

**Crime and Disorder Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee Meeting**  
**11 September 2018**

**Licensing for the Night Time Economy**

- The EA Alcohol and Drugs Officers are part of the Partnership Hub and cover the three Boroughs of the tri-borough, with officer's assigned ownership of Boroughs.
- The team respond to TENS requests and license applications and variations as a Responsible Authority to ensure appropriate conditions are set and monitoring compliance.
- Within Havering the team link in with licensed premises through the Safe meetings, the names for the Borough's Pub watch, as forum to share information and raise or address any concerns.
- They also pro-actively visit venues, are involved with the planning and policing licensed events with London Borough of Havering Licensing and through monitoring reported offences where licensed premises are involved reactively engaging with the DPS checking adherence to conditions and offer advice where needed.
- In the last year, the team have effectively addresses issues at a number of venues across Havering, through licensing reviews, closure notices and revoking licenses where needed.
- They have delivered a number of partnership initiatives, including days of action with partner agencies in December, policing the World Cup, Romford's first Pride event and promoting the partnership work with London Borough of Havering, the Street Pastors, and Ed's Out and the premises within the town centre when the Night Czar from City Hall attended in February.

- **Romford Town Centre Night Time Economy Power Point**

Please see Appendix A – Romford Town Centre Package

- **Romford Town Centre Additional Policing Plan – Starting 30<sup>th</sup> August**

Please see Appendix B – Romford Additional Policing Plan (Exempt document)

- Current performance figures of violence with injury

Non DA VWI		
Volume	%	SD
1,295	-0.40%	12.70%
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1,265	-4.70%	13.00%
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1,267	-3.40%	12.60%
1,263	-4.10%	12.70%
1,274	-2.60%	12.40%
1,278	-3.30%	11.50%
1,267	-3.90%	11.60%
1,286	-2.00%	12.00%
1,284	-1.50%	11.90%
1,275	-2.50%	12.30%
1,288	-1.80%	12.30%
1,286	-1.30%	11.90%
1,296	-0.90%	11.60%
1,298	-0.20%	11.60%
1,305	-0.20%	11.30%
1,307	0.70%	11.40%
1,300	0.10%	11.50%
1,298	-0.20%	11.50%

## **Resources (additional to the TCT)**

Overtime used to increase the policing presence. From the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018, there has been 182 hours of Overtime, used to increase the numbers in the town.

Officers from ERPT have been used on occasions when the ERPTs have been over strength and so in a position to release officers. This has happened on 5 nights during this period as part of Local Aid Serials.

MSC – Special Constables continue to be used on Friday and Saturday nights to provide a disorder bus within Romford Town. Previously the MSC provided support on Friday night however due to the BCU model MSC Officers from Ilford started to provide support on Saturday nights.

## **Numerous Nights of Action throughout the year:**

Joint nights of action are held every 2/3 months. The last one being on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August. This involved LBH; Detection Dogs Team, British Transport Police, Safer Transport Team and Romford Town Centre Team. This resulted in:

- Stop and search = 43
- Stop and account = 1
- Dispersal = 2
- Arrest = 4
- Community Resolution = 5
- Crime Reports = 2
- CAD's responded to = 3
- Intel reports = 3
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Other initiatives are held more frequently. Knife Arch Operations involving the Town Centre Team and the Gangs unit are more routinely carried out. Knife Arches have been deployed outside several licensed premises, McDonalds in South Street and on the Brewery site and at Sapphire Ice. These involved both uniformed and plain clothes officers. Several Weapon Sweeps are also carried out on a weekly basis. These tactics have been highly effective in providing a visible deterrent and have also lead to some good arrests – for example 3 males attempted to avoid a knife arch at the Ice Rink and were found to have a large hunting knife.

## **Robbery**

Following an increase of Robbery offences within Romford Town Centre Operation Maine was established. The offences were often involving teenagers being robbed by older teenagers and the item that was being taken was mobile phones. The robberies reached a peak in April but have now been significantly reduced. Between 05/05/2018 to 10/06/2018 Operation Maine was introduced and this included patrols within the Town Centre including the High Street and Market Place. Both Town

Centre Officers and Safer Transport Team deployed. There were a total of 58 arrests that were made for numerous offences and 66 stop and searches completed. Operation Neptune is aimed at the second hand Sellers Market and works with these stores as part of the Safer Sellers Scheme to ensure that they are following good working practices. Spot checks are completed on mobile phones as a means of locating lost or stolen property. Ensuring that stores keep records of customers and check the property that they are purchasing assists in the identification of stolen property and suspects. Following the success of Operation Maine, further CATO funding was allocated to run this again over a shorted period. This resulted in a further 12 Arrests, 21 Stop and Searches, 2 Cannabis warnings and 2 Penalty notices for disorder.

### **Dispersal Notices**

Town Link Radio allows the police, CCTV and venues to be able to communicate more effectively. Town Centre Team are able to promptly respond directly to venues and on average officers receive 20+ town link calls relating to the night time economy every weekend. These are incidents that are dealt with directly and prevent further escalation. One tactic that is used frequently is Section 35 dispersal notices. People who are involved in anti social behaviour can be issued notices banning them from the area for up to 48 hours and this prevents disorder. By stopping problems early on it prevents minor disturbances from escalating into offences such as assaults and public order. Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 a total of 49 dispersal notices have been issued.

### **Violent Crime Task Force (VCTF) BCU Convoy – Elm Park Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August.**

This was a day of action and engagement and included weapons sweeps, street briefings and a range of activity. Invites were sent to councillors, MP, LA and partners. This resulted in good representation and an initial briefing by A/Chief Supt John Ross. The Commissioner was made aware of this day of action and attended, she patrolled with local officers. We have been advised by the VCTF lead that Havering convoy was in fact the most positive day of action that has taken place across the MPS to date. We are in the process of negotiating with the VCTF to run a series of similar evening convoys around the town centre.

Please see Appendix C – HS Briefing and Appendix D – Convoy (exempt documents)

A post engagement plan for the three Elm Park ward areas; Elm Park, Hacton and St. Andrews is now in place as below.

### Short term:

- Door to door conducted by DWO's to shops and flats above the shops providing SNT contact details and dates of our up and coming street briefings. This has been started and will be complete today.
- Contact sessions to be held in Broadway by each team:  
Elm Park SNT street briefing, 22/08/18 1300-1400hrs and 01/09/2018 1000-1100hrs.  
Hacton SNT street briefing, 20/08/18 1600-1700hrs and 03/09/2018 1500-1600hrs.  
St. Andrews SNT street briefing, 21/08/18 1700-1800hrs and 02/09/18 1300-1400hrs
- Contact details for Elm Park, Hacton and St. Andrews SNT's have been sent out via Twitter.

### Medium to Long term:

- Media team to contact Romford Recorder and LBH Living Magazine to get SNT details advertised. This will also be explored with Time FM.
- Second contact session to be held in 2-3 weeks time in the Broadway. These are to be advertised on twitter nearer the time and also via do door to door again to the residential and business addresses.
- I will organise a meeting with the Elm Park Councillors and Ins Ruane in September to discuss their concerns. I have exchanged contact details and will set a date when Ins Ruane returns from leave. Sgt Handley has already held a meeting with Cllr O'Sullivan following this event.
- I will explore funding possibilities for alley gates. Sgt Handley is arranging an environmental visual audit with LBH Community Safety and look at gating and design out crime options.