



# Haverling

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

## CRIME & DISORDER SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA

**7.00 pm**

**Tuesday  
17 November 2020**

**Virtual Meeting**

Members 6: Quorum 3

**COUNCILLORS:**

John Tyler  
Tele Lawal  
Matt Sutton (Vice-Chair)

Sally Miller (Chairman)  
Michael Deon Burton  
John Crowder

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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.

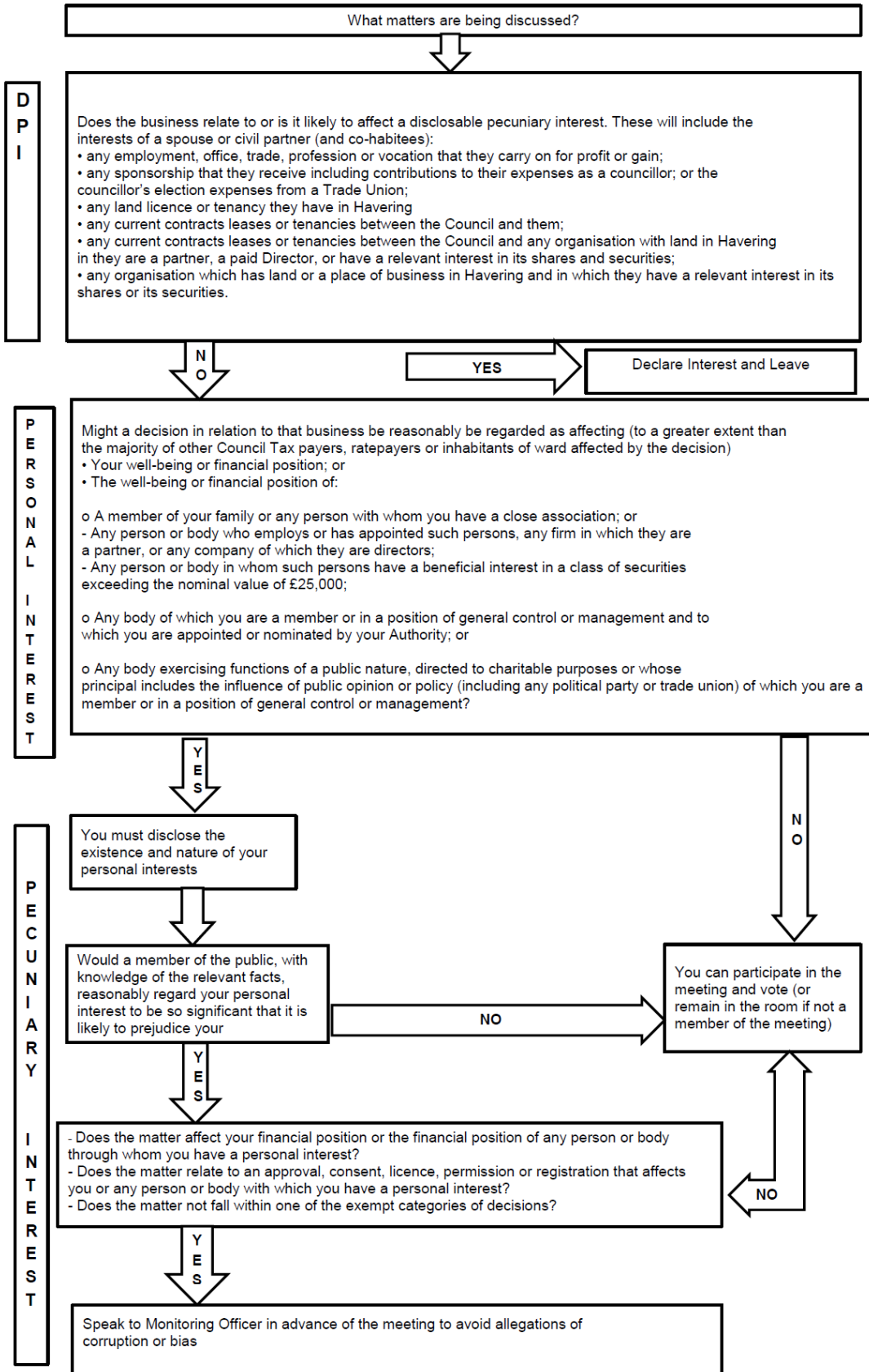
The sub-committees consider issues by receiving information from, and questioning, Cabinet Members, officers and external partners to develop an understanding of proposals, policy and practices. They can then develop recommendations that they believe will improve performance, or as a response to public 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.

**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 - 8)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2020 and authorise the Chairman to sign them.

### 5 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS QUARTER 2 2020/21 (Pages 9 - 14)

Report attached.

### 6 EAST AREA VIOLENCE SUPPRESSION UNIT (VSU)/ EAST AREA BCU DRUGS FOCUS DESK - POLICE APPROACH TO TACKLING DRUGS (Pages 15 - 16)

Presentations attached.

**Andrew Beesley**  
**Head of Democratic Services**

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
CRIME & DISORDER SUB- COMMITTEE  
Virtual Meeting  
29 September 2020 (7.00 - 9.15 pm)**

**Present:**

Councillors John Tyler, Sally Miller (Chairman), Michael Deon Burton and  
+Philippa Crowder

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tele Lawal, Councillor Matt Sutton and Councillor John Crowder

+Substitute members; Councillor Philippa Crowder (for John Crowder)

**1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 February were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

**2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES RESPONSE TO COVID 19**

The report and presentation before Members detailed a Covid – 19 update for Environmental Services.

The presentation highlighted the timeline of what had taken place since the national lockdown.

Over 1,200 additional hours had been committed to encouraging public compliance with COVID19 regulations.

The lockdown had commenced on 23 March and by 9 April The Council's COVID19 Compliance Team started with a remit to Engage, Explain and Encourage.

In the middle of May restrictions began easing allowing open-air recreation and the meeting of a member of another household.

At the beginning of June outdoor sports amenities and outdoor non-food markets reopened. People could leave home and gatherings outdoors of up to 6 people were permitted.

On 15 June there was re-opening of non-essential retail shops and public-facing businesses apart from specified business, mainly hospitality and

entertainment businesses. On 4 July the re-opening of pubs, bars and restaurants could take place.

During the above time over 1,200 compliance visits done, 80 extra weekend shifts had been done and 115 Health & Safety Inspections done since the end of August which had resulted in 7 instances of non compliance with revisits and action taken.

From the end of March Business Continuity plans had been enacted across services and from late March, all office based staff were told to work from home where possible. Some staff were moved to support other work areas within the Council and a percentage of staff were unable to work which had in turn reduced service levels and had stopped some services which had lead to the use of agency staff

Demand for some services reduced due to reduced public movement and there had been a loss of income and a loss of external funding mainly from TfL

The current position in relation to Public Protection was that Licensing hearings were being held virtually. Officers were leading on a Outbreak Management Plan for Havering. Officers continued to support businesses as they were allowed to reopen and it was now only night clubs that were closed. Pavement Licensing was now available to businesses.

HMO licensing had been paused during the lockdown period however officers had been able to carry remote enforcement on previously issued licences.

Members were advised that the current situation with regards to Enforcement was that transition to the new enforcement structure had begun on 1st June which had resulted in front line resource increase of 55%. Officers continued to provide a front-line response to complaints, enquiries and undertake investigations.

Members noted that with regards to Community Safety where possible services continued to be delivered remotely and Support services had adapted their method of delivery to be remote where appropriate. Although there had been a reduction in crime during the initial lockdown crime levels were now increasing back to normal levels.

From a police perspective infection rates were high in the command area and a protocol had been signed by all Chief Executives across London to establish a joint local authority and police partnership enforcement.

Both formally and informally there was a greater level of communication between both parties in trying to synchronise enforcement action.

The Chairman advised that she had been sent a number of questions from a Councillor.



Officers undertook to arrange for a written response to be sent to the Councillor in question via the Chairman.

The Chairman wished to place on record her thanks to officers and police officers who had worked really hard during the pandemic

In response to a question regarding track and trace and the app not working on older phones. Officers advised that contact would also be made by phone, text, email and face to face.

Officers advised Members of the different ways that breaches of Covid restrictions could be reported. This information would also be distributed to all members of the Sub-Committee.

Police representatives also wished to place on record their thanks to officers.

The Sub-Committee **noted** the contents of the report and presentation.

### 3 **QUARTER 1 2020/21 PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

The report before Members provided information on performance against the indicators previously requested by the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee during Quarter 1 (1 April to 30 June 2020)

The report detailed Response time to Immediate (I) and Significant (S) Grade Incidents.

The report showed the weekly response times for quarter 1 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. Havering had seen a 0.73% reduction in response times for I grade calls during this period. The Havering average was above the BCU average of 83.35%.

In respect of S calls the weekly response times for quarter 1 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. Havering had seen a 2.54% reduction in response times for S calls during this period. The Havering average of 77.68% was above the BCU average of 71.12%.

Havering has seen a 33.2% reduction in Non DA VWI during qtr.1 2020 compared to the same period in 2019, a reduction of 94 crimes.

From 26 March, the start of COVID19 lockdown, which included restricting the movement and gathering of people and an immediate closure of all licensed premises resulting in a reduction in alcohol related violence in Romford Town Centre.

In relation to violence Havering had seen a 33.2% reduction in Non Domestic violence during qtr.1 2020 compared to the same period in 2019, a reduction of 94 crimes.

From 23 March, the start of Covid=19 lockdown, which included restricting the movement and gathering of people and an immediate closure of all licensed premises resulting in a reduction in alcohol related violence in Romford town centre.

During lockdown many London boroughs had seen an increase in domestic abuse. To address this, Havering moved its DV MARAC to a weekly virtual meeting to ensure that risk was adequately managed.

The level of burglary experienced within Havering had reduced by 289 burglaries when comparing quarter 1 2020-21 to quarter 3 2019-20, a reduction of 56.5%

Residential burglary reduced during lockdown, as the majority of homes remained occupied as many people continued to work from home. There had been a month on month rise as more people returned to the workplace.

The report concluded by detailing the level of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) calls the police experienced within Havering in quarter 1 of 2019-2020 compared to the same period in 2020-21. There had been an increase of 2680 ASB calls when comparing quarter 1 2020-21 to quarter 1 2019-20, an increase of 197%.

In response to a question relating to the early closing of pubs and restaurants adhering to the new 10.00pm closing time and compliance. The police and officers advised that compliance had been good and effective and there had been little issues of crime in town centres bit it was early days.

In relation to drug offences the police advised that due to new initiatives convictions for drug related violence had risen from 51 offences to 233.

The Sub-Committee **noted** the contents of the report.

#### 4 **COUNCILS NEW ENFORCEMENT STRUCTURE**

The report before Members presented information regarding the progress of the mobilisation of the new Enforcement and Safety structure which commenced on 1 June 2020.

Tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) and all aspects of environmental nuisance was a priority for the community and for Members and it was identified in 2017 that the Council's approach to enforcement had been fragmented and inconsistent.

After completing a detailed review and consultation it was agreed in December 2019 to proceed with the implementation of a new unified intelligence based enforcement and safety structure.

Implementation of the new structure was slightly delayed due to a change in personnel in February and March and the outbreak of the Covid19 pandemic. However preparation for the mobilisation continued in April and May.

Mobilisation of the new structure commenced on 1 June 2020 and all staff were assimilated or appointed to new roles within the new structure.

Appended to the report were appendices showing the new structure, a training matrix and examples of performance indicators.

An Enforcement and Safety Lead Officer matrix, had been established and shared with relevant Council and Police staff to enable the transition to the new structure to be as smooth as possible.

A review of the new structure is scheduled to commence after the first 6 months has concluded to ensure it is meeting the new requirements or to allow for adjustments if not.

The Environmental Enforcement Teams were split into three areas (North, Central and South. Each team looked after 6 wards and each team had 4 officers who worked shift rotas between 7am to 7pm Monday to Saturday.

The Daytime Tactical Team had a borough-wide remit which focused on parks and open spaces. The team operated Monday to Sunday with officers working 5 of 7 days and worked between 10am and 8pm depending on the seasons.

The Night Time Tactical Team worked from Monday to Saturday between 1pm and 11pm and had a borough wide remit which concentrated on high footfall areas predominantly town centres.

In response to a question relating to devices and equipment, officers responded by advising that some staff had previously not had mobile devices so they had been unable to receive emails and reports, body cameras for some staff and a uniform provision.

Police representatives responded to a question relating to the increased use of electric scooters by advising that it was not a targeted priority but if it was a problem in a particular area then officers would intervene.

The Chairman asked that if possible both officers and police representatives also advise the Sub-Committee going forward of any good news stories.

The Sub-Committee **noted** the contents of the report and appendices.

## 5 REVIEW OF COUNCIL FUNDED POLICE OFFICERS

The report before Members presented the activity of the Havering Joint Task Force, agreed under S.92 of the Police Act 1996, in their first 6 months of operation in Havering.

Launched in January 2020, the Havering Joint Task Force consisted of one sergeant and five constables.

Tasked regularly by the Council to address a range of issues across the borough and continuing to focus on tackling the identified Havering Priorities in their first 6 months of operation the team have arrested 104 individuals, including the boroughs most wanted Burglary suspect, and recovered 45 stolen vehicles with an estimated value in excess of £1million.

As a unit the Havering Joint Task Force currently stopped and searched more people and vehicles than any other in Havering. Since its formation, the Task Force had conducted 279 stop and searches, accounting for 20% of the boroughs total number of 1,365 stop and searches.

The report also detailed the areas in which arrests had been made including residential burglaries, drug supply/possession and possession of offensive weapons.

Members noted the success of Operation Gambler which was a cross border initiative with Essex Police, which took place two nights a month. This operation targeted those criminals who crossed the Havering/Essex border with the sole intention of committing crime. The team specifically targeted high harm offenders such as gang nominal, habitual knife carriers, robbers, burglars and drug dealers.

Also noted was the success of Operation Columbia which targeted a group of young burglars that had been identified by Essex Police. It was established that this group of males were predominantly all from Havering. The team not only identified these males at numerous crimes they made 10 arrests for residential burglary offences. The team also found numerous stolen vehicles across Havering which were linked to the group. A successful operation saw several males given custodial sentences.

Members also noted that the Task Force regularly used social media to promote good news stories which led to an increase in public confidence that the partnership was targeting areas of public concern.

In response to a question relating to funding Members were advised that the Council only funded the 5 police constables.

In response to a question regarding the “drifting” problem that was occurring in the south of the borough officers advised that investigations were taken place including looking at re-surfacing the road with a high friction surface. Investigations in to introducing a PSPO were also ongoing.

The Sub-Committee **noted** the contents of the report.

6 **SUB-COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME**

The report before Members detailed possible options for the Sub-Committee's work programme.

The Chairman advised that she had email other Members of suggestions for topic groups and other areas of work the Sub-Committee could study.

The Chairman asked if Members could respond by email on the subject of the topic groups suggested and whether they agreed with them.

The Sub-Committee **noted** the contents of the report.

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**Chairman**

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**CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE**

**17 November 2020**

<b>Subject Heading:</b>	Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee Performance Indicators - Quarter 2(2020/2021)
<b>SLT Lead:</b>	Barry Francis Interim Director of Neighbourhoods
<b>Report Author and contact details:</b>	Diane Egan Community Safety Manager Diane.egan@havering.gov.uk 01708 432927
<b>Policy context:</b>	The report sets out Quarter 2 performance for indicators relevant to the Committee.
<b>Financial summary:</b>	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 2 (July to September 2020).

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee;

- note the contents of the report;
- consider the performance information required going forward; and
- request information as set out in the 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.

The Table below shows the weekly response times for Q2 of 2020-21 compared to the same period in 2019.

The average % of calls responded to within the target in Havering in Q2 is 76.83%, a reduction of 7.62% compared to the same period in 2019. This is also below the BCU average of 77.42%.

**I-grades:**

<b>Date Week Ending</b>	<b>Average of % Calls In Target Previous Year</b>	<b>Average of % Calls In Target Current Year</b>
05-Jul-20	76.60%	77.60%
12-Jul-20	85.30%	81.20%
19-Jul-20	84.20%	76.70%
26-Jul-20	87.70%	72.90%
02-Aug-20	80.70%	78.00%
09-Aug-20	88.60%	75.60%
16-Aug-20	87.40%	73.10%
23-Aug-20	88.90%	78.60%
30-Aug-20	89.50%	69.80%
06-Sep-20	87.40%	79.40%
13-Sep-20	80.70%	84.00%
20-Sep-20	78.40%	76.90%
27-Sep-20	82.40%	75.00%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>84.45%</b>	<b>76.83%</b>



**S-grades:**

The Table below shows the weekly response times in Q2 of 2020-21 compared to the same period in 2019.

The average % of calls responded to within the target in Havering in Q2 is 65.05%, a reduction of 9.31% compared to the same period in 2019. This is also above the BCU average of 62.44%.

<b>Date Week Ending</b>	<b>Average of % Calls In Target Previous Year</b>	<b>Average of % Calls In Target Current Year</b>
05-Jul-20	68.10%	67.80%
12-Jul-20	77.10%	63.80%
19-Jul-20	73.60%	60.50%
26-Jul-20	81.20%	65.60%
02-Aug-20	68.00%	63.60%
09-Aug-20	79.90%	67.30%
16-Aug-20	83.50%	57.60%
23-Aug-20	67.10%	62.40%
30-Aug-20	79.70%	68.80%
06-Sep-20	78.20%	78.20%
13-Sep-20	74.30%	68.70%
20-Sep-20	60.80%	61.00%
27-Sep-20	75.20%	60.40%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>74.36%</b>	<b>65.05%</b>

**2. Violence**

Havering has seen an 18% reduction in Non DA VWI during Q2 2020 compared to the same period in 2019, a reduction of 89 crimes.

The table below compares level of non-domestic abuse violence with injury (Non DA VWI) experienced within Havering in Q2 of 2020-21 compared to the same period in 2019-20.

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Jul	172	146	-15%
Aug	158	153	-3%
Sep	165	107	-35%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>-18%</b>

Many London Boroughs have seen an increase in Domestic Abuse during the period of Lockdown. To address this, Havering moved its DV Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) to a weekly virtual meeting to ensure that risk was adequately managed. This has been well attended and effective.

All support services continued remotely with the two Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAS) continuing to offer support to high-risk victims of domestic abuse.

The table below compares the level of domestic abuse (DA) crimes experienced within Havering in Q2 of 2020-21 compared to the same period in 2019-20 and shows an increase of 19 crimes, an increase of 3%.

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Jul	217	206	-5%
Aug	235	287	22%
Sep	209	187	-11%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>3%</b>

### **3. Burglary**

Residential burglary has reduced during lockdown, as the majority of homes remained occupied as many people continued to work from home. We have seen a month on month rise as more people return to the workplace.

The table below compares the level of burglary experienced within Havering in quarter 2 of 2020-21 compared to the same period in 2019-20, which shows a reduction of 141 burglaries, 37%.

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Jul	154	77	-50%
Aug	137	70	-49%
Sep	95	98	3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>-37%</b>

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.

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. ASB Calls**

The introduction of Covid19 restrictions has seen a dramatic increase in reported ASB to the police .This is mainly due to complaints of non-compliance with government guidance.

The Table below compares the level of ASB calls made to the police within Havering in Q2 of 2020-21 compared to the same period in 2019-20 and shows an increase of 547 ASB, 32%.

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Jul	677	884	31%
Aug	641	767	20%
Sep	377	591	57%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1695</b>	<b>2242</b>	<b>32%</b>

The Councils Enforcement and Public Protection have worked tirelessly throughout this period to remind people of the guidance and the importance of compliance with government guidance.

## **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 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.

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have 'due regard' to:

- (i) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) Foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

Note: 'Protected characteristics' are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex/gender, and sexual orientation.

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The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

# East Area Violence Suppression Unit [VSU]

- Formed May 2020.
- Pan-BCU resource, principally tasked via the TTCG.
- Composed of 20 officers, led by Detective Inspector Dean Grafton.
- Key activities are patrols of violence hotspots across the BCU, weapons sweeps in response to intelligence, and pursuing the arrest of suspects for violence related offences.
- Performance to date – **478** arrests (includes arrests for murder, kidnap and firearms possession) **2245** stop & searches.
- Key operations –
  - **Op Alamosa** – A joint week of action with NE VSU. 6 x search warrants executed, 159 stop & searches, 13 arrests, large quantities of class A drugs seized. 7 knives and offensive weapons seized.
  - **Op Brancaster** – Operation to target cannabis factories in the BCU. 5 x search warrants executed, 300 cannabis plants and £10k in cash seized.

# East Area BCU Drugs Focus Desk – Police Approach to Tackling Drugs

- Well-established link between drugs supply / drugs trafficking and street-based violence. Two-pronged approach: 1. Enforcement approach targeting drugs dealers across the BCU. 2. Drugs Focus Desk approach – MPS best practice - to ensure enforcement leads to prosecutions.
- The DFD is a specialist team to ensure drugs supply offences are dealt with robustly. This involves leading, advising and supporting drugs supply investigations.
- EA Drugs Focus Desk [DFD] formed in June 2020.
- DFD comprised of 5 x dedicated investigators, led by Detective Sergeant Jim Mitchell.
- The DFD also conducts fast-track forensic drugs submissions, expert witness statements to the CPS and analysis of drugs offence trends in the BCU.
- Performance: Since the DFD's inception, **57** drugs supply investigations where suspects have been charged to court. This represents a **158%** increase in prosecutions in comparison to the same period in 2019.
- Key operation – Op Renewal. Pan-BCU operation in late June 2020. 26 x search warrants, 25 arrests, 3 x firearms recovered, £60k of Class A and B drugs seized. £40k in cash seized.