



Havering

L O N D O N B O R O U G H

CRIME & DISORDER SUB- COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.00 pm

**Wednesday
30 October 2019**

**Committee Room 1-
Town Hall**

Members 6: Quorum 3

COUNCILLORS:

Bob Perry (Chairman)
Matt Sutton (Vice-Chair)
Sally Miller

John Tyler
Tele Lawal
David Durant

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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.

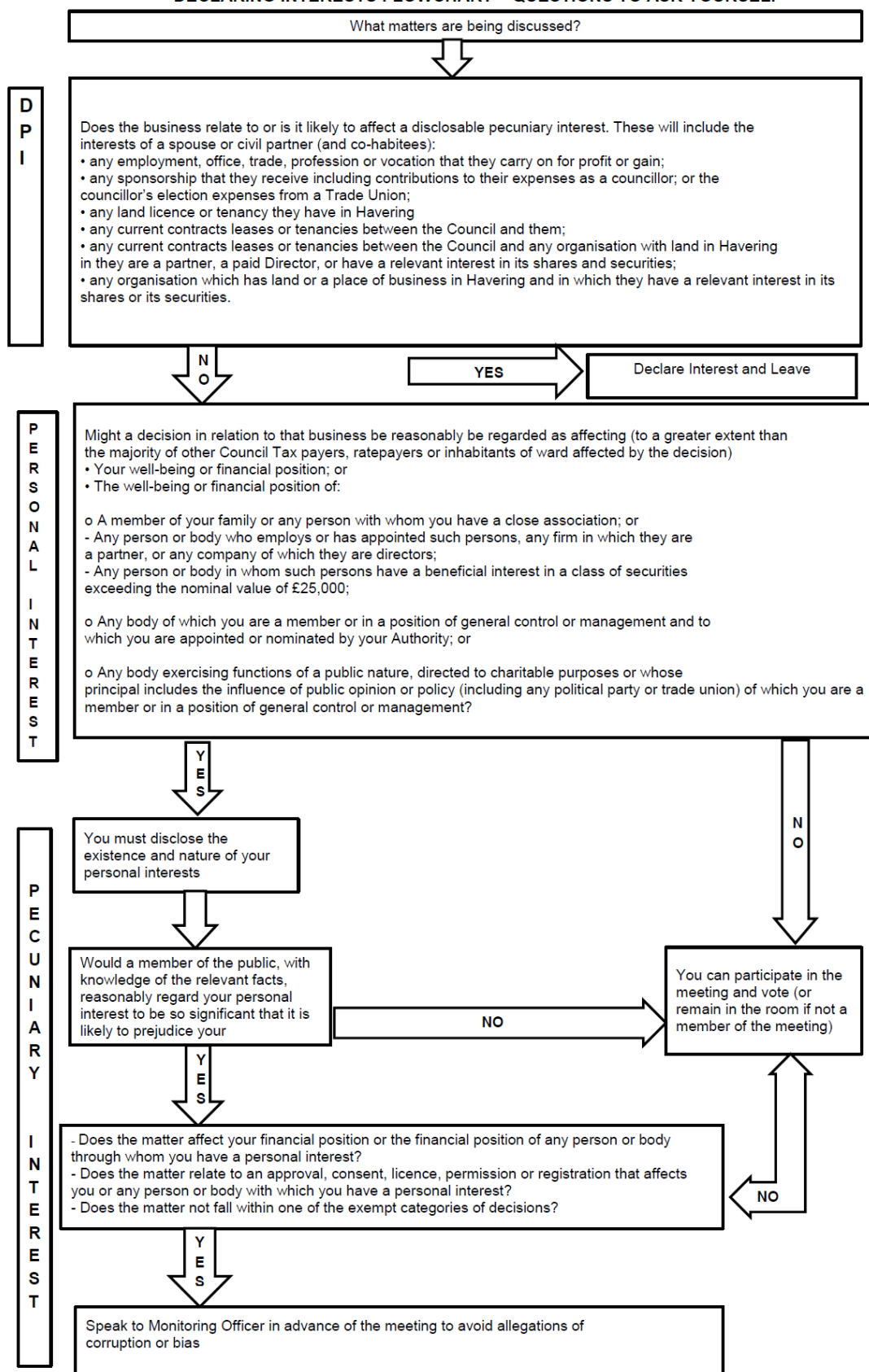
The sub-committees consider issues by receiving information from, and questioning, Cabinet Members, officers and external partners to develop an understanding of proposals, policy and practices. They can then develop recommendations that they believe will improve performance, or as a response to public consultations. These are considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board and if approved, submitted for a response to Council, Cabinet and other relevant bodies.

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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.

DECLARING INTERESTS FLOWCHART – QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF



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 INTEREST

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

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

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve as correct the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2019 and authorise the Chairman to sign them.

5 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD - UPDATE REPORT (Pages 7 - 10)

Report attached

6 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS REPORT - QUARTER 2 (Pages 11 - 16)

Report attached

7 PROGRESS REPORT ON SERIOUS GROUP VIOLENCE AND KNIFE CRIME (Pages 17 - 22)

Report attached

Andrew Beesley
Head of Democratic Services

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
CRIME & DISORDER SUB- COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
10 September 2019 (7.00 - 8.30 pm)**

Present:

Councillors Matt Sutton (Chairman), John Tyler, Tele Lawal, David Durant, Sally Miller and Philippa Crowder.

An apology was received from Councillor Bob Perry.

8 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 17 July 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:

- That Members receive the terms of reference for the sub-committee.
- That all Members receive the presentation on Taser.

9 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - QUARTER 1 (2019-20)

The Sub-Committee received information on performance against indicators during Quarter One (April - June 2019).

The following statistics were highlighted to the Sub-Committee:

1. Response time to Immediate (I) and Significant (S) Grade Incidents

The Sub-Committee noted that the Police had a target response time to reach 90% of "Immediate" (I) graded calls within 15 minutes of the call being made and for "Significant" (S) grade calls to reach 90% within one hour of the call being made.

It was stated that data from the Police was no longer available as a percentage figure for each month; however the data was now provided as a rolling average for I and S grades of calls met within target times, domestic abuse (DA) calls in each of these grading.

I-grades:

There had been an improvement in the number of I calls reaching the target time compared to Quarter 4 with a rate of 82.7% in comparison to 82.1%. It was stated that this was slightly below the overall BCU average of 85.11%.

For the same period, Havering DA I grade calls have seen an increase in the number of calls reaching targets with a rate of 84.6% compared to the 82.8% reported for the same period last quarter. It was stated that the overall BCU average was 83.9%.

S-grades:

The report outlined that 80.5% of local S grades were met within an hour compared to 80.8% last quarter. It was noted that this was above the BCU average of 75.72%.

Domestic Abuse S grades showed a figure of 80.0% locally compared to 78.5% for the period last quarter. It was indicated that this percentage was above the BCU average of 76.52%.

2. Violence

The report informed the Sub-Committee noted that the level of Domestic Abuse and level on Non-Domestic Abuse violence with injury experienced within Havering in Quarter 1 of 2019-20 had reduced. Domestic Abuse had reduced by 2% and Non Domestic Violence with Injury reduced by 15% compared to the same time period in 2018-19.

It was stated that the Council approved the Violence against Women and Girls Strategy and the Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime Strategy in Quarter 1 of 2019-20

3. Burglary

There had been an increase in burglary business and community of 120% during Quarter 1 of 2019-20 compared to the same time period in 2018-19. This was attributed to improved reporting of incidents to the Police. It was stated that Havering had experienced an increase of 4% in residential burglary during the period.

The Sub-Committee noted that the council continues to support the Police in providing crime prevention advice to residents and businesses in Havering through the use of e-newsletters, twitter, Facebook and Living in Havering.

It was stated that majority of residential burglaries continue to be through unlocked doors and windows.

4. Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-Social Behaviour reported to the Police continues to fall within Havering.

The report showed a reduction of 9% in Quarter 1 of 2019-20 in comparison to Quarter 1 2018 -19. The Council continues to work closely with the police to tackle ASB through the Monthly Tasking Enforcement group and provide support to frequent callers and victims of ASB via the monthly Community MARAC.

The Sub-Committee noted the report.

10 **UPDATE REPORT ON LB HAVERING APPLICATION FOR UNLAWFUL ENCAMPMENT INJUNCTION**

The Sub-Committee received an update report on the Council's application for unlawful encampment injunction. It was stated that residents, business owners and landowners have experienced an increasing number of unauthorised encampments across Havering in recent years.

The report outlined that the Borough had suffered significant and prolonged issues such as environmental and economic as a direct result of each unauthorised encampment, including fly tipping, anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and violent behaviour, and compounded by the environmental impact and health risks arising from the majority of such illegal incursions.

The Sub-Committee noted that in line with neighbouring authorities; Barking & Dagenham and Redbridge, the Council had issued a Part 8 Claim form for an injunction, an application notice for an interim injunction and a without notice application for alternative service of the evidence. The interim injunction application was listed before a judge for hearing on 10 September, 2019.

It was stated that across the borough, there were 260 vulnerable sites, including parks and open spaces that have been identified across Havering, requiring deployment of almost 600 injunction notices to ensure that this preventative measure could be made legally enforceable for at least 3 years at the date of next hearing.

At the meeting, the Interim Enforcement Group Manager for Neighbourhoods verbally confirmed that the High Court was hearing the Council's claim for an interim injunction to prevent unauthorised encampments across over 200 sites in Havering and against 105 named individuals between 10 and 11 September 2019.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the expectation of the council was to satisfy the court that a case was made for an interim injunction to be granted whilst the matter is listed for final hearing.

The Sub-Committee commended Inspector Rob McInroy and Sergeant Kevin Recce and officers from the Environment Directorate for all the actions, guidance and working additional hours to complete all the logistical undertaking to ensure service of all notices to enable application for an interim injunction to be obtained at the High Court.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report, be noted.

11 USE OF TASER DEVICE ON THE EAST AREA BCU

At the request of the Sub-Committee on the 17 July 2019, the Borough Commander gave Members a briefing on the use of Taser devices by officers.

It was stated that nationally the Home Office approves Taser for use by authorised firearms officers (AFOs) and 'specially trained officers' (STO's). The Taser device is a conducted energy device and is classified as a Section 5 weapon under the Firearms Act 1968 and by NPCC as 'work related equipment'.

The Sub-Committee was informed that within the Metropolitan Police Service, only officers who have been confirmed in the rank of Constable will be considered for training as a Taser Officer. An officer must attend and pass an initial nationally accredited Taser course. There is a national standard that must be met before an officer can be authorised to carry a Taser.

The Sub-Committee noted that the following operating requirements for the Taser:

- To be effective, the Taser power source must have sufficient charge
- the wires connecting the probes to the device must remain intact
- two probes, two electrodes or a combination of one probe and one electrode are required to make contact with the subject's body or clothing
- The maximum range of the device is determined by the length of the wires that carry the current and attach the probes to the weapon. For each device it is currently at 6.4 metres or 7.6 metres

The following effects were outlined following the discharge of the Taser on a subject:

- not be able to control their posture – consider risk of injury from uncontrolled fall
- experience their legs going rigid, which could be mistaken for kicking out

(especially if they are in prone position)

- convulse, curl up in a ball, spasm, or stiffen (plank)
- experience intense pain
- calling out or make involuntary vocal noises
- not able to respond to verbal commands during the discharge
- be confused or disorientated after the cycle
- feeling exhausted after cycle
- freeze' on the spot.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the briefing, be noted.

12 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The Sub-Committee agreed to have the following items on the agenda for the next meeting:

1. Progress Report on Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime – Youth Crime
2. Havering Safer Neighbourhood Board – Current Project

Chairman

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October 2019

Update to the Havering Crime and Disorder Sub-Committee

Havering Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB) – Five Years On

1. Introduction:

This paper is a brief update to the Havering Crime and Disorder Sub-Committee detailing the progress of the Board now that the Board has been established for over 5 years.

Safer Neighbourhood Boards (SNBs) are the means by which the Mayor of London (through the Deputy Mayor and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime) holds Borough Police Command Units to account for performance, giving Residents and victims a greater voice in setting policing priorities.

It is intended that Havering's Safer Neighbourhood Board will:

- Have a broad remit to reflect the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime's responsibilities, respecting the view that local people will know best what is needed at the local level.
- Ensure communities are more closely involved in problem solving and crime prevention.
- Have greater reach and ensures a more frequent refresh of ideas and views;
- Achieve greater coherence between different engagement mechanisms, e.g. Independent Advisory Groups (IAG) and Stop and Search Community Monitoring Groups (S & S CMG), so as to provide greater public accountability in policing and crime reduction.
- Make more efficient use of resources to deliver value for money and target funds at tackling issues of local concern and crime prevention.

2. SNB Membership

- 2.1 During the tenure of the SNB, there has been a total of 3 Chairs. The first completed the 3 year tenure, the second Chair was unable to fulfil the 3 years and was in post for 2 years and the third Chair was appointed most recently in May 2019.
- 2.2 Since the changeovers in leadership, some momentum and purpose of the SNB has been misplaced. It is hoped with the new Chair this will be restored and active participation as a SNB Chair will rejuvenate the members and their commitment as a member of the SNB.
- 2.3 There has been minimum contact with other Borough Chair's and other MOPAC meetings recently.
- 2.4 A Vice Chair is now in position. Since the resignation of the previous Chair, this role has been vacant for a while and with the changeover of Chairs, fulfilling this role of

Vice Chair has been imperative due to the lack of leadership and active Chair in post.

- 2.5 There is still good representation at Board meetings and for SNB events. Some members have not changed over the years. As per the Mayor of London's suggestions that there should be a three year maximum tenure of board member's this has not been done; which will need to be addressed by the new Chair in post.

3. Progress since last update

- 3.1 Havering Street Watch requested to join the SNB and have now resigned due to too many commitments.
- 3.2 NHW – still very active within the borough. Two meetings have been attended of the Neighbourhood Watch Network (the National Body) to better understand their Strategic Plans for the next 3 years and how it may help at local level. This also included a seminar on fund raising and the use of Social Media to raise the profile of NHW within our communities.
- 3.3 SNB Community Day and Conference was held in conjunction with the Community Safety day, open to all (residents, workers and visitor's in the borough) in September 2018. This event allowed SNB to engage with over 350 members of the local community.
- 3.4 School for Scammers was successfully delivered to various audiences around the borough.
- 3.5 Two new projects to address knife crime were introduced: Street Doctors and No Knives in School Project. Both of these projects have been very successful and well received by its target audience
- 3.6 12 days Christmas Pop Up took place in Romford Town Centre and was also supported by several of the Community volunteer teams including The Safer Neighbourhood Board, Community Safety, Street Scene, Road Safety, Romford Town Centre Police, Safer Transport Team, Fire Brigade, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Neighbourhood Wardens, Streetscene, Road safety, Tapestry, Diabetes UK, Peabody trust, WDP, Neighbourhood Watch and the Havering Youth Service. Safety equipment and items for the Community were given out during this time, which included 1,200 purse chains and bells.
- 3.7 Allotment Watch: The work around this project is ongoing.
- 3.8 Hate Crime/Safe Zone: The work around this is ongoing and talks with different partners have taken place.

4. Funding Application to MOPAC – 2019 / 20

Havering SNB have re-submitted their application for the full amount of project funding of £22,816. They are waiting for final approval for the proposed projects and are keen to start delivering the projects. The application has been submitted for 5 different projects led by 5 different representatives from the SNB membership.

The five projects are:

1. SNB Events

This will comprise of SNB Conference, SNB Review and SNB Community Outreach Events

A. SNB Conference

An annual conference is scheduled to take place in Spring 2020 and will be held in conjunction with the Community Safety Partnership and will be open to all the community of Havering, residents, workers and visitors in the borough.

B. SNB Review

Whole day allocated to identify and analyse the needs of the borough in line with MOPAC priorities and to create a detailed strategic plan that will support MOPAC's priorities and help to shape the future of Havering SNB and the projects it delivers.

C. SNB Community Outreach Events

The Community Safety, Havering Outreach and Roadshow days will be in and around Havering Borough targeting specific areas throughout to reach as many members of the community as possible. This will enable us to engage and network with the local communities; identify areas of concern, as well as providing relevant signposting and guidance/advice on any crime prevention and safety matters where relevant.

2. Neighbourhood Watch

NHW to increase the number of Watches in the community and once established erecting new street signage to promote the new scheme in the local community. NHW will try and bring the community together with a common aim in reducing criminal activity, keeping residents safer and promoting crime awareness on how to report incidents.

3. Dementia Booklets

This is a handy one-stop-shop of relevant information on crime safety numbers, emergency services, safety advice and who and when to call for help. These pocket size booklets have been in great demand by many users including external partners such as the Police, GP's and Health Professionals. This booklet falls in line with the Mayor of London's Priority of an Age Friendly London with Havering being the first community to have a Dementia Friendly High Street in Havering and quiet shopping lane for those with autism.

4. Friend of Faux

8 very interactive performances delivered by the Arc Theatre Company to at least 50 attendees at each performance (some venues can hold more attendees). The performances are aimed at vulnerable individuals who fall foul to rogues and criminals befriending them to either rob or harm them or to entice them into criminality. These interactive shows will demonstrate healthy relationships, how to keep themselves safe free from harm in a friendly welcoming atmosphere

5. Youth Council

This project will be planned and delivered for young people, by young people. It will consist of a series of formal debates and panel discussions held at various locations around the borough on the topic of Knife crime – Exploring this inter-generationally, can also create a shared understanding of the issues and fears that impact the young people and adult members of our community. The panel will be made up of invited guests including MPs, members of the police, youth councillors and victims of knife crime. The aim of the project is to make young people aware of the dangers of carrying a knife and the devastating effect knife crime is having on the community.

6. SNB Admin and Financial Accounting

Since its inception, Havering Council have been providing the admin and accountable financial body role for the SNB. This has been done via a Service Level Agreement (SLA), and MOPAC provide a grant of £5,200 per annum to carry out this role.

As a result of savings required within the Council's Corporate and Community Resilience Team which resulted in the loss of a staff member, the Corporate and Community Resilience Manager (CCRM) has decided to withdraw from the SLA as it is not core Council work. The CCRM has agreed to continue supporting the SNB through the current transitional period, but only up to the 31/3/2020. The Council has no statutory responsibilities for the SNB as it is an independent body, so the SNB are being encouraged to use the £5200 to provide alternative admin support, as any organisation with a constitution can do this.

Shelley Hart

Chair of Havering Safer Neighbourhood Board



CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Subject Heading:	Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee Performance Indicators - Quarter 2 (2019/2020)
SLT Lead:	Sue Harper Interim Director of Neighbourhoods
Report Author and contact details:	Diane Egan Community Safety Manager Diane.egan@haverling.gov.uk 01708 432927
Policy context:	The report sets out Quarter 2 performance for indicators relevant to the Committee.
Financial summary:	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However adverse performance against some performance indicators may have financial implications for the Council.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Communities making Havering	[x]
Places making Havering	[x]
Opportunities making Havering	[]
Connections making Havering	[]

SUMMARY

The report provides information on performance against the indicators previously requested by the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee during Quarter 12 (July to September 2019).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the contents of the report; consider the performance information required going forward; and request information as set out in the report.

As the meeting has been brought forward a month. Some data was not available at the time of writing this report.

REPORT DETAIL

1. Response time to Immediate (I) and Significant (S) Grade Incidents

The MPS has a target to reach 90% of “Immediate” (I) graded calls within 15 minutes of the call being made. The MPS target for “Significant” (S) grade calls is to reach 90% within one hour of the call being made.

Data from police is no longer available as a percentage figure for each month; however is now provided as a rolling average for I and S grades of calls met within target times, and also domestic abuse calls in each of these grading. The rolling average is provided from 4th September 2017, when revisions to the tri-borough model came into effect.

Due to the meeting being brought forward a month, data is only available to the 2nd of September 2019...

I and S Call performance for **Havering**

	I calls	DA I calls	S Calls	DA S calls
Rolling 12 month average	82.4%	86.3%	80.6%	79.4%
Current week (02/09/19)	83.8%	92.9%	79.1%	72.0%

I-grades:

For the week commencing 2nd September 2019 Havering saw an improvement in the number of I calls reaching the target time compared to quarter 1 with a rate of 83.8% (compared to 82.7% for the week commencing 1st July 2019.). This is slightly below the overall BCU average of 84.96%).

For the same period, Havering DA I grade calls have seen an increase in the number of calls reaching targets with a rate of 92.9% compared to the 84.6% reported for the week commencing 1st July 2019. This is above the overall BCU average of 78.76%

S-grades:

The 12 month rolling averages to 2nd September 2019 are as follows: Locally, 80.6% of S grades are met within an hour (compared to 80.5% for the week commencing 1st July 2019.). This is above the BCU average of 74.84%.

Domestic Abuse S grades show the figure of 79.4% locally (compared to 80% for the week commencing 1st July 2019.). This is above the BCU average of 73.51%.

2. Violence

The table below compares level of non-domestic abuse violence with injury (Non DA VWI) experienced within Havering in quarter 2 of 2019-20 compared to the same time period in 2018-19.

Non DA VWI	July	August	September
2018-19	125	85	109
2019-20	109	87	Not available

For the rolling 12 months we have seen a reduction from 1354 Non DA VWI from August 2017 to August 2018 to 1176 Non DA VWI from July 2018 –July 2019, a reduction of 13.1%.

July 2019 saw a reduction of 16 incidents when compared to July 2018. August 2019 saw an increase of 2 incidents when compared to August 2018. At the time of writing this report data for September 2019 was not available.

The ongoing implementation of the serious group violence and knife crime action plan is contributing to this reduction.

The table below compares level of domestic abuse (DA) crimes experienced within Havering in quarter 2 of 2019-20 compared to the same time period in 2018-19.

DA crimes	July	August	September
2018-19	243	217	222
2019-20	214	Not available	Not available

For the rolling 12 months we have seen an increase from 2380 DA Crimes from July 2017 to July 2018 to 2567 DA Crimes from July 2018 –July 2019, an increase of 7.8%.

The council is currently in the process of recruiting two additional Independent Domestic Violence advocates to support victims to access advice support, who are both due to start in post in Quarter 3.

3. Burglary

For the rolling 12 months from August 2018 to August 2018 we have seen a reduction from 2112 total burglary offences to 1975 total burglary offences, a reduction of 6.5%.

The table below compares the level of burglary experienced within Havering in quarter 2 of 2019-2020 compared to the same time period in 2018-19.

There has been an increase in total burglary in July of 58 incidents; this was followed by a reduction in total burglary in August of 37 incidents. The data for September was not available at the time of writing this report

TOTAL BURGLARY	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	
2018-19	138	171	149	458
2019-20	196	134	Not available	330 to end of August

The Council continues to support the police in providing crime prevention advice to residents and businesses in Havering through the use of e-newsletters, twitter, Facebook and Living in Havering.

The Majority of residential burglaries continue to be through unlocked doors and windows. There have been a number of targeted operations with police colleagues in Essex and the East Area BCU to tackle cross borough burglars with a number of notable arrests during this period.

4. Anti-Social Behaviour SB

Anti-Social Behaviour reported to the police has seen a rise over the summer period, with 677 reports in July 2019 and 641 in August 2019 , compared to 470 in July 2018 and 471 in August 2018. There were an increased number of traveller incursions this year compared to the previous year. However the Council has now secured an Injunction to tackle future incursions. Similarly there have been increased reports of youth ASB over the Summer period. Additional funding was secured by the police to conduct cross borough operations to tackle gang activity and associated ASB. A plan is currently being developed to tackle the projected increase in ASB over Halloween and Bonfire Night.

The Council continues to work closely with the police to tackle ASB through the Monthly Tasking Enforcement group and provide support to frequent callers and victims of ASB via the monthly Community MARAC.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report which is for information only.

Legal implications and risks:

Whilst reporting on performance is not a statutory requirement, it is considered best practice to review the Council's progress against the Corporate Plan and Service Plans on a regular basis.

Human Resources implications and risks:

There are no specific Human Resource implications or risks arising directly from this report.

Equalities implications and risks:

This report relates to information requested by the committee rather than policy. There are no direct equalities implications or risks associated with this report.

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CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Subject Heading:	Progress Report on Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime
SLT Lead:	Sue Harper Interim Director of neighbourhoods
Report Author and contact details:	Chris Stannett, 01473434916 <u>chris.stannett@havering.gov.uk</u>
Policy context:	<i>The Council approved the Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime Strategy 2019-22 in April 2019. This report is a progress report on the implementation of that strategy</i>
Financial summary:	<i>No financial implications arising directly from this report</i>

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Communities making Havering	[x]
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SUMMARY

- The highest proportion and volume of youth violence takes place within the ward of Romford Town. The second most notable ward scoring high with knife crime related offences is Gooshays.
- The 'Perception' of Knife Crime being a problem has increased, 27% of residents in Havering (1 in 4 people) believe this to be a problem.
- County Lines awareness is being raised with all of Havering's secondary schools and pupil referral units.

- Young people going missing through County Lines have been found in 11 different counties with Essex (Chelmsford) and Worcestershire (Evesham) being the most common.
- Whilst Havering had the highest proportion of successful referrals into Rescue & Response out of all 32 London Boroughs, there is still considerable room for improvement.
- No access to the local Police gangs list makes work around prevention of those involved in gangs and knife crime very difficult, and potentially avoidable. This has been raised with MOPAC and the MPS .

RECOMMENDATIONS

All members to be aware of the content of the report.

REPORT DETAIL

Tackling serious violence is a key priority for both MOPAC and the London borough of Havering. The Table bellows shows the results from the MOPAC Weapon Enabled Crime Dashboard¹. Data shows a year on year trend of the key crime types² monitored and also gives a full breakdown by ward.

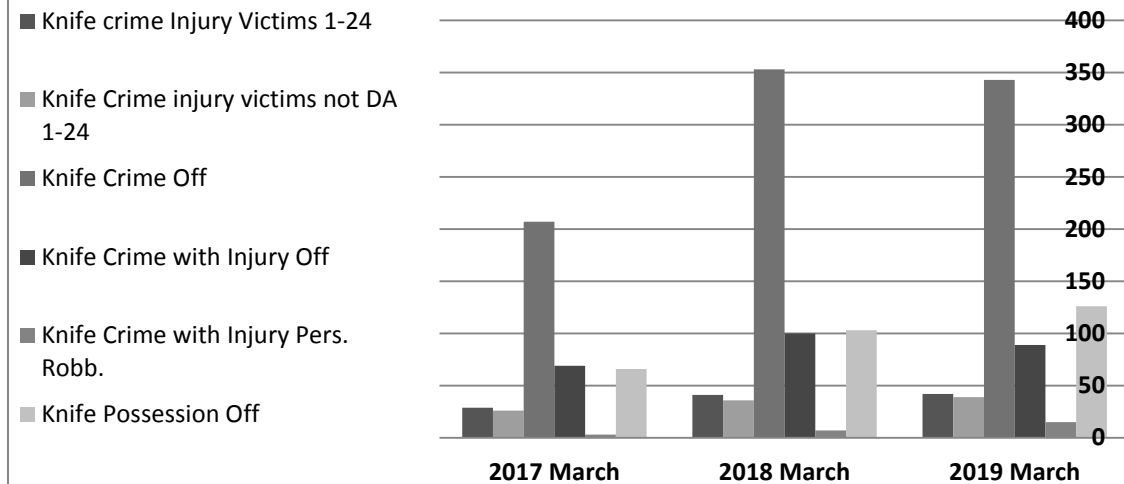
Type of Crime	Mar-17	Mar-18	Mar-19	Main Ward Affected
Acid Attacks	18	21 ↑	13 ↓	Romford Town & Upminster
Gun Crime, Lethal Barrell Discharge	1	10 ↑	4 ↓	Heaton & Gooshays
Gun Crime Off	73	48 ↓	45 ↓	Brooklands & Heaton
Gun Crim personal Robbery	6	6	10 ↑	Heaton, Harold Wood & Upminster
Knife crime Injury Victims 1-24	29	41 ↑	42 ↑	Romford Town & Gooshays
Knife Crime injury victims not DA 1-24	26	36 ↑	39 ↑	Romford Town & Gooshays
Knife Crime Off	207	353 ↑	343 ↓	Listed below
Knife Crime with Injury Off	69	100 ↑	89 ↓	Romford Town & Gooshays
Knife Crime with Injury Pers. Robb.	3	7 ↑	15 ↑	Romford Town
Knife Possession Off	66	103 ↑	126 ↑	Romford Town

The table below shows the number of knife crime offences recorded year on year for the last three years up until March 2019 in Havering

¹ <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/data-and-statistics/weapon-enabled-crime-dashboard>

² https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/mopac_weapon_enabled_crime_user_guide.pdf

Weapon Enabled Crime - Knife Crime



Total Knife Crime Offences can be broken down by both the volume and the ward in which the offence occurred. For the purpose of this report, below you will see that I have provided a breakdown of the top 6 Wards. The latest data available at present is for a year to date ending August 2019.

Ward	% of Knife Offences	Volume
Romford Town	20.50%	68
South Hornchurch	9.60%	32
Brooklands	9%	30
Heaton	7.80%	26
Goosheys	7.20%	24
St. Andrews	6.30%	21

Due to the increase in knife crime and the constant media attention across London the fear of/ perception of Knife crime has increased. In the most recent survey carried out by MOPAC, just over 1 in 4 Havering residents see knife crime as a problem. This is double the amount of residents compared to the end of 2016/17 when almost 1 in 8 only saw knife crime in Havering as an issue.

Perception of Knife crime	
Current Perception (Q1 2019/2020)	27%
Lowest Perception (Q3 2016/2017)	13%
Perception of Gun crime	
Current Perception (Q1 2019/2020)	7%
Lowest Perception (Q3 2018/2019)	9%

Please note that after the conclusion of the high profile murder case of Jodie Chesney, the perception of knife crime could be expected to change depending on the outcome of the case. The case is scheduled to finish by the end of October 2019

County Lines

County Lines Exploitation

County lines is a major, cross-cutting issue involving drugs, violence, gangs, safeguarding, criminal and sexual exploitation, modern slavery, and missing persons; and the response to tackle it involves the police, the National Crime Agency, a wide range of Government departments, local government agencies and VCS (voluntary and community sector) organisations.

What is county Lines?

“County lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas within the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of “deal line”. They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store the drugs and money and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons.” – UK Government (September 2018 Criminal Exploitation of children and vulnerable adults: County Lines guidance)

Havering

Whilst the exploitation of both young and old is not a new phenomenon, the speed and ease at which it happens is alarming. Identifying the signs of being exploited through county lines is important and something which Havering takes very seriously. Community Safety and Childrens Services have been working very closely over the last few years in order to make sure this form of exploitation is both recognised and address. The following key teams are fully alert to the issues of county lines:

- MASH Team
- Social Services
- Youth Offending Team
- Community Safety Team
- Child Sexual and Criminal Exploitation & Missing Team
- Admissions and Inclusions Team
- Police – Safety Schools Officers, Intelligence Team, Gangs Unit etc.
- +More

Further work has been done with Schools, between April 2019 – July 2019 all 18 Secondary Schools & Olive Academy received a presentation from the Metropolitan Police Trident Unit in regards to County Lines. This presentation was directed at Teachers and Parents of School Pupils.

Havering regularly refers into the MOPAC funded Pan-London service, Rescue and Response (R+R). This service specifically focuses on county lines, both identifying young people and providing a service for boroughs in need of assistance. In the last Annual Strategic Assessment³ (August 2019) provided to us by R+R:

³https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/rescue_and_response_county_lines_project_strategic_assessment_2019.pdf

- 48 Individuals had been identified as having links to County Lines, placing us at 29th out of 32 Local Authorities.
- Havering completed 23 referrals to Rescue and Response between June 2018 and June 2019, this was the 9th highest amount of referrals completed out of 32 Local Authorities
- 48% of individuals identified by R&R had been referred into R+R by Havering. This is the highest proportion out of all 32 London Boroughs.

A further more in depth Borough overview⁴ was provided to us in May 2019, this further showed that :

- 59% of Havering referrals were aged between 15-18 years old
- 86 % of those identified were male
- 56% of the Havering referrals were White British and 27% of referrals were Black or Black British/ African
- Those individuals linked to the county lines cohort were linked to 11 counties with Essex (Chelmsford) and Worcestershire (Evesham) being the most common followed by Norwich, Suffolk (Ipswich), Kent (Maidstone, Chatham), South Wales (Cardiff), Hampshire (Bournemouth), Bedfordshire, Avon and Somerset

Gangs and Serious Group Violence Panels

A Tri-Borough Gangs Panel takes place every four weeks, the hosting of this is spread across the tri-borough. Further to this there are weekly telephone-conferences to discuss the movements of gang nominals or escalating concerns. Information on gang members within Havering, those coming into Havering, on the local gang's matrix, their current risk status etc. is not currently being made available to the London Borough of Havering or any other London Borough. This is a decision which has been made by the Metropolitan Police (Central). As a direct consequence we are severely restricted in our abilities to focus on prevention, especially where gang nominals may be meeting individuals outside of our local schools, coming into our town centres, exploiting our young people outside of the Youth Offending Service (YOS) etc. We are currently unable to work with neighbouring boroughs, even though there is a clear safety interest to share this information and willingness from local authorities concerned. The only limited work we can undertake, takes place within the Tri-Borough Gangs Panel.

The Serious Group Violence Panel looks at individuals who are on the periphery of gangs and youth violence or previously classed as low to medium risk gang nominals. This Panel also meets every 4 weeks, to coincide with the tri borough gangs panel.

Violent Crime Summit

The Final summit in a series of Tri-Borough Summits is set to conclude in Havering on the 27th November. Key Speakers will include the Children's Commissioner and

⁴ Individual borough breakdown, available upon request.

the lead for London's Violent Reduction Unit. The summit aims to try and capture the voices of young people and demonstrate the good work Havering has been doing over the last year.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report which is for information only.

Legal implications and risks:

Whilst reporting on performance is not a statutory requirement, it is considered best practice to review the Council's progress against the Corporate Plan and Service Plans on a regular basis.

Human Resources implications and risks:

There are no specific Human Resource implications or risks arising directly from this report.

Equalities implications and risks:

This report relates to information requested by the committee rather than policy. There are no direct equalities implications or risks associated with this report.