



Haverling

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

CRIME & DISORDER SUB- COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.00 pm

**Wednesday
28 July 2021**

Council Chamber

Members 7: Quorum 4

COUNCILLORS:

John Tyler
Tele Lawal
Matt Sutton (Vice-Chair)
Sally Miller (Chairman) BCAC

Michael Deon Burton
John Crowder
Jan Sargent

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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.

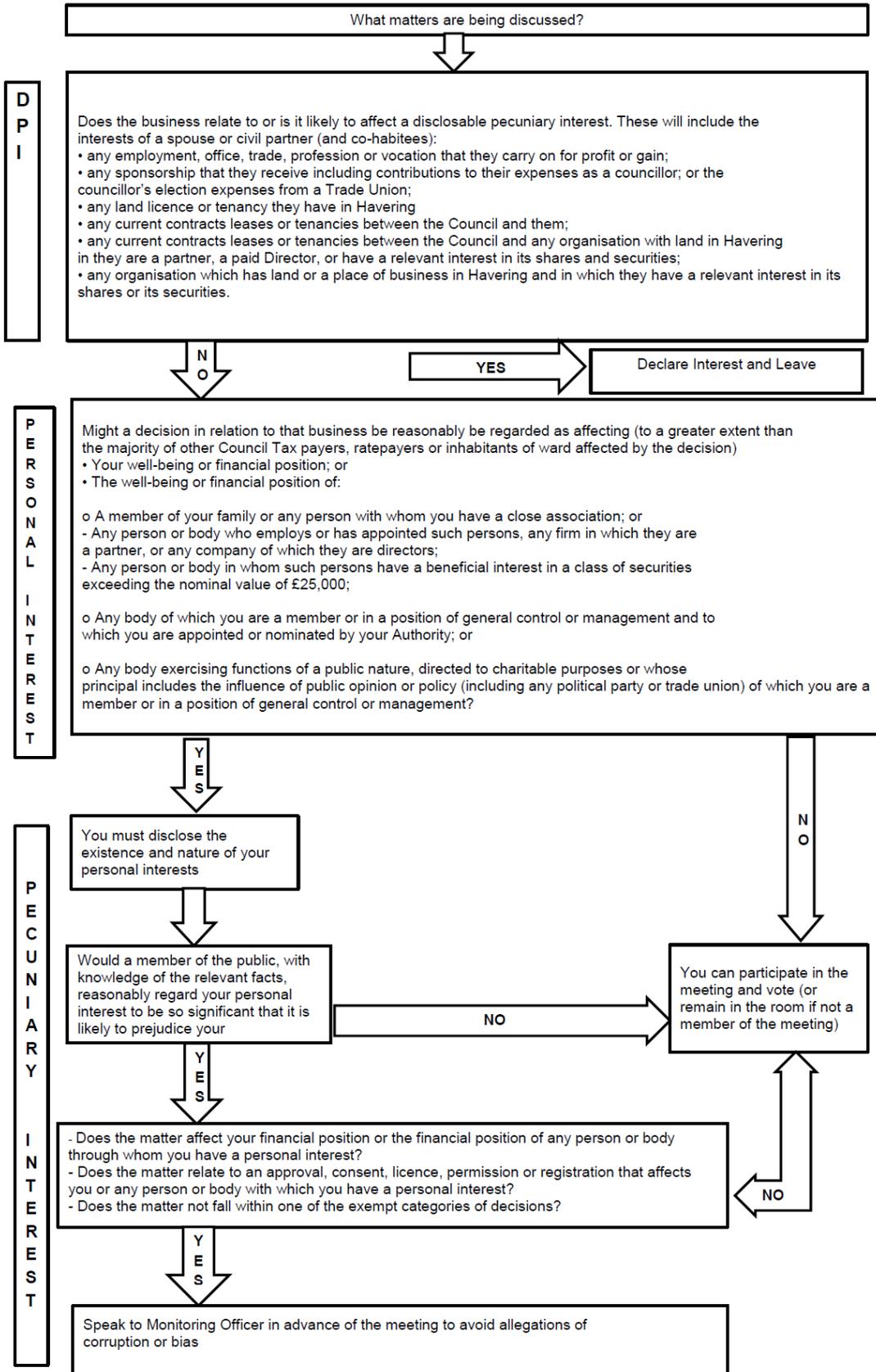
The sub-committees consider issues by receiving information from, and questioning, Cabinet Members, officers and external partners to develop an understanding of proposals, policy and practices. They can then develop recommendations that they believe will improve performance, or as a response to public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

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 - 2)

To approve as correct the minutes of the meetings held on 18th March 2021 and authorise the Chairman to sign them.

5 ENFORCEMENT STRUCTURE UPDATE (Pages 3 - 16)

Report and appendices attached

6 CRIME & DISORDER OSSC ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21 (Pages 17 - 20)

Annual report attached

7 CRIME & DISORDER OSSC WORK PROGRAMME

Members are invited to suggest items for the Sub-Committees work programme.

Andrew Beesley
Head of Democratic Services

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CRIME & DISORDER SUB- COMMITTEE Virtual Meeting 18 March 2021 (7.00 - 8.15 pm)

Present:

Councillors John Tyler, Matt Sutton (Vice-Chair), Sally Miller BCAC (Chairman), Michael Deon Burton, John Crowder and Jan Sargent

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tele Lawal

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2020 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

5 QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee received a report that gave information on the performance against the indicators previously requested. Members noted that the indicators had not incorporated changes requested by the Committee but those changes would be implemented for the next report.

Members noted that 74.21% of calls were responded to within 15 minutes of the call being placed, a reduction of 6.3% compared to 2019 but this was not of concern. It was noted that there had been a reduction in violent crime, burglary and domestic abuse. There had been a slight increase in anti-social behaviour crimes but it was reported that this was mainly due to breaches of COVID-19 restrictions. Disability hate crime had also increased. Members noted that cyber-crime, e.g. scams, were not dealt with by the police so local data was not available.

The Committee **noted** the report.

6 DOMESTIC ABUSE IN HAVERING UPDATE

The Committee were presented a report which updated them on the domestic abuse numbers and prevention strategies in Havering.

Members noted the second Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy was launched after approval by Cabinet in March 2019 and the domestic abuse bill was due to get royal sign off on 1st April 2021. It was noted that 4,546 incidents had been reported and in 2,610 of those cases, crimes were found to have been committed. The MASH had 2,923 cases sent to it of which 1,516 had come directly from the police.

It was explained to members that support and refuge was made available to victims of domestic abuse which included group support and 1-2-1 counselling. MENDAS provided support for male victims and the young person's IDVA commenced in November 2020.

The Committee **noted** the report.

7 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members **noted** that a review of the Council's Enforcement Structure was planned to be presented to the Committee however, due to COVID-19 pressures, was unable to be completed in time. It was therefore agreed by the Committee for this report to be presented at the next meeting.

Members **requested** a topic group to scrutinise the new CCTV budget to be created following the meeting.

Members **requested** that a report updating the Committee on the Domestic Abuse bill would be brought back to the Committee 6 months following the meeting.

Chairman



CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE – 28th JULY 2021

Subject Heading:	Mobilisation of new enforcement service
SLT Lead:	Barry Francis
Report Author and contact details:	Karen Proudfoot Interim Head of Enforcement and Safety
Policy context:	The mobilisation of the agreed restructure of services within Neighbourhoods to create an integrated Enforcement and Safety service for Havering
Financial summary:	The total salary budget in 2020/21 for the service was £1,983,933, which is funded through General Fund, HRA and grants from Public Health and Children’s and Young People Service.

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

Communities making Havering	
Places making Havering	X
Opportunities making Havering	
Connections making Havering	

Summary

1.1 This report presents information regarding the mobilisation of the new Enforcement and Safety Service which commenced on 1 June 2020 and seeks to provide information regarding;

- Confirmation of the new service structure, and how this compares to the previous structure.
- Operational capacity – considering the impact of Covid
- Training plan
- Performance Information
- Tasking Process

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Sub-Committee are requested to note the report attached and decide on future reporting requirements.

REPORT DETAIL

- 3.1 Tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) and all aspects of environmental nuisance is 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.
- 3.2 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 service structure.
- 3.3 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 and included:
- Skills Audit undertaken to identify training needs
 - Completing Health and Safety Risk Assessments in consultation with staff
 - Updating the Scheme of Delegation
 - Agreeing and ordering uniforms
- 3.4 Mobilisation of the new structure, shown at Appendix A, commenced on 1 June 2020 and all existing staff were either assimilated or appointed to new roles within the new structure.
- 3.5 The main changes implemented with the restructure were:
- 3.5.1 Officers from the Community Warden, StreetScene Enforcement and Parks Protection Team being assimilated or appointed to the Environment Enforcement and Tactical Enforcement Teams. The three officers from the Parks Protection Team who have attested Constable authority in Parks, retained those powers and were assimilated to the Day-time Tactical Enforcement Team, although one has since left the Council.
- 3.5.2 Officers who had previously held subject specific posts dealing with ASB, Integrated Offender Management (IOM) and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG & Domestic Abuse) were assimilated to the

three Community Safety Officer roles to build capacity, resilience and enable a more flexible approach to changing needs.

- 3.5.3 The CCTV Service moving under the management of the Community Safety and Intelligence Manager.
- 3.6 A training matrix, shown at Appendix B, has been developed to ensure all officers have received all required mandatory training and any other appropriate training to enable them to complete their new roles successfully. The training is supported by a revised Standard Operating Procedure. Unfortunately the delivery of classroom based training has been delayed due to the COVID19 pandemic.
- 3.7 Performance Indicators have been collected, shown in Appendix C and D, however, these continue to evolve as new processes are developed to enable the accurate collection of data in the most streamlined manner.
- 3.8 An Enforcement and Safety Lead Officer matrix, Appendix E, has been established and shared with relevant Council and Police staff to enable the transition to the new structure to be as smooth as possible.
- 3.9 Whilst all Enforcement Officers have the same responsibilities they have been assigned to teams with distinct remits. These are:
- 3.9.1 The **Environment Enforcement team** is a high visibility borough-wide service, inclusive of Housing areas, consisting of three area based teams, each team consists of 4 Officers. The team is tasked to deal with reported issues and community concerns and provide high visibility enforcement service to address issues of anti-social behaviour, including noise, and a range of environmental issues such as fly-tipping and abandoned vehicles.

The Environment Enforcement Teams operate a shift rota which provides cover 5 days out of 6, covering Monday to Sunday and working shifts which provide cover between 7am and 3pm, 10am and 6pm and 11am and 7pm.

The table below shows the Wards covered by each team.

Environmental Enforcement			
	North	Central	South
Wards	<i>Mawneys</i>	<i>Brooklands</i>	<i>St Andrews</i>
	<i>Havering Park</i>	<i>Romford Town</i>	<i>Cranham</i>
	<i>Pettits</i>	<i>Squirrel's Heath</i>	<i>Upminster</i>
	<i>Heaton</i>	<i>Emerson Park</i>	<i>Elm Park</i>
	<i>Gooshays</i>	<i>Hylands</i>	<i>South Hornchurch</i>
	<i>Harold Wood</i>	<i>Hacton</i>	<i>Rainham and Wennington</i>

3.9.2 The **Tactical Enforcement Team** is made up of two teams, the day-time team and the night-time team. The day-time tactical enforcement team, which consists of officers with attested constable powers in parks and open spaces, has a particular focus on parks and open spaces although they will deal with issues in other areas as required. The night-time tactical enforcement team is focussed on addressing issues associated with the high footfall areas and the evening economy across the borough.

The day-time Tactical Enforcement Team providing cover 5 days out of 7, covering Monday to Sunday, and working 8 hour shifts, including their lunch break, with various start and finish times between 10am and 8pm.

The night-time Tactical Enforcement Team operate 5 days out of 6, covering Monday to Saturday, and working 8 hour shifts, including their lunch break, with various start and finish times between 1pm and 11pm.

3.10 The Teams are tasked at a fortnightly Tasking Meeting. Tasks are based on requests, information and intelligence detailing existing or emerging issues. This is also supported by an Enforcement Plan, which is a restricted document.

3.11 The Covid Pandemic has had a significant impact on the resourcing of the Enforcement teams, which have continued to work in a front-line capacity throughout the pandemic. Six (6) Enforcement Officers were required to Shield and have therefore been working from home in a different capacity to their substantive operational roles, such as supporting the calling of vulnerable residents. Three (3) officers have had long-term absences and 4 officers have left the service. Some vacancies and absences have been covered by agency staff.

3.11.1 The table below shows the front line operational capacity for the teams since June 20. Please note this is an average does not include absence for reasons such as annual leave or training.

	Environment Enforcement	Tactical Enforcement – Day	Tactical Enforcement – Night
Full Capacity	12	4	4
June 20	8	4	0
July 20	8	4	0
August 20	7	3	0
September 20	6	3	0
October 20	6	3	0
November 20	6	4	0
December 20	5	4	0
January 21	7	4	0

February 21	8	4	0
March 21	9	4	0
April 21	9	4	1
May 21	11	5	1

3.12 Service Level Agreements have been agreed with Housing for the provision of enforcement and ASB case management services. This includes the funding of 40% of the costs for the operation of the Environment Enforcement Service and the part or full funding of some posts with the Service, such as the Tactical Analyst.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

4. Financial implications and risks:

4.1 None arising from this report.

5. Legal implications and risks:

5.1 None arising from this report

6. Human Resources implications and risks:

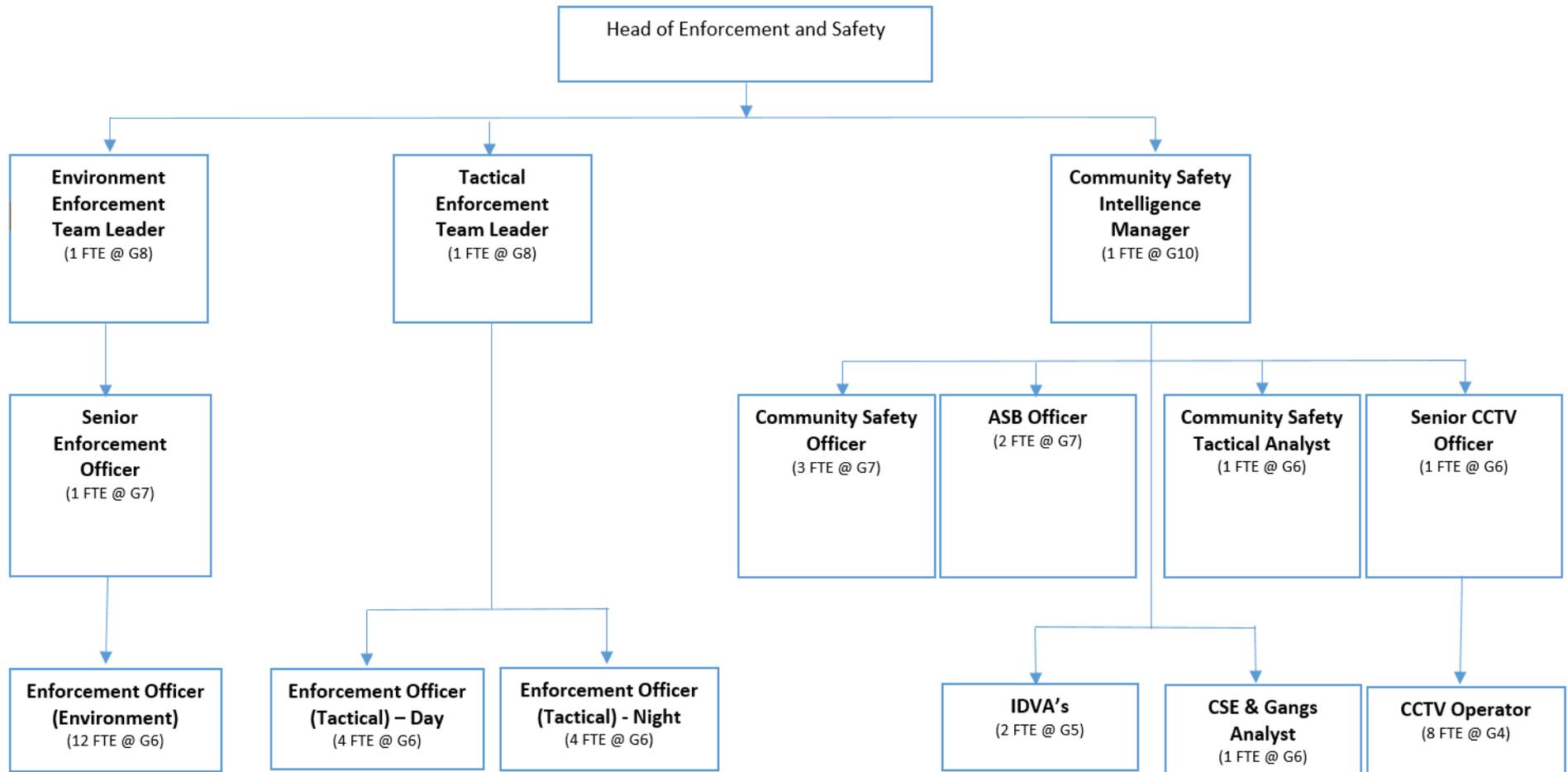
6.1 None arising from this report

7. Equalities implications and risks:

7.1 No equalities and social implications arising from this report. Equality implications were considered as part of this restructure.

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Appendix A



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Appendix B

Training	Type	Community Safety Intelligence Manager	ASB Officer	Community Safety Officer	Analyst	IDVA	Senior CCTV Operator	CCTV Operator	Tactical Enforcement Team Leader	Enforcement Officer (Tactical)	Environment Enforcement Team Leader	Senior Enforcement Officer (Environment)	Enforcement Officer (Environment)
Mandatory													
DSE and Workstation Health and Safety	Online	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fire Safety and Evacuation	Online	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Introduction to Health and Safety at Work	Online	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Driver Safety Awareness	Online	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lone Working Hazard & Risks	Online	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Personal Safety in Other Peoples Homes & Premises	Online	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Risk Assessment for Managers	Online	X							X		X		
Safe Manual Handling	Online	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Safeguarding Adults in Health & Social Care	Online	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Staying Safe with DSE	Online	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Equality & Diversity Part 1	½ Day Classroom	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Equality & Diversity Part 2 – Staff	½ Day Classroom	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Equality & Diversity Part 2 – Managers	½ Day Classroom	X							X		X		
Freedom of Information Act – Level 1 Training (All Staff)	E-learning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Protecting Information Level 1 (All Staff)	E-learning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Protecting Information Level 2 (Managers)	E-learning	X					X		X		X		
Handwashing	E-learning		X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Infection control	E-learning		X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Donning and doffing PPE	E-learning		X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Enforcement and Safety Service Specific													
Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)	Classroom	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Supporting Rough Sleepers and Homelessness	Internal Briefing	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X
Action Counters Terrorism (ACT)	E-Learning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
First Aid	Classroom							X	X	X	X	X	X
First Aid Refresher	Classroom												
Problem Solving	Classroom	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
Police And Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) Legislation, Interviews and Case Preparation	Classroom		X						X	X	X	X	X
Environmental Crime 2020	Classroom								X	X	X	X	X
Statutory Nuisance	Classroom								X	X	X	X	X
Court Skills	Classroom		X			X			X	X	X	X	X
Conflict Management	Classroom								X	X	X	X	X
CCTV Public Space Surveillance	Classroom						X	X					

Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee – TBC

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Managing CCTV Control Rooms BTEC Level 4	Classroom	X					X						
Defibrillator	Classroom								X	X	X	X	X
Dealing with Abandoned Vehicles - Briefing	Team Briefing								X	X	X	X	X
Fly-Tipping in Havering	Team Briefing								X	X	X	X	X
Highway Obstructions in Havering	Team Briefing								X	X	X	X	X
Understanding the requirements of Houses of Multiple Occupation	Shadowing								X	X	X	X	X
Gang Awareness Training	Team Briefing	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Body Camera Process and Use	Team Briefing						X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Public Space CCTV Awareness	Shadowing								X	X	X	X	X
Street Trading and Trading Standards Awareness	Team Briefing								X	X	X	X	X
Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Awareness	Classroom	X	X	X					X	X	X	X	X
Safeguarding Children	Team Briefing	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X
Domestic Abuse Awareness	Team Briefing	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X
Risk Identification Checklist (RIC)	Team Briefing	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X
Securing of Hazardous items, inc sharps	Team Briefing								X	X	X	X	X
Universal Credit in Practice	Team Briefing	X	X	X		X							
ICT Requirements													
Open housing	Team Briefing	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
Microsoft Dynamics – CRM	Team Briefing	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
Love Havering APP	Team Briefing	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
Civica APP	Team Briefing	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
Earthlight	Team Briefing		X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
Data Warehouse	Team Briefing		X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
Land Registry	Team Briefing				X				X	X	X	X	X
DVLA	Team Briefing				X				X	X	X	X	X
Liquid Logic	Team Briefing	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X

Appendix C – Performance Indicators May 2021

Environment Enforcement Team

287 waste investigations of which **239** were actioned using enforcement powers under the delegation of authority. This ranges from verbal warnings, written advisory, statutory notices and fixed penalty notices.

The Environmental Enforcement Team received **142** reports of nuisance vehicles, all were investigated and **4** were deemed as abandoned and removed, a further **14** were removed for being untaxed.

Ward	Reports Received								Action Taken						
	Crms & LCS Report	Dog Foul	Nuisance vehicles	Flyposting	Graffiti	Highway Obstruct	Crossovers	Waste Investigations	Waste Advisory Letter	Other Advisory Letter	Verbal Warning	Fixed Penalty Notice	Statutory Notice		
Brooklands	20	0	7	0	3	0	0	91	38	1	0	2	2		
Cranham	7	0	2	0	0	0	1	15	0	8	0	0	0		
Elm Park	18	0	6	0	9	2	6	14	0	8	1	0	0		
Emerson Park	14	0	4	0	1	1	0	7	5	2	1	0	0		
Gooshays	24	0	15	0	0	0	0	8	1	5	1	2	1		
Hacton	26	0	13	0	1	1	0	29	2	45	0	1	6		
Harold Wood	11	15	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	1		
Havering Park	23	0	12	0	2	0	0	5	0	6	1	2	3		
Heaton	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0		
Hylands	23	0	21	0	1	0	0	7	8	4	0	2	0		
Mawneys	12	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	90	1	0	0	1		
Pettits	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0		
Rainham & Wenn	20	0	12	0	2	0	0	21	16	2	1	0	0		
Romford Town	29	0	5	0	6	1	0	32	12	6	0	1	4		
South Hornchurch	14	0	10	0	1	0	2	5	5	28	5	1	0		
Squirrels Heath	9	5	4	0	0	1	0	13	19	1	0	2	0		
St Andrews	19	0	3	0	2	0	3	25	10	40	1	0	0		
Upminster	11	0	5	0	2	1	0	12	0	1	2	0	0		

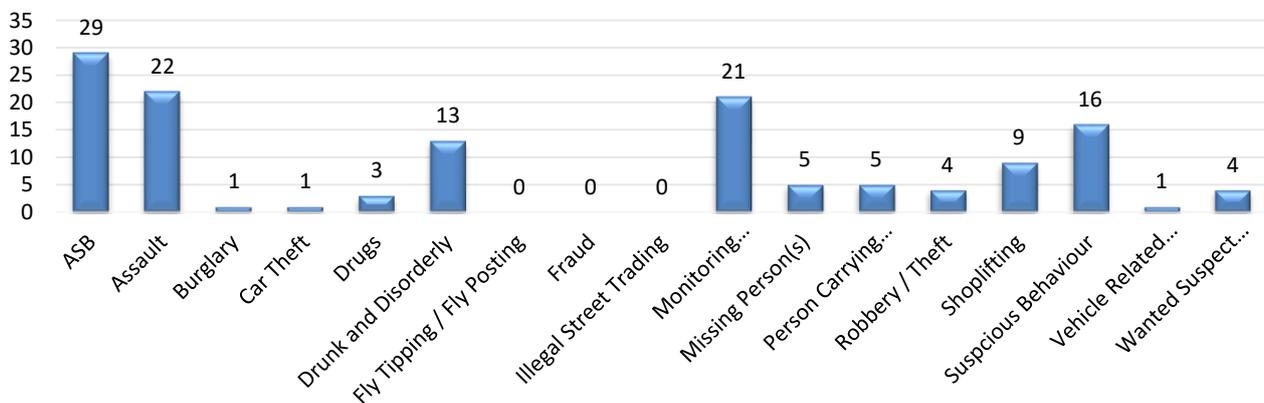
Tactical Enforcement Team

The following table demonstrates the action that has resulted from the Tactical Enforcement Team engagement with individuals whose behaviour is of concern, particularly in town centres.

Warning	Total
Community MARAC referral	0
Verbal warning	16
ASB Early Intervention Warning	4
Community Protection Notice (Warning)	1

CCTV

Town Centre CCTV captured **149** incidents in May, the table below shows the types of incident.

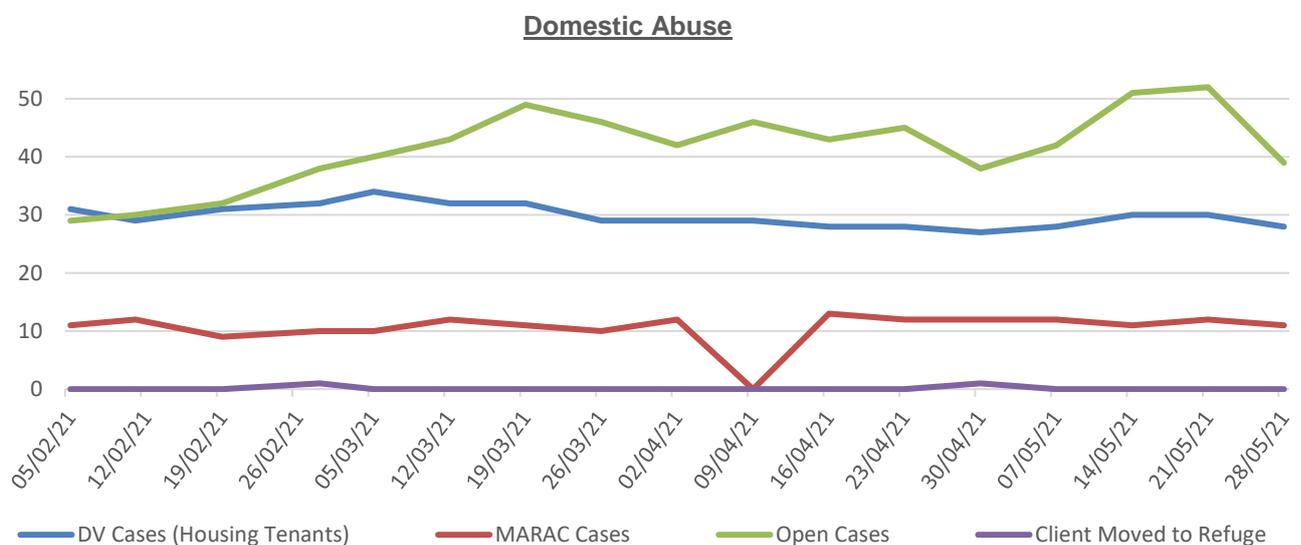


Community Safety

The table below captures the caseloads of officers in the Community Safety Team and action that is being or has been taken in relation to these cases.

		Week Ending:	07/05/2021	14/05/2021	21/05/2021	28/05/2021
ASB Officers (Housing)	DV Cases (Housing Tenants)		28	30	30	28
	ASB Cases (Housing Tenants)		25	22	25	21
	Management Transfers (Pending)		8	8	8	8
	Management Transfers		0	0	0	0
	Closure Notice/Order Issued		1	0	0	0
	Written Warning		0	0	0	1
	NOSP served		0	1	0	0
Community Safety Officer	ASB Cases		15	17	16	14
	IOM Open		TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
	New IOM		TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
	Removed IOM		TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
	MARAC Cases		12	11	12	11
Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA)	Open Cases		42	51	52	39
	Client Moved to Refuge		0	0	0	0

	Domestic Abuse Incidents			Domestic Abuse Offences		
	Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	% Change	Q4 2019/20	Q4 2020/21	% Change
January	390	327	-16%	242	161	-33%
February	342	334	-2%	197	197	0%
March	378	303	-20%	220	183	-17%
Total	1110	964	-13%	659	541	-18%



Appendix D – Enforcement and Safety Lead Officer Matrix

	Community Safety and Intelligence Manager	Tactical Enforcement Team Leader	Environment Enforcement Team Leader
Domestic Abuse	Lead		
Integrated Offender Management	Lead		
Prevent	Lead		
Knife crime	Strategic Lead	Operational Lead	
ASB – Location		Lead	
ASB – Victim/Offender	Lead		
Waste related enforcement			Lead
PSPO	Strategic Lead	Operational Lead	
Environmental Crime			Lead
Gangs	Lead	Operational	
Child Sexual Exploitation	Lead		
Rough sleepers		Lead	
Community MARAC	Determined by issue	Determined by issue	Determined by issue
Community Trigger	Lead		
Vehicle Crime (not parking)	Lead		
Drifting		Lead	
Retail		Lead	
Licensees/night time economy		Lead	
Noise			Lead
CCTV	Lead		
Parks		Lead	
MOPAC	Lead		
Havering Community Safety Partnership	Lead		
Safer Neighbourhood Board	Lead		
Ward Panels		Lead	Lead
Junior Citizen		Lead	
Havering Joint TaskForce (aka S.92 Council Funded Police Team)		Lead	
Counter-Terrorism / ACT Awareness		Lead	
Safe Havens		Lead	
Hate crime	Lead		

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Crime & Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee Annual Report 2020/2021

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

When I was appointed as Chair of the Crime and Disorder Overview Scrutiny Committee, none of us could have had any idea as to how our lives were to change in such a short period of time. As soon it became apparent that I was going to be unable to chair any meetings I asked for my Special Responsibility Allowance to be stopped until such times as such meetings could be held virtually by Zoom. This covered the period of May 2020 until September 2020.

This has been a particularly difficult year for all of us and we have all had to get used to a new normal.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the Council Officers that have worked so hard in working through the various changes in legislation. To the Community Safety Teams for their exceptional work in responding to breaches of COVID and supporting local businesses through the various lockdown rules.

I would like to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the local Police Officers who continued to keep our communities safe during the most difficult of years and in ever changing circumstances.

Over the years I have worked with the Met Police I have been lucky enough to get to know many of our local officers and throughout the pandemic I have been immensely impressed with their professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm.

I would like to congratulate the HJTF Police Officers on the exceptional work they have undertaken since they were formed early last year. There are 5 PCs within this team that are funded by Havering Council and they have worked closely with Council Officers in enforcing lock down restrictions and working with Trading Standards on Operation Scaffold. In addition and with overtime funded by the Met Police they have run several Operation Gambler cross border operations with Essex Police, traffic teams, dog units and special constables. So far they have arrested over 500 suspects. In one two night operation in March of this year they arrested 21 suspects and recovered 7 stolen vehicles in which drugs and weapons were found ¹. They have also taken a significant number of weapons off our streets and undertaken operations to fine and move on the Drifters that continue to meet in Ferry Lane.

¹ Statistics taken from @MPSHavering Twitter Account.



As we head out of lockdown I will continue to work with Council Officers and Police Officers to respond to any issues that impact the lives of our residents.

Councillor Sally Miller BCAC
Chair Crime and Disorder Committee

REMIT AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The Crime & Disorder Overview & Scrutiny Sub Committee exercises the functions conferred by the Police & Justice Act. The Committee scrutinises the Council's joint working with the Police and other public agencies that deal with crime and disorder. The Members on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee during the year were:

Councillor Sally Miller BCAC (Chairman)
Councillor Matt Sutton (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Tele Lawal
Councillor John Tyler
Councillor Michael Deon-Burton
Councillor John Crowder

Councillor Jan Sargent

Review of Activity

This report is the annual report of the Sub-Committee, summarising the Sub-Committee's activities during its year of operation ended May 2021.

It is planned for this report to stand as a public record of achievement for the year and enable Members and others to have a record of the Sub-Committee's activities and performance.

During the year under review, the Sub-Committee formally met on 3 occasions and dealt with the following issues:

COUNCIL'S NEW ENFORCEMENT STRUCTURE

The Sub-Committee received a brief on the Council's new enforcement structure, which commenced on 1st June 2020. The new structure was put in place to unify the structure that was in place to tackle anti-social behaviour and all aspects of environmental nuisance.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL FUNDING POLICE OFFICERS

The Sub-Committee received an update on 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.

The report outlined that the Force consisted of 1 Sargent and 5 Constables and was launched in January 2020 with a view to address a range of issues across the Borough and had made a total of 104 arrests, of which one was the Boroughs most wanted Burglary suspects, and recovered 45 stolen vehicles.

EAST AREA VIOLENCE SUPPRESSION UNIT (VSU) UPDATE

The Sub-Committee were given an update on the East Area VSU which was formed in May 2020 and composed of 20 officers led by a single Detective Inspector. The Sub-Committee were advised that the VSU had made 478 arrests with 2245 stop & searches alongside 2 key operations. The Sub-Committee was also updated on the East Area BCU Drugs Focus Desk which ensured drugs supply offenses were dealt with robustly and was formed in June 2020.

DOMESTIC ABUSE IN HAVERING - UPDATE REPORT

The Sub-Committee was updated on the delivery of the Council's Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2019-22 which was approved by Cabinet in March 2019. The Sub-committee was given an overview on the level of domestic abuse in Havering, was briefed on the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) which focused on sharing information to evaluate and act upon high risk cases and was given an outline on the work being done to support children who were victims of domestic abuse.

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Throughout the year, the Sub-Committee had received reports on the outcome of performance against the indicators which fell within the Sub-Committees remit.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

None – narrative report only.

Legal implications and risks:

None – narrative report only.

Human Resources implications and risks:

None – narrative report only.

Equalities implications and risks:

While the work of the Sub-Committee can impact on all members of the community, there are no implications arising from this specific report which is a narrative of the Sub-Committee's work over the past year.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.