

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
CRIME & DISORDER SUB- COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
9 December 2021 (7.00 - 8.00 pm)**

Present:

Councillors Sally Miller (Chairman), John Tyler, Michael Deon Burton and John Crowder

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jan Sargent.

13 VIOLENCE REDUCTION ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The report before Members provided information on the Policing and Crime (MOPAC) as required by each local authority to produce a Violence Reduction Action Plan. The plan was refreshed annually and performance was reported quarterly to the Havering Community Safety Partnership.

The 7 themes around the Partnership were as follows:

- **Governance** - provided an oversight of the leadership and governance of violence locally, detailing the senior leadership structure as well as collaboration between Community Safety Partnership, Safeguarding Children and Adults Boards and the Health and Wellbeing Board, to support a public health approach to reduce violence.
- **Analysis and Enforcement** - understanding of how analysis and local enforcement tactics were used to disrupt violence locally, including the Strategic Needs Assessment, monthly tasking meetings and using Information Sharing to Tackle Violence (ISTV) and wider public health data.
- **Reducing Access to Weapons** - how partners were working jointly to minimise access including using Trading Standard initiatives and weapons sweeps.
- **Safeguarding and Educating Young people** - the most detailed section within the plan that contained actions that included focussing on reducing exclusions, support for children in care and care leavers, working with parents and carers and ensuring schools are safe and inclusive spaces.
- **Working with Communities and Neighbourhoods to Reduce Violence** - ensured that local delivery works closely with

communities to reduce violence including VCS.

- **Supporting Victims of Violence and Vulnerability** - ensured co-ordinated referral and support to victims and those who were vulnerable.
- **Positive Diversion from Violence** - recognised that children and young people should be offered interventions which helped them before or to move away from criminality.

The full Havering Violence Reduction Unit Action Plan was included as Appendix 1 in the report. It was agreed that there was dispute on some of the communication TCCGs and the discussion around this would be taken offline. **Action Point: Officer Chris Stannett would contact Paul Travis to discuss.**

The Sub-committee **noted** the contents of the report.

14 **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - QUARTER 2 (2021/2022)**

The report before Members detailed information on performance against the indicators previously requested by the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee during Quarter 2 (July to September 2021).

Statistics were on page 55 of the report and Officers confirmed that residential burglaries decreased due to working from home trends.

Councillors queried the lower than average response times of 64-64% and Officers replied that this was down to availability of numbers of Officers, drivers etc. and a knock on effect that required finding the right balance going forward; an improvement in average response times were expected in the next quarter.

Officers commented that a rise in domestic abuse was to be seen as a positive statistic outcome because it meant that there was a growth in the reporting of incidences and confidence in the service. The non – domestic with injury statistics had dropped due to lockdown and these conflicts would inevitably be on the rise again.

The Sub-committee **noted** the contents of the report.

15 **PERFORMANCE MONITORING OF THE COUNCIL FUNDED POLICE TEAM - HAVERING JOINT TASK FORCE (HJTF)**

The report before Members provided a review of the performance of the Council Funded Police Team (HJTF).

Officers confirmed that the Havering Joint Task Force was one of the most productive operational units in East Area, especially given that it was made up of only 5 uniformed police officers.

There would be a review of the task force on an annual rolling basis, with promotion around the work that they do and it was to also be noted that the funding was received through the TTCG.

The Sub-committee **noted** the contents of the report.

16 **UPDATE ON PROBATION UNIFICATION**

The report before Members provided details on the following:

- An update on the unification of the probation service.
- An opportunity to discuss how changes might impact the organisations, delivery and outcomes for people on probation.
- Clarification of current status in Barking, Dagenham and Havering.

Officers confirmed that resources were being added to deal with specific group with complex needs (i.e. LGBTQ and veteran groups). The difficulty arises when outsourcing and around drug issues whereby people fall through the gaps as criminal justice cases don't fit into a specific mould.

Challenges exist around the changing landscapes of criminality. The core service is back up and running but challenges around retaining staff remain. The service could be full fully functioning within 5 years if staff can be trained and retained. The core reasons for staff leaving is down to fiscal and workload reasons. Criminality is more complex and more violent than ever before.

The Sub-committee **noted** the contents of the report.

Chairman