

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
CRIME & DISORDER SUB- COMMITTEE
Committee Room 3B - Town Hall
30 November 2017 (7.00 - 8.07 pm)**

Present:

Councillors Ian de Wulverton (Chairman), Robby Misir (substitute for Councillor Ray Best) and Garry Pain.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Durant, Councillor Ray Best and Councillor Brian Eagling

23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Sub-Committee agreed to defer the item to the next meeting.

24 CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - QUARTER 2 (2017/18)

There had been an improvement in the percentage of minimum strength being met since Pathfinder had stabilised, with 76% of shift in July having met the minimum strength, 90% in August and 96% in September. The minimum strength per shift had been reduced from two sergeants and sixteen constables to one sergeant and nine constables, subsequently freeing up three sergeants and fifteen constables. There had been no abstractions for Sergeants during September and minimal PCSOs.

Police officers had received enhanced training on police roles with the introduction of Pathfinder, received training on body cameras and would receive training on the new PC laptops when introduced.

During Quarter 2, alterations were made to the tri-borough model, including outstanding calls being managed on an incident list for each borough, rather than as a single incident list for all three boroughs, as was the case when the pilot began. The impact of these alterations was now beginning to be seen in the performance achieved. The Sub-Committee congratulated the Police Authority on the percentage of I-grade and S-grade calls achieved in target time, in Havering. It was explained that the 2.5-3.5 minutes of the 15 target for 'I' responses was lost when answering the initial call and additional time was taken if the call needed to be connected to the language line.

A discussion on Fire Brigade keys pursued, during which it was explained that it would be impractical for all deployed response officers to hold keys and it would raise concern if a high number of keys were in circulation. The

Police Authority agreed to give consideration to holding keys in the command car.

In Quarter 2 of 2017/18, there were 1,548 Computer Aided Dispatches which had an opening code that related to anti-social behaviour in Havering, with 1,026 being 'closed' as anti-social behaviour. Six of these dispatches related to five separate traveller incursions, a reduction from the previous quarter. The previous year, traveller incursions drove 100 calls, however a dedicated Inspector covers had taken the responsibility for the three boroughs.

The Sub-Committee noted the report on performance indicators.

25 **METROPOLITAN POLICE REPORT ON INVESTIGATION**

The number of outstanding named suspects was significantly high, which was a trend in the east, Waltham Forest and Newham, due to the number of foreign national offenders and the high amount of mobility in and out of the country.

Habitual knife carriers were being targeted and officers would be carrying out intense weapon sweeps and intelligence-led operations to confiscate knives and tackle those wanted in connection with knife-related offences and violent crime. The Sub-Committee requested that narrative be provided to prevent public misconception of data that related to current gun and knife crime rates.

Rape and serious sexual offences had increased by 16.3% overall over the past year, with sanction detection rates up by 54.5%. This was significantly higher compared to other boroughs with a detection rate of 54.5%.

Robbery offences had increased by 81% from the previous year, however small numbers reflected high percentiles. Burglary was a key focus on the lead up to the Christmas period. Good news stories included an arrest for possession of a prohibited weapon, an arrest for possession with intent to support and being carried in a stolen vehicle and an arrest made in respect of two persons driving into pedestrians with a car. There were on-going operations including 'Winter Nights', 'Be Safe', 'Operation Bumblebee' and 'Operation Sceptre'.

The Sub-Committee noted the report on Investigations.

26 **HAVERING COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP'S PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2017/18 TO 2019/20**

The Havering Community Safety Partnership comprised of five responsible authorities who, by law, were required to work together to tackle crime, disorder substance misuse and reoffending. There was a statutory requirement that the Havering Community Safety Partnership produce an

annual strategic assessment of these issues in coordination with a community safety strategy or plan.

The strategic themes and cross cutting area identified were protecting vulnerable individuals/victims, supporting the most prolific and/or high harm offenders and creating safer locations. Throughout this work, a key cross-cutting area would be community engagement and public confidence. This would enable communities to report and receive information, and be part of potential solutions. This would also help to close the gap between perceptions of crime and actual levels of crime in the borough.

The Sub-Committee noted the Community Safety Plan 2017-2020 that was approved by Council on the 12th July 2017.

27 **SERIOUS GROUP VIOLENCE AND KNIFE CRIME STRATEGY 2017-2021**

Since the introduction of a Tri-borough Gangs Unit, the borough have benefitted from having access to a resource which proactively monitors and disrupts the boroughs high risk gang nominals. It had been recognised that there was an emerging pattern of gang behaviour and the borough had lobbied the Mayor of London to fund work to address the increase in gang membership in the borough.

The Sub-Committee discussed the updated Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime Strategy 2017-2021. The snapshot of offences on a rolling twelve month basis from July 2014 to July 2017 in Havering, highlighted an increase in knife crime, knife crime with injury, robbery and gun crime. Whilst data might show that knife crime was not linked to gangs, there was a local awareness of the migration of gang members into Havering from other boroughs.

The Sub-Committee were aware of the significant increase in crimes linked gangs and youth offending (including knife crime, knife crime with injury, robbery and gun crime). Research revealed that only 11% of Havering Trident Gangs List were under 18 years of age and 20% on the Habitual Knife Crime (HKC) list. Moving forwards, there would be a need to look at resources for the over 18's, as the majority of those identified fell outside of the area that received most support/attention.

The Sub-Committee were made aware of the Chance Scheme, that was introduced to complement existing work and encourage better information sharing between agencies. The Scheme used a multi-agency approach to improve focus on how youth anti-social behaviour could best be addressed at the earliest stage with the aim to prevent individuals entering the criminal justice system.

The Sub-Committee were made aware of the various risk management panels linked to Gangs and Serious Group Violence. The delivery structure of information and intelligence flow for the East Area Gangs Panel and

Serious Group Violence Panels was received and the Action Plan – Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime 2017-20121 was noted.

28 REDUCING REOFFENDING UPDATE

The Sub-Committee received an update on progress in delivering the Reducing Reoffending Action Plan 2016-2020; an update on the work to address Integrated Offender Management (IOM) in Havering; and an update on the progress of the Drugs Intervention Panel.

The Action Plan focused on prioritising accommodation; education, training and employment, finance and debt; and enforcement and compliance. In Havering in 2016-17, the IOM Panel worked with 95 nominals, with 76% of the cohort not having re-entered custody.

During the presentation, it was highlighted that the Havering Community Safety Strategic Assessment had shown that 40% of acquisitive crime in Havering came from Class A drug users alone. The Drug Intervention Panel (DIP) used a multi-agency approach to facilitate access to drug and alcohol services, as evidence showed that successful treatment would significantly reduce users' cycle of offending and keep communities safer.

The Sub-Committee noted the progress to date against the Reducing Reoffending Action Plan 2016-2020, Integrated Offender Management Panel and Drugs Intervention Panel.

29 URGENT BUSINESS

There were none.

30 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Agenda Item No. 12, Exempt Minutes of the Previous Meeting, was deferred to the next meeting.

31 EXEMPT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Sub-Committee agreed to defer the item to the next meeting.

Chairman