



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

Subject Heading:

Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime Strategy 2017-2021

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Policy context:

Havering's new vision is "making a greater London" this focuses embracing the best of what the borough has to offer. Included in this is the safety of our residence. The Council has a statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to produce an annually refreshed community safety plan. Addressing serious group violence and knife crime are key priorities within the Havering Community Safety Partnership, Partnership Plan 2017/18 to 2019/20

SUMMARY

- The Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime strategy focuses on tackling knife crime and gangs, early intervention for those on the periphery of crime and safeguarding our young people (from exploitation & county lines) over the next 4 years.
- The Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime Strategy has been approved by the Havering Community Safety Partnership on the 18/10/2017
- This report also includes an update on the risk management panels linked to Gangs and Serious Group Violence.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime Strategy 2017-2021:

- For the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to discuss the attached updated Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime Strategy 2017-2021.

- For the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be aware of the significant increase in crimes linked gangs and youth offending. (Including knife crime, knife crime with injury, robbery and gun crime).

Launch of the Chance Scheme

- For the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be aware of the Chance Scheme.

Risk Management Panels

- For the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be aware of the various risk management panels linked to Gangs and Serious Group Violence.

REPORT DETAIL

Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime Strategy 2017-2021

The proposed strategy sets out the London Borough of Havering's plan to address Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime over the next four years.

The strategy not only takes into account the local picture for Havering, but it also links in closely with the Mayor of London's 2017-2021 Police and Crime Plan, the Mayors 2017 Knife Crime Strategy and the Home Office report on Ending Gang Violence and Exploitation 2016.

Main strategic ambitions focus on:

- Tackling knife crime and gangs
- Early intervention for those on the periphery of crime
- Protecting and safeguarding our children (from exploitation & county lines)

The key actions of this strategy are included in the action plan which focuses on prevention, intervention, enforcement and intelligence, and information sharing.

The strategy and accompanying equality impact assessment is available in appendix 1 and 2.

Risk Management Panels.

With the introduction of the East Area Borough Command Unit January 2017 a number of changes were introduced and implemented between February 2017 and April 2017. One of the significant changes was the introduction of a Tri-Borough Gangs Unit. Havering has benefited from having access to a resource which proactively monitors and disrupts the boroughs high risk gang nominals.

In March 2017 the EA Gangs Unit tactical meeting replaced the Havering Serious Group Violence Panel which monitored all individuals on the gang's matrix and those on the periphery of being involved in gangs. Following a murder which took place in Quarter 1 of 2017 it became evident that those who were classed as low

risk gang nominals or on the periphery of gangs needed to be monitored at a local level. As a result Serious Group Violence panels have been reintroduced across all three boroughs (Havering, Barking & Dagenham and Redbridge). The first Havering Serious Group Violence Panel took place on 31st August 2017 and occurs on a 4 weekly basis to work in conjunction with the EA Gangs Tactical meeting.

Havering's aim is to deter individuals from becoming involved in gangs at the early stages of anti-social behaviour through the ASB panel and Chance scheme through to the more serious and high risk gang nominals that need close monitoring through the EA Gang Unit.

East Area Gangs Tactical Meeting

Approximately 200 nominals are currently being monitored across Havering, B&D and Redbridge. The Gangs Unto work according to a RAG status (red, amber green) and mainly monitor those classed as red or high amber on the Police Trident Matrix. Meetings take place every 4 weeks, 1 week prior to the Police MIM (monthly intelligence meeting). Meetings are held at Jack Brown House in Harold Hill.

Havering Serious Group Violence (SGV) Panel

Approximately 100 nominals are currently being monitored across Havering. The list is currently comprised of those who feature on the Havering Trident Matrix, those who have been brought to the attention of the SGV panel over the last 12 months (April 2015 to March 2016). Due to the cross cutting nature of work around serious group violence, the SGV Panel offers a platform to share the names of those who most regularly:

- go missing
- appear on the child sexual exploitation list
- appear on the habitual knife carriers list (HKC)

ASB and Chance Panel

There are approximately 125 cases of anti-social behaviour active across Havering. The launch of the Chance scheme is intended to complement existing work and encourage better information sharing between agencies. The CHANCE Intervention Scheme uses a multi-agency approach to improve focus on how youth anti-social behaviour (8-17 years old), can be best addressed across East Area BCU at the earliest stage, and aims to prevent individuals entering the criminal justice system.

The CHANCE scheme creatively uses powers such as yellow and red cards, letters to parents, behaviour contracts etc. to bring about positive change on an informal basis.

Referrals to the Chance programme can be done by emailing:

EastAreaEAMailbox-PartnershipHub@met.pnn.police.uk



IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

There are no financial implications arising from this report which is for information only. Whilst implementation of the strategy will have financial implications the expectation is that this will be from within existing resources.

Funding for serious youth violence in Havering comes from the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) through the London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF). A new system has been introduced where boroughs receive a committed allocated amount of funding on a 2 yearly basis.

£114,000 per year for two years from 2017/2018-2018/2019 has been allocated to work around serious youth violence and gangs. This will be governed and coordinated by the Community Safety Partnership via the Serious Group Violence Panel (see Appendix 3: Governance and structure of the Havering Community Safety Partnership).

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.

Human Resources implications and risks:

There are no HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities implications and risks:

The Equalities Impact Assessment for the Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime Strategy 2017-2021 has been completed and can be found in appendix 2

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Appendix- 1 Havering Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime Strategy 2017-2021
- Appendix- 2 Havering Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime EIA 2017-2021
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