

REPORT FOR: **CABINET**

Date of Meeting: 13 September 2012

Subject: Community Safety Plan

Key Decision: Yes

Responsible Officer: Tom Whiting, Assistant Chief Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Phillip O'Dell, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety

Exempt: No

Decision subject to Call-in: No, as the decision is reserved to Council

Enclosures: Community Safety Plan
[The Plan has been circulated to Cabinet Members, the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group and key officer(s) only. A hard copy has been placed in the Members' Library and Group Offices. The document has been published with the agenda and can be viewed on the website.]

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the joint response of the Council, the Police and other partners to the crime and anti-social behaviour issues identified in the Strategic Assessment as well as broadening the definition of community safety by including other aspects of safety including safeguarding vulnerable adults and young people, addressing domestic violence, hate crime and community tensions and helping people recover from abuse of drugs and/or alcohol.

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to recommend the Community Safety Plan to Council for adoption.

Reason: (For recommendation)

It is a statutory requirement for the Council to adopt a Community Safety Plan which forms part of the policy framework.

Section 2 – Report

Introduction

Each year, the Council, the Police and other partners prepare a Strategic Assessment of the pattern and trend of crime and anti-social behaviour in Harrow. Every three years, these partners are required to prepare a Community Safety Plan that brings together their strategic response to the crime and anti-social behaviour issues identified in the Strategic Assessment. However, locally Safer Harrow seeks to update the Community Safety Plan annually to ensure that it remains relevant.

This report introduces the Community Safety Plan for 2012-2015. The scope of this Plan is wider than in previous years bringing in other aspects of community safety in addition to responding to crime and anti-social behaviour. This is the first step in the evolution of the Community safety Plan to being a more comprehensive document that is proactive in planning services and identifying the connections between them. The next Community safety Plan which it is intended to publish in February 2013 will complete this process.

Options considered

Preparation and adoption of a Community Safety Plan is a statutory requirement so no other options were considered. The content of the plan, however, is for local determination and options regarding the priorities for the coming years were considered. The mix of actions recommended were chosen as they respond to the most recent analysis of crime issues and seek, where possible, to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour.

Financial Implications

The strategic priorities and actions set out in the Community Safety Plan for 2012/13 are within the approved budgets for the Council, the Police and other partners. The ambitions for 2013/14 and 2014/15 will be met to the extent that budgets for those years permit.

Performance Issues

The Community Safety Plan contains strategic actions that support the Council's priority of keeping neighbourhoods clean, green and safe. The Plan includes high-level strategic directions rather than detailed work programmes and, as such, does not provide sufficient detail to enable the impact on specific crime indicators to be assessed. However, the plan is designed to help achieve the following targets adopted by the Metropolitan Police:

Indicator	Target 2012/13
Robbery	9% reduction
Burglary	5% reduction
Motor Vehicle Crime	8% reduction
Violent Crime	4% reduction

Environmental Impact

None

Legal Implications

Sections 5-7 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 creates a statutory duty for each local authority area to have a Community Safety Partnership. Section 6 places a duty on those Partnerships to produce a Community Safety Plan to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder, for combating the misuse of drugs and alcohol and other substances and a strategy for reducing reoffending in the area in accordance with the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007.

Risk Management Implications

Safer Harrow, the Partnership body overseeing crime and anti-social behaviour concerns maintains a risk register which includes the key crime and anti-social behaviour issues.

Equalities implications

An EqlA was undertaken.

The high-level strategic nature of the Community Safety Plan makes identifying adverse outcomes problematic. The Assessment concluded that the plan seeks to address victimisation, which is disproportionately experienced by young people, and the fear of crime which is disproportionately experienced by older people.

Corporate Priorities

The Plan supports keeping neighbourhoods clean, green and safe by putting in place actions to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Steve Tingle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 22 August 2012		
Name: Linda Cohan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 3 September 2012		

Section 4 – Performance Officer Clearance

Name: Alex Dewsnap



Divisional Director
Partnership, Development
and Performance

Date: 16 August 2012

Section 5 – Environmental Impact Officer Clearance

Name: John Edwards



Divisional Director
(Environmental Services)

Date: 21 August 2012

Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: Strategic Assessment 2012

**Call-In Waived by the
Chairman of Overview and
Scrutiny Committee**

NOT APPLICABLE

*[Call in does not apply, as the decision
is reserved to Council]*