

## CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE, 30 November 2017

**Subject Heading:**

Havering Community Safety Partnership's Partnership Plan 2017/18 to 2019/20

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**Policy context:**

Our new vision, 'Havering – making a Greater London', is about embracing the best of what Havering has to offer, and how we as a borough can play an active role in the success of the whole of London. Our vision is focused around the borough's communities, places, opportunities and connections. The key activity of the Havering Community Safety Plan 2017/18 – 2019 /20 is working with partners to maintain low crime rates and make people feel safer.

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### SUMMARY

The Community Safety Plan is produced every three years and refreshed annually to support decision making and priority setting for the Havering Community Safety Partnership.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Members note the Community Safety Plan 2017-2020 that was approved by Council on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**REPORT DETAIL**

The Havering Community Safety Partnership is comprised of five responsible authorities<sup>1</sup> who, by law, are required to work together to tackle crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending. There is also a statutory requirement that the Havering Community Safety Partnership produces an annual strategic assessment of these issues in coordination with a community safety strategy or plan.

The strategic assessment assesses and evaluates the progress towards priorities set out in the community safety partnership plan, and recommends any changes required to the strategic priorities, if applicable, for the forthcoming years. The Havering Community Safety Partnership strategic assessment has identified three strategic themes together with one cross-cutting area for the current plan.

The strategic themes and cross-cutting area identified are as follows:

- **Protecting vulnerable individuals/victims** – we want to reduce the number of victims and repeat victims of crime and anti-social behaviour in Havering. Areas of particular focus, where volume and risk of repeat victimisation are greatest, are violence against women and girls, serious group violence, child sexual exploitation and preventing hate crime and extremism. In addition, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) has set additional priorities of reducing non-domestic violence with injury and ASB.
- **Supporting the most prolific and/or high harm offenders** – we want to reduce the harm and risk of reoffending posed by known offenders residing in Havering and work with neighbouring boroughs to minimise the impact of offenders travelling into Havering. Areas of particular focus, where risks associated with reoffending and harm are highest, are offenders with drug and alcohol misuse issues, reoffenders, and those with links to gangs.
- **Creating Safer Locations** – we want to reduce the volume of crime in areas which are disproportionately affected. Areas of particular focus, where higher concentrations of crime exist, are local town centres and retail areas across Havering and burglary hotspots.

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<sup>1</sup> London Borough of Havering, Clinical Commissioning Group, Metropolitan Police, London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority and National Probation Service/Community Rehabilitation Company.

- Throughout this work, a key cross-cutting area will be **community engagement and public confidence**. This is to enable communities to report and receive information, as well as being part of potential solutions. This will also help to close the gap between perceptions of crime and actual levels of crime in the borough.

Havering's identified strategic priorities are broadly aligned to current and emerging regional and national strategies. Both within the national and regional context there continues to be a greater emphasis on prioritisation of crimes that present the highest levels of risk and harm, notably Violence against Women and Girls, Ending Gang Violence and Exploitation and reducing knife crime. In addition to this the new Police and Crime Plan for London has prioritised tackling extremism, hatred and intolerance.

Consultation on the plan took place with the HCSP and Cabinet before the final plan was approved by Full Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and is attached at **Appendix 1**.

## **IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

### **Financial implications and risks:**

There are no direct risks regarding Council finances. Initiatives within the plan are funded via a grant by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime. The Community Safety Plan will therefore be delivered within existing resources within both the Council and the Metropolitan Police Service.

### **Legal implications and risks:**

This strategy is in line with the Crime & Disorder Act 1998, Police and Justice Act 2006 and The Crime and Disorder Regulations 2011. The Council and other statutory partners including Health have a responsibility under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to address crime and disorder within the borough, with a statutory obligation to produce a Community Safety Plan.

### **Human Resources implications and risks:**

There are no HR implications arising directly from this report.

### **Equalities implications and risks:**

An Equalities Impact Assessment for the Havering Community Safety Partnership has been completed and is an appendix within the Havering Community Safety Partnership Plan.

<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>
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- 1 Havering Strategic Assessment 2016
- 2 Havering Community Safety Partnership Plan 2017-18 to 2019-20 and Equalities Impact Assessment. The next review date is March 2018.