

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
CRIME & DISORDER SUB- COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
17 January 2017 (7.00 - 9.00 pm)**

Present:

Councillors Ian de Wulverton (Chairman), David Durant (Vice-Chair), Ray Best, John Mylod and Linda Van den Hende

16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 1 November 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

17 NATIONAL PROBATION SERVICE - UPDATE

Greg Tillett, Head of Barking & Dagenham, Havering and Newham London Division, National Probation Service, National Offender Management Service attended the meeting to provide an update on the work of the National Probation Service. He advised the Sub-Committee that the service had just received the first set of re-offending rates data covering the National Probation Service, Community Rehabilitation Company and Youth Offending Service.

The average re-offending rate across London was 25%, for Havering the figure was 20.7%. Across all age ranges, with the exception of the 35/39 age group. Havering had out-performed the London average.

11% of female offenders in Havering had re-offended compared to 18% across London. For male offenders the figures were Havering 22%, London 27%.

Greg would analyse the data in more detail looking specifically at offenders managed by the National Probation Service and report to the Reducing Re-Offending Group.

Whilst these figures were good it was of concern that 48.5% of those who were released from custody re-offended and this figure had remained steady across the years.

Since the changes those offenders who had served a custodial sentence of less than 12 months were now subject to supervision by either the National Probation Service or Community Rehabilitation Companies. Greg explained that if an offender was sentenced to 2 weeks custodial sentence they were likely to be released on licence after 1 week and then subject to supervision

for a year from that date. If they re-offended during that period the one year supervision would start again from the date they were released.

The Sub-Committee were informed that the Government had now authorised the use of alcohol tags in specific cases. This was voluntary and could not be used in domestic abuse cases.

The Sub-Committee noted the report.

18 MOPAC POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

The Mayor of London had produced a draft Police and Crime Plan for London for the period 2017 – 2021. The mayor required responses to the draft by no later than 23 February 2017.

Officers asked the question ‘Why is the Police and Crime Plan important to Havering?’ and provided the answer.

- Mayoral priorities would drive the allocation of resources within the London Crime Prevention Fund.
- The Police and Crime Plan would form the basis of the performance indicators by which the Council and its Partners would be judged.

The Mayor had identified two key themes in the Plan:

- A better police service for London;
- A better criminal justice service for London.

The plan went on to identify three priorities, these were:

- Keeping children and young people safe;
- Tackling violence against women and girls; and
- Standing together against extremism, hatred and intolerance.

Detective Superintendent John Ross, the Point of Contact for Havering Police spoke about the changes which had come into effect on Monday 16 January 2017.

The tri-borough pathfinder had commenced on Monday with Chief Superintendent Jason Gwillim taking the role of senior officer across the three boroughs, Havering, Barking & Dagenham and Redbridge. He would be supported by a Senior Leadership Team of four, each with a defined role. John Ross was charged with Protecting Vulnerable People, there were other units for Neighbourhoods, Response and Investigation.

One of the commitments from the Mayor was to increase the number of Dedicated Neighbourhood Officers. Each ward would now have 2 PC's and 1 PCSO who could not be extracted. All these officers were now in post. Additionally Havering had been allocated 9 extra Neighbourhood Officers

who would be allocated to the wards with greatest need. Initially Romford Town Centre would receive four extra officers, Brooklands three and Gooshays two.

An update on how matters were progressing with the new structure would be brought to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Officers encouraged members to submit their own individual responses to the seven questions asked by the Mayor. If members wished to submit a joint response these should be submitted to the Community Safety Manager by the 30th January to allow time for all the responses to be correlated.

The Sub-Committee noted the presentation.

19 ANNUAL STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

Officers had provided an overview of the data being used to formulate the Havering Community Safety Partnership's Strategic Assessment. The assessment had been undertaken using data from August 2015 to August 2016 and had taken three months to complete.

The data showed an increase in reporting and recording levels for violence, domestic abuse, hate crime and Child Sexual Exploitation. The Domestic Abuse rate had risen to the 13th highest in London. Over this period we had seen a rise in Youth Violence and CSE (as rate per 1,000) bringing the borough within the 10 highest reporting boroughs in London.

Utilising the Cambridge Crime Harm Index the data revealed that just 16% of the crime (serious violence, robbery, domestic abuse, sexual offences/CSE & burglary) accounted for 72% of harm.

Having considered the presentation the Sub-Committee supported the proposed strategic priorities for Havering:

- Maintain a strong focus on reducing reoffending, especially for adults and those involved in gangs;
- Reduce repeat victimisation, especially violence against women and girls, child sexual exploitation and anti-social behaviour;
- Reduce substance misuse and the harm it causes;
- Reduce problems in communities experiencing disproportionate levels of crime; and
- Improve feelings of safety through communications.

20 CRIME STATISTICS AND METROPOLITAN POLICE UPDATE

Detective Superintendent Ross had reported on the new policing model during earlier discussions.

21 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - QUARTER 3

Officers submitted the quarter 3 Performance report for 2016/17. Just three corporate performance indicators fell under the remit of this Sub-Committee. These related to the SAFE goal. Two of these indicators were currently shown as having a red RAG status, these were the number of anti-social behaviour incidents and the total notifiable offences reported. The third indicator repeat domestic violence cases referred to MARAC had a green RAG status.

The largest contributor to the total number of ASB reports this financial year was due to the multiple complaints regarding travelling communities occupying open spaces across the borough, contributing 15% of ASB calls across the borough. To address this issue a joint OSC topic group had been established to review how the Council and its partners had tackled the problem and what steps had been put in place to deal with further incursions. Additionally the Tasking Enforcement Group continued to be developed to address location based and high volume localised hotspots of anti-social behaviour.

The total number of notifiable offences had seen an increase of 4.5% compared to London wide average of 3.8%. The sub category of 'Violence against the Person' had contributed to four-fifths of this increase. Quarter 3 had seen a reduction against the corresponding period last year.

The Sub-Committee noted the report.

Chairman