dagenham had contributed £20,000 each to funding the Centre. The service provided free confidential specialist help for women and girls who had been raped or experienced any other form of sexual violence. The service was for women and girls aged 14 years and above. In 2012-13, ninety-five Havering clients were referred to the service.

**Specialist domestic violence worker in the Tier 3 team**

A specialist domestic violence worker based in the Council’s Tier 3 team within the Children’s, Adults and Housing directorate, employed by Havering Women’s Aid. The role was to ensure the effective co-ordination of domestic abuse cases which had been identified by the Tier 3 team and to provide practical and emotional support for victims and their children.

**Independent Domestic Abuse Programme (IDAP)**

IDAP was a group work programme specially designed for men who have been abusive to spouses, partner and ex-partners. It was designed to challenge offender’s patterns of thinking that underpin and maintained their violent and abusive behaviour.

**Women’s Safety Officer – Probation**

The Women’s Safety Officer provided contact and support to spouses and partners of men who are undertaking the IDAP. The Officer supported forty one victims of domestic violence in 2012-13. Probation had identified a lack of funding as the main risk to the continuation of the post.

## **MARAC**

The Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) safeguards adult male and female victims of domestic violence and their children, manage offender behaviour and safeguard staff working with families. Since 2009 there has been a significant increase in the number of cases heard at MARAC.

The 2013 figures represent a 14.90% increase on the previous year. Referrals were being received from a wide range of agencies, however, this year there had been no MARAC referrals from Education, Drug services, secondary acute trust and the voluntary sector.

## **Pan London Domestic Violence Projects**

A number of pan London domestic violence projects were available to Havering victims of domestic violence, funded by the London Borough Grants Scheme, organised by London Councils, to which the Council contributed funding to each year. These include:

- Thyme domestic and sexual violence project for female offenders
- Women in Prisons advice line
- London Violence Against Women and Girls consortium – provide preventative projects in schools, advice & counselling, domestic & sexual violence helplines, specialist refuge provision and support on harmful practices. To date the consortium had provided training for 11 professionals.
- Rights of Women help line provides free legal advice
- DVIP family safety project works with domestic violence perpetrators and their families
- Tender Education & Arts – provided workshops in schools on themes such as domestic and sexual violence, promotion of healthy relationships and warning signs. The project had worked in Gaynes School, Sander Drapers and Brittons. Work was due to commence in one primary school and one out of school setting.
- GALOP Domestic Abuse Project – support gay men and women experiencing domestic violence through advocacy, counselling and practical help. Twenty staff attended a recent professionals training event.
- Sign Health supports deaf victims of domestic violence
- Women's Aid
- Eaves Housing for Women – provided support and emergency accommodation for trafficked women.
- Ashiana – provide support and emergency accommodation for women and children particularly from South Asian and Turkish communities. The service had provided workshops on healthy relationships and counselling for local girls and women.

- Women's Resource Centre – provide support and advice around sustainability, management and training for voluntary and community organisations working in the area of sexual and domestic violence services, including how to better meet the needs of men and boys.
- Pan London Domestic and Sexual Violence Help Line – two hundred and forty three Havering women had called the help line.

All London Councils projects were subject to funding. The current projects are funded from 2013 to 2015.

### **Counselling provision through Relate, Women's Trust and Phoenix Counselling**

The Charity Relate had a network of counsellors trained for domestic violence referrals. The organisation does not receive funding from the council and the majority of clients self-refer or were recommended by other agencies. Most referrals are self-funded with the exception of a few that are funded through children's social care. For year 2012-13 Relate counselled one hundred and thirty nine adult clients. This figure increased to one hundred and ninety clients in 2013-14.

The Committee **noted** the update.

## **31 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD**

The Committee **noted** the response from the Interim Safer Neighbourhood Board on its request that all its future meetings be held in public. In response the Board stated that for their first year, they would meet quarterly but these meeting would not be open to the public. They stated that the public attendance could best be achieved at ward panel level. However the Board was committed to allowing the public attend its annual meeting.

## **32 URGENT BUSINESS**

Councillor David Durant was allowed by the Chairman to raise a matter under urgent business on the roles of the Returning Office and the Police around election offences. Other Members of the Committee were of the view that the Police were in a better position to investigate and deal with such matters. In response Superintendent Russell Taylor stated that from the Police point of view any such incident would be passed to a special unit (anti-terrorism unit) to provide guidance before the Police take any action.

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**Chairman**



# Agenda Item 7

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Date: 30 May 2014

Dear Colleagues

This weekend sees the abolition of the London Probation Trust. From 1 June, the work currently delivered by the London Probation Trust will transfer to two new organisations: the National Probation Service (NPS), responsible for supervision of high risk offenders and the London Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) responsible for supervision medium and low risk offenders.

The CRC will manage the largest group of offenders, as they fall into the low category, until a contract to externalise this work is awarded in November 2014. All staff within the London Probation Trust have been allocated into either the CRC or NPS.

Regionally both the NPS and the CRC have committed to continue to resource and contribute to local joint working and integrated teams, including Integrated Offender Management, Community Safety Partnerships, Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs, and Safeguarding Boards.

This commitment should mean that between June and the share sale of the CRC to the winning bidder there is likely to be minimal disruption to current delivery.

This is however significant change to how probation services are delivered, which will inevitably lead to some teething problems. I know, for example, that there are a number of posts vacant in the CRC following the staff transfer which might impact on delivery.

As part of regional work I am leading with London Councils and MOPAC, to monitor and mitigate the impact of the changes, I am keen to receive feedback from you over the coming months about any significant negative effects from the changes on local partnership working or local service delivery arrangements arising from the probation service changes. Please copy any reports of concerns to Anne-marie Pickup at London Councils on [anne-marie.pickup@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:anne-marie.pickup@londoncouncils.gov.uk) who will compile an overview.

Yours sincerely

**Nick Walkley**  
**CELC Lead for Policing and Crime**

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# New Senior Probation Leaders in London

The Ministry of Justice has appointed Sara Robinson as Deputy Director of the National Probation Service (London) and Nick Smart as Chief Executive for the London Community Rehabilitation Company.

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**Sara Robinson,**  
**Deputy Director –**  
**London National**  
**Probation Service**

I am delighted to have been appointed as Deputy Director (London) in the new National Probation Service. My journey in London Probation began in 1992 as a Probation Service Assistant at Horseferry Road Magistrates Court. I went on to qualify as a Probation Officer in 1995; since this time I have held a variety of roles across the service.

Following my appointment as Assistant Chief Officer in 2005, I have been involved in leading frontline operations and developing strategy, policy and best practice in relation to Courts, Extremism and Hate Crime as well as establishing probation's strategic partnership with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.

Throughout my career I have been committed to achieving high professional standards in my own practice and have promoted excellence in others. I have worked hard to develop effective strategic relationships both at the regional and local level. I am committed to maintaining these relationships, as well as establishing an effective working relationship with the London Community Rehabilitation Company, in order that we can meet our joint objectives of delivering the sentence of the court, managing risk and reducing reoffending rates in the capital.

There will be some challenging times ahead as we transition to the new rehabilitation arrangements and I am grateful that we have already received significant support from our partners to assist with this process. I look forward to continuing the dialogue and utilising the opportunities to build on the progress we have made to date in relation to improving the quality of our work and achieving positive outcomes for victims, offenders and our communities.

I look forward to working together in partnership to shape a service we can be proud of in London.

London  
Community Rehabilitation Company



**Nick Smart,**  
**Chief Executive of the**  
**London Community**  
**Rehabilitation Company**

I am delighted to be returning to work again in London and to take on the role of Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) Chief Executive at such a critical time for the future of our profession.

I joined the Probation Service in 1979, straight out of university. I worked in a probation hostel, as a probation officer in West Sussex and at the Inner London Day Training Centre working with persistent offenders.

I taught trainee social workers and probation officers in London, returning to Sussex as a Senior Probation Officer in 1994. In 2001, I was seconded to the National Probation Directorate advising London on performance and practice development.

I was appointed as Assistant Chief Officer in Sussex in 2002 and then Director of Operations in 2008. I became Chief Executive of Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust in November 2011.

I am passionate about Probation and its capacity to enable change. My interest in practice is what drives me and I have always sought opportunities to promote and develop it. I bring this passion for practice to the critical task of achieving a safe and sustainable transition into the new Probation structures for the staff and service users of London Probation Trust.

I also want to ensure that the excellent partnership work that characterises the best Probation practice is sustained and developed including a strong and co-operative working relationship with colleagues in the National Probation Service.

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# The Offender Journey

## Notes

These new flowcharts show how Probation Court teams will allocate offenders who are found guilty.

The Court teams will use the Risk of Serious Recidivism tool and Case Allocation System to allocate offenders to either the National Probation Service or Community Rehabilitation Company.

They will gather information from a wide range of partner agencies to inform their assessment.

## Glossary

CAS - Case Allocation System

FDR - Fast Delivery Report

IOM - Integrated Offender Management

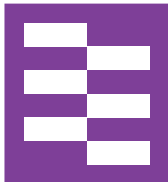
MAPPA - Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements

MASH - Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub

RSR - Risk of Serious Recidivism

SDR - Standard Delivery Report

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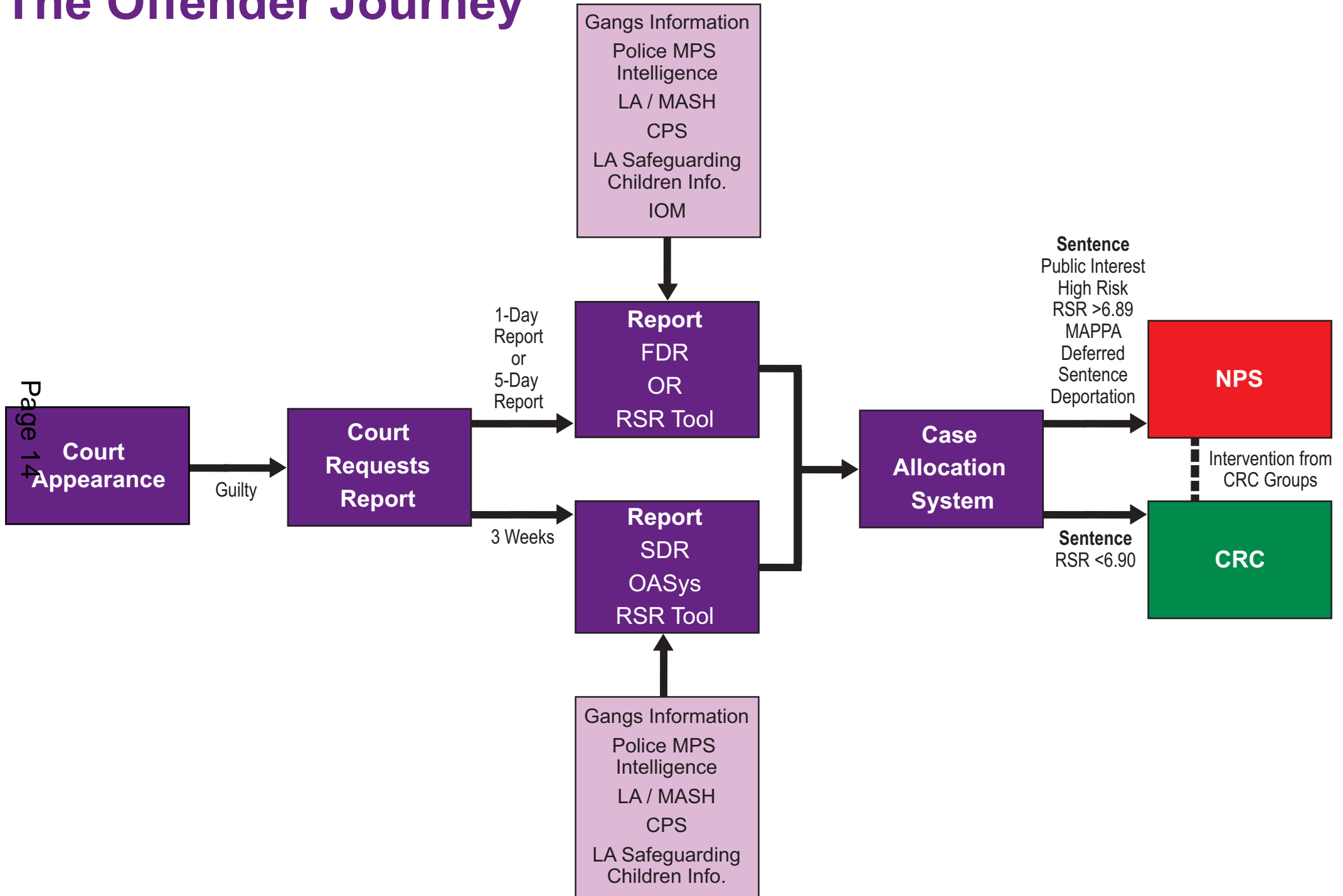


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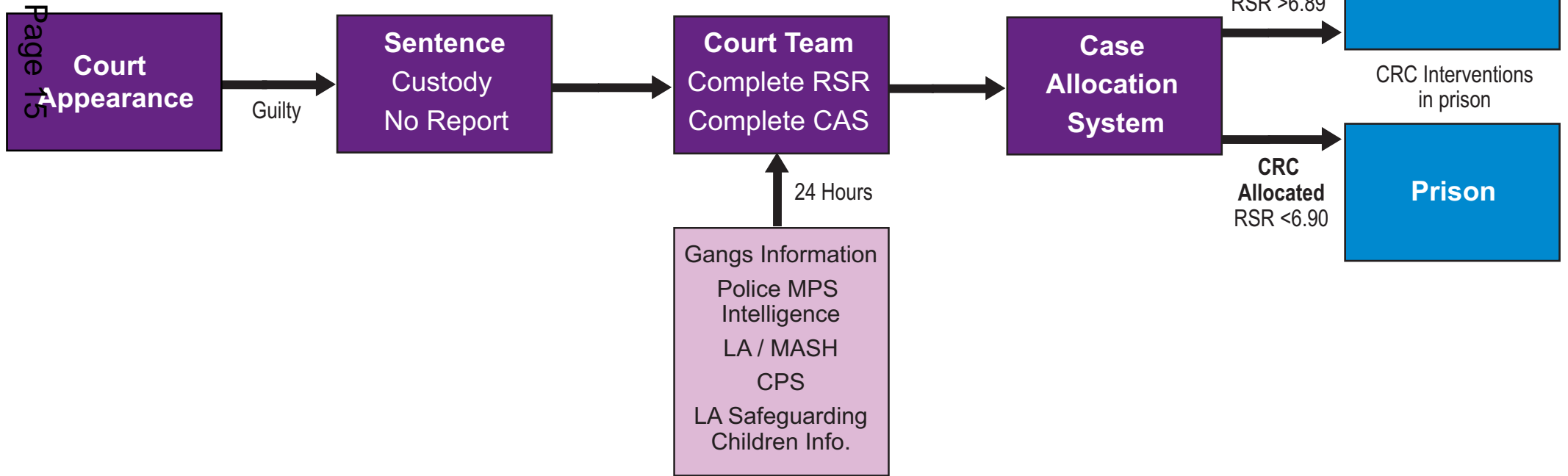


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9 June 2014

**To: Local Authority Chief Executives**

**Transforming Rehabilitation – Government reform of Probation Services**

Dear Colleague

We wanted to take this opportunity to contact you all directly to outline what the Government's Transforming Rehabilitation changes will mean for the way Probation works with London local authorities in the future.

We have been keeping partner agencies regularly updated through a monthly newsletter and presentations at key meetings, including a London Councils event. This letter is designed to update you further.

**The Government's Vision**

The transformation programme is based on the following rationale:

- Need to reduce reoffending rates
- Investment and new ways of working to fund a new statutory rehabilitation requirement for all those sentenced to under 12 months' custody
- Greater flexibility to do what works
- More diversity of providers
- Market forces drive right behaviours if rewards are based on successful outcomes.

From 1 June, the work formerly delivered by Probation Trusts transferred to two new organisations: the National Probation Service (NPS) and regional Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs.) The CRCs will manage the majority of offenders under probation supervision until a contract for this work is awarded in October 2014. The contract award will be followed by a period of mobilisation by the new providers.

The competition for the regional contracts is being managed by the Ministry of Justice and is open to private and voluntary and community sector bidders. There will be payment by results incentives for the new providers.

The responsibilities of the new organisations are as follows.

### **National Probation Service – Responsibilities**

- Undertake all Court reports and parole reports
- Undertake all initial assessments to determine which provider will manage a case
- Manage offenders who are MAPPA registered, pose a high risk of serious harm, or it is in the public interest to do so
- Be responsible for victim liaison work and management of Approved Premises
- Decide on action in relation to all potential breaches beyond first warning and advise the Courts or Secretary of State on sanctions or recall to custody
- Consult on changes in risk of harm.

### **Community Rehabilitation Companies/New providers – Responsibilities**

- Manage all medium and low risk of harm offenders excluding MAPPA
- Deliver interventions and programmes, excluding Sex Offender Treatment Programmes
- Provide ‘through the gate’ services for prisoners – a new statutory requirement for all offenders sentenced to less than 12 months’ in custody, to be introduced in 2015
- Deliver mentoring services and Restorative Justice
- Take on management of Senior Attendance Centres in 2015
- Deliver Community Payback – in London, the current partnership with Serco will terminate.

### **What This Means in London**

In London, approximately 17,000 cases will be retained by the new public sector body. Approximately 23,000 cases will be managed by the Community Rehabilitation Company and competed for by new providers.

The Community Rehabilitation Companies will be public bodies and the new providers will also be governed by key requirements, including sharing information with partners.

The National Probation Service and the Community Rehabilitation Company have been operating as shadow organisations in London since April and are committed to working together effectively. Probation services will continue to be delivered in all London boroughs and local authorities can expect to see staff from both organisations continuing to deliver local services.

Both organisations are fully committed to supporting Adult Reoffending Strategies at a borough and London-wide level. Both will contribute to inter-agency work, including Integrated Offender Management, Community Safety Partnerships, Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences, Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs and Safeguarding Boards. Probation Assistant Chief Officers will continue to attend relevant partnership meetings.

The enclosed ‘Offender Journey’ diagram will give you an indication of how this will work in practice: NPS Court staff will be responsible for assessing risk, preparing Pre Sentence Reports and allocating cases to either the NPS or CRC. The NPS will be working with Directors of Children’s Services and their staff to agree a process for providing early information about safeguarding children to inform risk assessments.

As the leaders of the two new London organisations, we are determined to deliver high quality probation services in the capital and to support local and London-wide targets to reduce reoffending. We will be hosting a joint breakfast seminar on 15 July which will explore this new model for delivering probation services in London. The seminar will run

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from 9.00am (registration from 8.30am) until 10.00am at 151 Buckingham Palace Road, London. You may like to hold this date in your diary as the event will give you an opportunity to find out more and ask any questions you may have. You will receive a formal invitation with more details separately.

In the meantime, please see attached contact details for your local Assistant Chief Officers – we would encourage you to contact them to discuss local arrangements in more detail.

Yours sincerely



**Nick Smart**  
**Chief Executive**  
**London Community Rehabilitation Company**



**Sara Robinson**  
**Deputy Director**  
**National Probation Service – London**

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## CRIME & DISORDER COMMITTEE

15 July, 2014

**Subject Heading:**

Proposed Work Programme for the Crime and Disorder Committee for the 2014/15 Municipal Year

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### SUMMARY

At this stage of the municipal year the Committee is required, so far as is practicable, to agree its work programme for the forthcoming year. This applies to both the work plan for the Committee as a whole and to the subject of any topic group run under the Committee's auspices.

This report provides Members with a suggested programme for scrutiny of the crime and disorder portfolio, during 2014/15.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to consider the proposed work programme for the committee for the 2014/15 municipal year.

The Committee is also requested to consider what should be the subject of its next topic group review, if any.

## REPORT DETAIL

### 1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Crime and Disorder Committee meets every six weeks to scrutinise issues relating to crime and disorder in the borough. To provide some structure to the Committee's reviews, officers have prepared a suggested work programme, in discussion with the Chair of the Committee, for Members to consider.

### 2. PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME

2.1 The below schedule sets out some topics which the Committee may wish to consider as part of its scrutiny functions this year (this does not include the Joint Overview and Scrutiny meeting to consider the Council's budget).

<b>Meeting 1 (15 July 14)</b>	<b>Meeting 2 (18 September 14)</b>	<b>Meeting 3 (20 November 14)</b>	<b>Meeting 4 (3 February 15)</b>	<b>Meeting 5 (19 March 15)</b>	<b>Meeting 6 (22 April 15)</b>
What is the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.	Crime Statistics and Metropolitan Police Update	Work of the Neighbourhood Policing Teams	Crime Statistics and Metropolitan Police Update	Update report on progress of MOPAC funded projects	Annual Report
Crime Statistics – Strategic Assessment	Review of Safer Neighbourhood Board	Update on new ASB Powers	Update on Community Payback	Update on impact of the new Licencing strategy	Review of outcomes of Troubled Families Programme
Update on Transforming Rehabilitation (Probation reforms)	Potential Topic Group issue: Engagement with young people in crime prevention	Update report on progress of MOPAC funded projects	Report on crime over the Christmas and New Year Period	Potential Topic Group issue: Burglary	Crime Statistics and Metropolitan Police Update
Review the effectiveness of the recommendations to the lead member following the Topic Group on Domestic Violence.					

- 2.2 Members will note that some of the work plan has been left blank at this stage. This is to reflect the fact that Members may well wish to select further issues for scrutiny. In addition, previous experience has shown that it is beneficial to leave some excess capacity for scrutiny in order to allow the Committee to respond fully to any consultations or other urgent issues that may arise during the year.
- 2.3 Additionally, the Committee has the power to select an issue for more in depth scrutiny as part of a topic group review. Council has recommended that, in view of limited resources, only one such topic group is run at any one time. The Committee is, therefore, requested to consider what should be the subject of its next topic group review, if any.

## IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

**Financial implications and risks:** None – it is anticipated that the work of the Committee can be supported from existing resources.

**Legal implications and risks:** None

**Human Resources implications and risks:** None

**Equalities implications and risks:** There will be some equalities implications arising from the topics recommended for review by the committee. These will be highlighted to Members in their respective reports.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

