

CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Subject Heading:	6 Month Review of Council Funded Police Team (Havering Joint Task Force)
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Policy context:	The delivery of the proposed restructure of the Enforcement services within Neighbourhoods to create an integrated Enforcement and Safety service for Havering
Financial summary:	<p>£300,000 per annum funding for this scheme has been agreed to be funded corporately from the Corporate Risk Budget for three years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.</p> <p>The S92 Police Act 1996 agreement commenced on 6 January 2020 and will conclude 5 January 2023.</p>

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

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

Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks to present the activity of the Havering Joint Task Force, agreed under S.92 of the Police Act 1996, in their first 6 months of operation in Havering.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Sub-Committee are requested to note the report attached and decide on future reporting requirements.

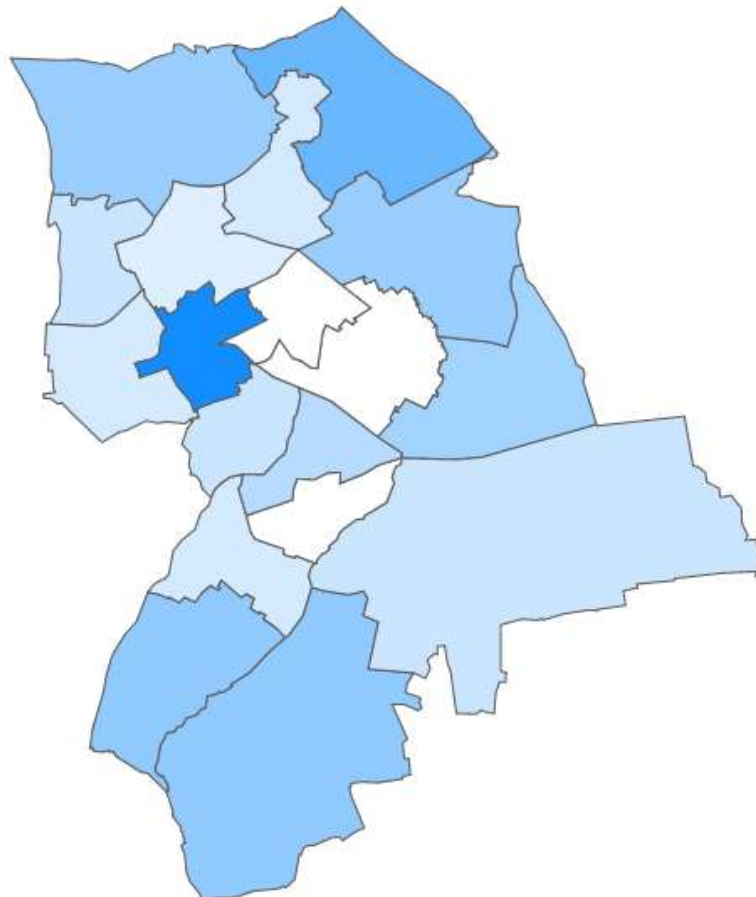
REPORT DETAIL

- 3.1 Launched in January 2020, the Havering Joint Task Force consists of one sergeant and five constables.
- 3.2 Tasked regularly by the Council to address a range of issues across the borough and continuing to focus on tackling the identified Havering Priorities in their first 6 months of operation the team have arrested 104 individuals, including the boroughs most wanted Burglary suspect, and recovered 45 stolen vehicles with an estimated value in excess of £1million. The table below shows the various activity undertaken by the Havering Joint Task Force since they started.

Values	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Arrests	11	17	25	11	21	19
Traffic Offence Reporting	3	2	0	1	6	2
Penalty Notice Disorder	5	4	5	3	11	4
Stop & Search	35	56	39	48	99	28
Crimints	29	53	24	43	46	26
Vehicle Seizures	16	15	8	7	9	5
Case Papers	1	2	1	4	10	12
CRIS Report	9	10	10	8	20	10
Merlin Reports	2	2	7	2	3	8
Ink pad	0	0	15	18	26	5
Tweets	1	19	17	14	22	7

- 3.3 The map below demonstrates the activities the Team has been tasked to across the borough since their formation.

Taskings - Ward



3.4. Arrests

The 104 arrests have been for a range of offences, most of which are indictable, which means a more serious type of offence which can be listed on an indictment and is usually tried in the Crown Court. Many were as a result of pro-active and intelligence led policing. A breakdown of the offences for which people were arrested is shown below:

Burglary Residential	41
Possession of offensive weapons, firearms, bladed articles	11
Drug supply/possession	13
Other offences	39

3.5 Stop and Search

As a unit the Havering Joint Task Force currently stops and searches more people and vehicles than any other in Havering. Since its formation, the Task Force has conducted 279 stop and searches, accounting for 20% of the boroughs total number of 1,365 stop and searches.

3.6 Of these searches, the team has found items that lead to action, such as a PND or arrest 34% of the time, compared to the borough average of 25%.

3.7 Officers found 11 knives or bladed articles, one firearm, 33 for class A & B drugs, 11 items of stolen property, other items are miscellaneous such as items going equipped to steal.

3.8 In East Area BCU (Havering, Redbridge and Barking and Dagenham), the total number of Stop and searches conducted was 10,056. The positive result of this is currently 24%

3.9 The most recent data for the month of June 2020 reveals that Havering Joint Task Force completed 38 stop and searches, which resulted in a positive outcome in 47% (18).

3.10 During this same period, all teams/portfolios across Havering conducted 234 stop and searches, which resulted in a positive outcome of 29%

3.11 Stolen Vehicles.

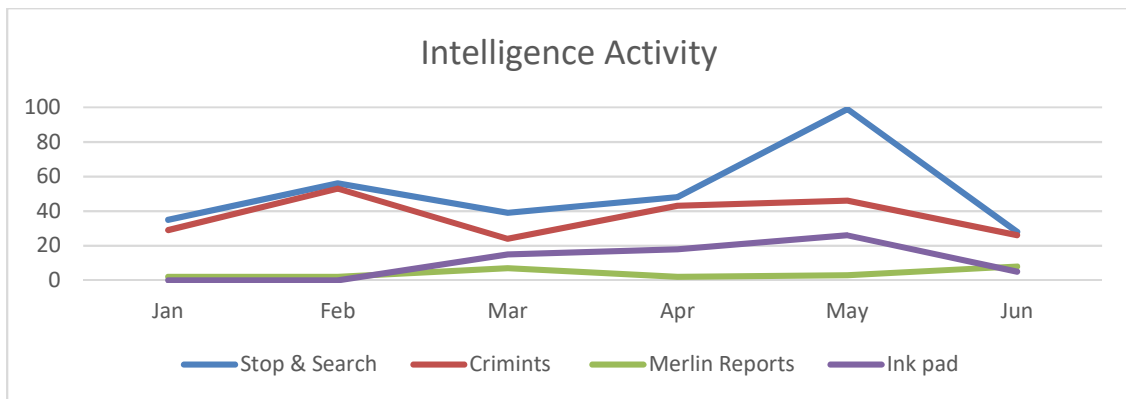
Havering Joint Task Force have recovered an incredible 45 stolen vehicles across Havering. Using a popular car auctioning website to estimate the value of each vehicle the total value of these now exceeds £1 million!

3.12 The team carefully plot where the vehicles have been found, which criminal groups are likely associated and gather evidence such as CCTV and conduct door to door enquiries to identify offenders.

3.13 It should also be noted that the finding of these vehicles has led to numerous arrests/convictions either by us directly or via forensic examinations.

3.14 Intelligence

The team has submitted 221 intelligence (CRIMINT) reports since its formation. Intelligence sharing is vital in our fight against crime and leads to further arrests by our unit and others. It is also vital in securing sufficient evidence when applying for search warrants, opposing bail and targeting those who commit crime in Havering.



3.14 Notable activities – April - June

3.14.1 Operation Gambler

This is a cross border initiative with Essex Police, which takes place two nights a month. This operation targets those criminals who cross the Havering/Essex border with the sole intention of committing crime. The team specifically target high harm offenders such as gang nominal, habitual knife carriers, robbers, burglars and drug dealers.

Havering Joint Task Force are solely responsible for the planning and execution of this operation. PS Tanner secures funding through CATO every month, prepares a briefing and arranges other Met Police specialist units to take part.

In total 19 of these operations, have now taken place and an incredible 269 suspects have been arrested. All the arrested persons are as a result of pro-active, intelligence led policing.

Furthermore this joined up working with Essex Police and MPS specialist units such as dog section, traffic and Spider teams has meant that these units will often patrol Havering working alongside Havering Joint Task Force at no additional cost!

3.14.2 Operation Columbia

A group of young burglars was identified by Essex Police. It was established that this group of males was predominantly all from Havering. The team not only identified these males at numerous crimes they made 10 arrests for residential burglary offences. The team also found numerous stolen vehicles across Havering which were linked to this group. A successful operation saw several males given custodial sentences.

3.14.3 James Hearne arrest

The team researched and actively hunted for James Hearne in the Collier Row area. He had been wanted for several months for recall to prison and numerous residential burglaries. The team identified a viable address for him and forced entry. He was arrested and several items of significant interest were recovered within. James Hearne was sentenced to nine years imprisonment on the 16th July 2020.

3.14.4 Weapons arrest

The team responded to an ANPR activation in Upminster. The target vehicle is stopped and three occupants detained. A machete and asp recovered inside the vehicle. All arrested.

3.15 Social Media

The team are seeing significant public interest on our Tweets. Some sample tweets originating from the team include:

APRIL

9th #HJTF stop & search this vehicle & occupants in @MPSPMawneys The vehicle was linked to a burglary in @MPSPRomfordTown which led to the driver being arrested for the offence & driving matters. All the occupants were reported for breaching Covid19 regulations. @LBofHavering 422EA

25th Havering Joint Task Force stopped this vehicle in @MPSPRainham . The driver provided false details which led to their arrest, interview and subsequent charge for driving whilst disqualified & no insurance. They will now appear in court. #HJTF @LBofHavering 422EA

26th Havering Joint Task Force attended a residential address in @MPSPGooshays and arrested an adult male wanted on a recall to prison. Proactive patrols of @MPSPCranham @MPSPUpminster and @MPSPRainham saw us recover stolen vehicles @LBofHavering #HJTF 422EA

MAY

1st Havering Joint Task Force supported PCs from @MPSPStAndrews earlier today in executing a s23 MDA warrant. Entry was forced & the premises was searched. As a result an adult female was arrested at the location. We will target those who harm your community! #HJTF @LBofHavering 422EA

2nd Havering Joint Task Force patrolling @MPSPRainham found this car stolen by burglary in @EssexPoliceUK area. We then stop a group of males nearby. @MetTaskforce PD Gemma arrives and finds a key! Male juvenile arrested for burglary! @LBofHavering #HJTF 422EA

6th Havering Joint Task Force are proactively patrolling @MPSPRainham today. We have chased and arrested a male adult in Stirling Close after he was acting suspiciously around parked vehicles. Male is wanted for a high value theft in @EssexPoliceUK area @LBofHavering #HJTF 422EA

- 7th Havering Joint Task Force arrested a juvenile for 'millennium' residential burglaries. We then searched an address & recovered some significant items. We will specifically target those who commit crime in Havering! He will now appear before the courts @LBofHavering #HJTF 422EA
- 11th More arrests in @MPSPRainham by Havering Joint Task Force! Two males stopped & searched in a vehicle have been taken into custody after we found a knife. If you come to Havering to commit crime then we will be waiting for you! #OnlyCowardsCarry #staysafe @LBofHavering #HJTF 422EA
- 13th #HJTF pursued this vehicle through @MPSPRainham. The driver then ran but wasn't quick enough. He's been arrested for numerous offences including possession of this knife. Female passenger given a fine for cannabis possession also! Thanks to @MetTaskforce 🐾 🐾@LBofHavering 422EA
- 21st Havering Joint Task Force officers have attended an unauthorised encampment in Bosworth park in @MPSPGooshays and enforced a high court injunction with the assistance of @LBofHavering and our St Duties unit. The camp has now been dispersed and the park is clear. #HJTF 422EA
- 21st Havering Joint Task Force supported by @MPSPHaroldWood & #EASStDuties forced entry to a residential premises in Harold Wood this morning to execute a search warrant. We will target those who harm your community! #HJTF @LBofHavering 422EA
- 29th Havering Joint Task Force patrolled @MPSPHaveringPark today. We stopped a vehicle containing a male wanted for drugs offences and found a cloned vehicle stolen from @kent_police area. We are always out looking for those who commit crime in Havering! #HJTF@LBofHavering 422EA
- June
- 5th #HJTF were out patrolling parks, open spaces & surrounding roads in @MPSPGooshays & @MPSPHaveringPark yesterday. 2 people searched, resulted in 2 arrested. One for possession of a knife & One for possession of incapacitant spray. Stolen vehicle found too! #HJTF @LBofHavering 422EA
- 25th Three people arrested in @MPSPUpminster by #HJTF following a vehicle search. Weapons found in the vehicle such as this machete! We will continue to hunt those who cause harm to your community! Thanks to @MetTaskforce 🐾 🐾teams for the assistance!! #OpGambler @LBofHavering 422EA

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

4.1 None arising from this report.

Legal implications and risks:

5.1 None arising from this report

Human Resources implications and risks:

6.1 None arising from this report

Equalities implications and risks:

7.1 No equalities and social implications arising from this proposed decision.