

CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Subject Heading:

Havering Community Safety Partnership,
Annual Strategic Assessment 2017

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Policy context:

Our 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.

Financial summary:

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 delivered within existing resources.

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

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

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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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the members note the Strategic Assessment 2017, which was approved by Havering Community Safety Partnership on 16th January 2018.

REPORT DETAIL

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. 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 2016 identified three strategic themes together with one cross-cutting area. The findings of the Strategic Assessment 2017 are that our strategic themes are still very relevant and there is no necessity to alter these. The partnership plan will now be updated in a '2018 refresh' in order to refine actions based on what has been achieved over the past year, and presented to the Community Safety Partnership in April.

The strategic themes and cross-cutting areas 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

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

Havering. Areas of particular focus, where volume and risk of repeat victimisation are greatest, will be 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 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, will be offenders with drug and alcohol misuse, 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 hours; and burglary is also a prevalent crime which affects both the individual location and wider area. Therefore, *Non-domestic violence with injury*, and *residential burglary* will be two priorities under this theme.
- 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.

Appendices

- 1 Havering Strategic Assessment 2017

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 delivered within existing resources within both the Council and the Metropolitan Police service. Certain initiatives within the plan are funded via a grant by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.

Legal implications and risks:

This strategy is in line with sections 5 -7 of the Crime & 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 for combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances and for reducing re-offending. There are no apparent legal implications in noting the Strategy.

Human Resources implications and risks:

There are no HR implications in this decision.

Equalities implications and risks:

The Equalities Impact Assessment for the Havering Community Safety Partnership Plan has been completed and is a background document to the plan.