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LONDON BOROUGH

CRIME & DISORDER SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.00 pm

**Thursday
2 July 2015**

**Committee Room 3A -
Town Hall**

Members 6: Quorum 3

COUNCILLORS:

Ian de Wulverton (Chairman)
David Durant (Vice-Chair)
Ray Best

John Mylod
Gary Pain
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 sub-committee has its own remit as set out in the terms of reference but they each meet to consider issues of local importance.

The sub-committees 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.
4. Enabling the voice and concerns to the public.

The sub-committees consider issues by receiving information from, and questioning, Cabinet Members, officers and external partners 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. These are considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board and if approved, submitted for a response to Council, Cabinet and other relevant bodies.

Sub-Committees will often establish Topic Groups to examine specific areas in much greater detail. These groups consist of a number of 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 or undertaking site visits. Once the topic group has finished its work it will send a report to the Sub-Committee that created it and will often suggest recommendations for the Overview and Scrutiny Board pass to the Council's 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 - 4)

To approve as correct the minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2015 and authorise the Chairman to sign them.

5 ISSUE OF SEARCH WARRANTS

To receive an oral report from the Metropolitan Police.

6 MOPAC DASHBOARDS

To receive a demonstration of the MOPAC dashboards.

7 CRIME STATISTICS

To receive an oral report on the latest crime statistics.

8 TRANSFORMING REHABILITATION

To receive a presentation from Lucy Satchel-Day on the current position with the Community Rehabilitation Company for London.

9 WORK PLAN 2015/16 (Pages 5 - 8)

Report attached.

10 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
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Manager**

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
CRIME & DISORDER SUB- COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
22 April 2015 (7.00 - 8.50 pm)**

Present:

Councillors David Durant (Chairman), John Wood (Vice-Chair), Gillian Ford (in place of Linda Van den Hende), John Glanville and Dilip Patel.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Garry Pain and Linda Van den Hende.

The Committee Clerk advised those present of the action to be taken in the event of an emergency evacuation of the building becoming necessary.

39 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

40 CASHLESS BUSES

Keith Gardner, Bus Policy Manager, Surface Transport, Transport for London had attended the meeting to discuss the possible crime and disorder implications of the decision to introduce Cash Free Buses.

Cash free buses had been introduced on 6 July 2014. The concerns were that bus drivers who refused a passenger the right to travel could be assaulted and/or a passenger who had been refused the right to travel could be at risk.

The Sub-Committee were advised that before cash free buses were introduced research had been undertaken to identify which customers tended to use cash to pay for travel on the buses. This was not those on a low income, who saw the benefit of using an Oyster card, but young white males who were cash rich and time urgent. The research also indicated that tourists and visitors to London tended to use Oyster cards.

Before the system had been introduced Transport for London had worked with Age Concern and the Suzy Lamplugh Trust to rewrite their vulnerable passenger procedures. Part of the process involved 'one more journey'. Provided you were not in a negative position on your oyster card you could make one more journey. When you topped up the cost of that journey would be debited from your balance.

Tfl had monitored the situation to ensure there were no problems. In the first month they received 3 code reds a day relating to no cash, it was now down

to 2 code reds a day. Similarly the number of customer complaints was on average 8 per day in respect of no cash, this was now down to 4 per day.

The feedback from operators was positive and TfL had no evidence that anyone had been placed at risk. Known vulnerable persons were eligible for a Travel Support Card and this should ensure that drivers always exercised discretion and allowed travel.

The biggest impact on night time travel had been the introduction of contactless payment, rather than no cash travel.

The Sub-Committee were satisfied that the introduction of cash free buses had not led to an increase in crime and disorder on the buses.

41 **COMMUNITY PAYBACK**

Officers had reported on the use of the Community Payback scheme by Housing. In January 2012 SERCO on behalf of the London Probation Trust, had agreed to complete community based work for housing by having a team working two days a week on specified projects. As part of the arrangement Housing were required to fund the cost of a dedicated supervisor trained by the London Probation Trust. The cost of a supervisor was £152 per day, plus mileage costs. In addition, equipment and welfare facilities were to be provided.

The initial cost of delivering the service during 2012/13 had been approximately £20,000. The project had continued in 2013/14 and 2014/15 with a similar budget, although latterly the budget had been underspent.

Officers provided details of the various schemes undertaken on behalf of housing by the Community Payback Scheme.

The Sub-Committee were concerned that Housing was paying for a supervisor whilst other council users of the scheme were not. The Sub-Committee advised officers to liaise with other council departments to ensure a consistency of approach by the council to our engagement with the Community Payback Scheme.

42 **YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE - UPDATE**

Back in September 2014 concerns had been raised with the Sub-Committee regarding the quality of Youth Offending Service provided by Barking and Dagenham since October 2012. The main area of concern had been the management of the Referral Order Process.

Officers advised that since the service had been taken back in house all the issues raised had been addressed. Training for the volunteers had been reintroduced, a larger pool of volunteers had been recruited and most recently the volunteers had received training in restorative justice.

In February 2015 the Ministry of Justice had commented favourably on the council's decision to place the Youth Offending Service within the Early Years Team. At a recent seminar organised by the Ministry of Justice one of the cases discussed had been one of the councils. An example of good practice.

The Service was working with the Youth Justice Board to introduce a live tracker protocol.

The Sub-Committee were pleased with the progress being made and were assured that the decision to bring the service back in-house was the correct decision.

43 METROPOLITAN POLICE UPDATE

Chief Superintendent Jason Gwillim presented the latest crime statistics for the borough.

Type	Target	15 April		22 April	
		No. of offences	Predicted end 2016	No. of offences	Predicted end 2016
Burglary	2320	52	1265	86	1427
Criminal Damage	1471	45	1095	76	1261
Robbery	399	13	316	20	332
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1288	38	925	60	995
Theft of Motor Vehicle	764	26	633	34	564
Theft Person	250	10	243	14	232
Violence with Injury (VWI)	1158	75	1825	109	1808
VWI (non Domestic abuse)		35	852	69	1145
VWI (Domestic Abuse)		40	973	40	664

The figures showed that with the exception of Violence with Injury the police expected to meet all their targets. Across the Metropolitan area only three boroughs expected to meet the target. As explained previously we were not comparing like with like.

The other area of concern was theft person, and this was likely to be affected by the two day We 'R' Festival.

The Sub-Committee liked the new way of presenting the information and asked the police to submit this data to each meeting. The Sub-Committee also asked that a monthly peaks and troughs report be submitted for their information.

44 **ROMFORD TOWN CENTRE VISIT**

The Sub-Committee had been advised that on the night of 3 April 2015 Councillor Linda Van den hende and two officers had visited Romford Town Centre to assess how the various initiatives were working to reduce the impact of crime and disorder. The police had looked after the party and arranged for them to meet the senior officer on deputy that evening, who also happened to be the senior officer on duty across the 9 forces in the north eastern quadrant.

The visit included attendance at the police briefing, attendance at the briefing with security personnel and visits to a number of establishments. The party also met the St John's ambulance personnel who managed the street triage and the street pastors.

Two years ago just one of the premises had introduced the ID scanner, now most of the larger establishments had such equipment. This had proved to be most successful and useful.

The Sub-Committee had noted the report.

45 **ANNUAL REPORT**

A draft of the Sub-Committee's Annual Report for 2014/15 had been tabled with the agreement of the Chairman. The report covered the activities of the Sub-Committee over 5 meetings and listed the various partners worked with during the year.

The Sub-Committee adopted the report subject to slight amendment to cover the items considered at this meeting.

Chairman

CRIME & DISORDER SUB-COMMITTEE

2 July, 2015

Subject Heading:

Proposed Work Programme for the Crime and Disorder Sub-Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year

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SUMMARY

At this stage of the municipal year the Sub-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 2015/16.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to consider the proposed work programme for the Sub-committee for the 2015/16 municipal year.

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

REPORT DETAIL

1. BACKGROUND

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

2. PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME

2.1 The below schedule sets out some topics which the Sub-Committee may wish to consider as part of its scrutiny functions this year.

Current Meeting (2 July 2014)	Meeting 2 (24 September 2015)	Meeting 3 (19 January 2016)	Meeting 4 (1 March 2016)
Demonstration of the MOPAC Dashboard	Crime Statistics and Metropolitan Police update	Reducing Re-offending – possible Topic group to look at the imprisonment of those with Mental Health issues.	Crime Statistics and Metropolitan Police update
Crime Statistics	Psychoactive Substances Bill - update	Review of Annual Prevent Plan	Review of Youth Offending Services
Update on Transforming Rehabilitation (Probation reforms)	Serious Youth Violence Strategy - update	Reducing Reoffending Strategy	Report on crime over Christmas and New Year
	Drug Misuse and Alcohol Strategies consultation.		Reducing Business Crime Strategy

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 Sub-Committee to respond fully to any consultations or other urgent issues that may arise during the year.

- 2.3 Additionally, the Sub-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 Sub-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 Sub-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 sub-committee. These will be highlighted to Members in their respective reports.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

