



CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Subject Heading:

Havering Community Safety Partnership's Annual Strategic Assessment 2017

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Policy context:

The Council's 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 Council has a statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to produce an annual analysis of crime and disorder in the area, which will then be used to create a strategy to reduce these. This is relevant to our vision by ensuring the safety of our communities, and creating safer places; thereby improving opportunities for individuals and businesses. Havering's Plan is next due to be reviewed in March 2018.

Financial summary:

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However adverse performance against some performance indicators may have financial implications for the Council.

All service directorates are required to achieve their performance targets within approved budgets. The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) is actively monitoring and managing resources to remain within budgets, although several service areas continue to experience financial pressures from demand led services.

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 Council has a statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to produce an annually refreshed Community Safety Plan. In order to produce this Plan, the Council is required to carry out an analysis of crime and disorder in the local area.

The Strategic Assessment 2017 uses data from partner agencies as well as publicly-available information to consider crime levels and trends in Havering. The findings of the Strategic Assessment will be used to refresh the Havering Community Safety Plan 2017-20.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members of the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee note the Strategic Assessment 2017, which was approved by the Havering Community Safety Partnership on 16th January 2018.

REPORT DETAIL

The Havering Community Safety Partnership is comprised of five responsible authorities¹ who, by law, are required to work together to tackle crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending in the borough. There is also a statutory requirement that the Havering Community Safety Partnership produces an annual strategic assessment of these issues in order to inform a Community Safety Strategy (or Plan). The strategic assessment assesses and evaluates the progress made towards achieving priorities set out in the Community Safety Partnership Plan and recommends any changes required to the strategic priorities for the forthcoming years.

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

The Havering Community Safety Partnership's Strategic Assessment 2016 identified three strategic themes together with one cross-cutting priority, 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. Tackling youth violence and weapon enabled crime are also key areas under this theme.
- **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 to 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. The Mayor's Policing Plan for London includes the priority area *A Better Criminal Justice Service for London*, which aims to reduce reoffending and support persistent offenders with chaotic lifestyles.
- **Creating Safer Locations** – we want to reduce the volume of crime in areas which are disproportionately affected. Our town centres are known to experience violence linked to night-time economy operating hours, and burglary is also a prevalent crime which affects both individual locations and the wider area. Therefore, non-domestic violence with injury and residential burglary are two priorities under this theme.
- Throughout this work, a key cross-cutting priority 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.

The overarching conclusion of the Strategic Assessment 2017 is that the HCSP's strategic themes are still very relevant and there is no necessity to alter these. Havering's identified strategic priorities are broadly aligned to current and emerging regional and national strategies as well as local crime and disorder trends. Both within the national and regional context there continues to be an emphasis on prioritising 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.

The Havering Community Safety Partnership Plan will now be updated for 2018 in order to refine actions based on what has been achieved over the past year and the activity planned for the forthcoming year. The refreshed plan will be presented to the Community Safety Partnership in April for approval.

Appendices

- 1 Havering Strategic Assessment 2017
- 2 Havering Community Safety Partnership Plan 2017-18 to 2019-20 and Equalities Impact Assessment

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

There are no financial implications arising from this report which is for information only. Whilst delivery of the plan itself will have financial implications, the expectation is that it will be delivered within existing resources within both the Council and the Metropolitan Police Service. Certain initiatives within the plan are funded via a grant from the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC).

Legal implications and risks:

The Strategic Assessment and Community Safety Plan are produced in accordance with sections 5 - 7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Police and Justice Act 2006 and The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2011/1830. The Council and other statutory partners including Health have a duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to produce a strategy to reduce crime and disorder within the borough; to combat the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, and to reduce re-offending. There are no apparent legal implications in noting the Strategic Assessment.

Human Resources implications and risks:

There are no HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities implications and risks:

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None