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Update to the Havering Crime and Disorder Sub-Committee

Havering Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB) – Five Years On

1. Introduction:

This paper is a brief update to the Havering Crime and Disorder Sub-Committee detailing the progress of the Board now that the Board has been established for over 5 years.

Safer Neighbourhood Boards (SNBs) are the means by which the Mayor of London (through the Deputy Mayor and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime) holds Borough Police Command Units to account for performance, giving Residents and victims a greater voice in setting policing priorities.

It is intended that Havering's Safer Neighbourhood Board will:

- Have a broad remit to reflect the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime's responsibilities, respecting the view that local people will know best what is needed at the local level.
- Ensure communities are more closely involved in problem solving and crime prevention.
- Have greater reach and ensures a more frequent refresh of ideas and views;
- Achieve greater coherence between different engagement mechanisms, e.g. Independent Advisory Groups (IAG) and Stop and Search Community Monitoring Groups (S & S CMG), so as to provide greater public accountability in policing and crime reduction.
- Make more efficient use of resources to deliver value for money and target funds at tackling issues of local concern and crime prevention.

2. SNB Membership

- 2.1 During the tenure of the SNB, there has been a total of 3 Chairs. The first completed the 3 year tenure, the second Chair was unable to fulfil the 3 years and was in post for 2 years and the third Chair was appointed most recently in May 2019.
- 2.2 Since the changeovers in leadership, some momentum and purpose of the SNB has been misplaced. It is hoped with the new Chair this will be restored and active participation as a SNB Chair will rejuvenate the members and their commitment as a member of the SNB.
- 2.3 There has been minimum contact with other Borough Chair's and other MOPAC meetings recently.
- 2.4 A Vice Chair is now in position. Since the resignation of the previous Chair, this role has been vacant for a while and with the changeover of Chairs, fulfilling this role of

Vice Chair has been imperative due to the lack of leadership and active Chair in post.

- 2.5 There is still good representation at Board meetings and for SNB events. Some members have not changed over the years. As per the Mayor of London's suggestions that there should be a three year maximum tenure of board member's this has not been done; which will need to be addressed by the new Chair in post.

3. Progress since last update

- 3.1 Havering Street Watch requested to join the SNB and have now resigned due to too many commitments.
- 3.2 NHW – still very active within the borough. Two meetings have been attended of the Neighbourhood Watch Network (the National Body) to better understand their Strategic Plans for the next 3 years and how it may help at local level. This also included a seminar on fund raising and the use of Social Media to raise the profile of NHW within our communities.
- 3.3 SNB Community Day and Conference was held in conjunction with the Community Safety day, open to all (residents, workers and visitor's in the borough) in September 2018. This event allowed SNB to engage with over 350 members of the local community.
- 3.4 School for Scammers was successfully delivered to various audiences around the borough.
- 3.5 Two new projects to address knife crime were introduced: Street Doctors and No Knives in School Project. Both of these projects have been very successful and well received by its target audience
- 3.6 12 days Christmas Pop Up took place in Romford Town Centre and was also supported by several of the Community volunteer teams including The Safer Neighbourhood Board, Community Safety, Street Scene, Road Safety, Romford Town Centre Police, Safer Transport Team, Fire Brigade, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Neighbourhood Wardens, Streetscene, Road safety, Tapestry, Diabetes UK, Peabody trust, WDP, Neighbourhood Watch and the Havering Youth Service. Safety equipment and items for the Community were given out during this time, which included 1,200 purse chains and bells.
- 3.7 Allotment Watch: The work around this project is ongoing.
- 3.8 Hate Crime/Safe Zone: The work around this is ongoing and talks with different partners have taken place.

4. Funding Application to MOPAC – 2019 / 20

Havering SNB have re-submitted their application for the full amount of project funding of £22,816. They are waiting for final approval for the proposed projects and are keen to start delivering the projects. The application has been submitted for 5 different projects led by 5 different representatives from the SNB membership.

The five projects are:

1. SNB Events

This will comprise of SNB Conference, SNB Review and SNB Community Outreach Events

A. SNB Conference

An annual conference is scheduled to take place in Spring 2020 and will be held in conjunction with the Community Safety Partnership and will be open to all the community of Havering, residents, workers and visitors in the borough.

B. SNB Review

Whole day allocated to identify and analyse the needs of the borough in line with MOPAC priorities and to create a detailed strategic plan that will support MOPAC's priorities and help to shape the future of Havering SNB and the projects it delivers.

C. SNB Community Outreach Events

The Community Safety, Havering Outreach and Roadshow days will be in and around Havering Borough targeting specific areas throughout to reach as many members of the community as possible. This will enable us to engage and network with the local communities; identify areas of concern, as well as providing relevant signposting and guidance/advice on any crime prevention and safety matters where relevant.

2. Neighbourhood Watch

NHW to increase the number of Watches in the community and once established erecting new street signage to promote the new scheme in the local community. NHW will try and bring the community together with a common aim in reducing criminal activity, keeping residents safer and promoting crime awareness on how to report incidents.

3. Dementia Booklets

This is a handy one-stop-shop of relevant information on crime safety numbers, emergency services, safety advice and who and when to call for help. These pocket size booklets have been in great demand by many users including external partners such as the Police, GP's and Health Professionals. This booklet falls in line with the Mayor of London's Priority of an Age Friendly London with Havering being the first community to have a Dementia Friendly High Street in Havering and quiet shopping lane for those with autism.

4. Friend of Faux

8 very interactive performances delivered by the Arc Theatre Company to at least 50 attendees at each performance (some venues can hold more attendees). The performances are aimed at vulnerable individuals who fall foul to rogues and criminals befriending them to either rob or harm them or to entice them into criminality. These interactive shows will demonstrate healthy relationships, how to keep themselves safe free from harm in a friendly welcoming atmosphere

5. Youth Council

This project will be planned and delivered for young people, by young people. It will consist of a series of formal debates and panel discussions held at various locations around the borough on the topic of Knife crime – Exploring this inter-generationally, can also create a shared understanding of the issues and fears that impact the young people and adult members of our community. The panel will be made up of invited guests including MPs, members of the police, youth councillors and victims of knife crime. The aim of the project is to make young people aware of the dangers of carrying a knife and the devastating effect knife crime is having on the community.

6. SNB Admin and Financial Accounting

Since its inception, Havering Council have been providing the admin and accountable financial body role for the SNB. This has been done via a Service Level Agreement (SLA), and MOPAC provide a grant of £5,200 per annum to carry out this role.

As a result of savings required within the Council's Corporate and Community Resilience Team which resulted in the loss of a staff member, the Corporate and Community Resilience Manager (CCRM) has decided to withdraw from the SLA as it is not core Council work. The CCRM has agreed to continue supporting the SNB through the current transitional period, but only up to the 31/3/2020. The Council has no statutory responsibilities for the SNB as it is an independent body, so the SNB are being encouraged to use the £5200 to provide alternative admin support, as any organisation with a constitution can do this.

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