

**REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Date of Meeting:	23 rd July 2013
Subject:	Community Safety Plan and Strategic Assessment
Responsible Officer:	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director, Strategic Commissioning
Scrutiny Lead Member area:	Councillor Sue Anderson, performance lead, Environment and Enterprise Councillor Stephen Wright, policy lead, Environment and Enterprise
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix A – Draft Community Safety Plan Appendix B - Strategic Assessment

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report presents the draft Community Safety Plan for 2013/16 and the Strategic Assessment of crime and anti-social behaviour 2012 which has informed the development of priorities and actions.

Recommendation:

That the Committee's comments on the draft Community Safety Plan be forwarded to Cabinet for consideration.

Section 2 – Report

Introduction

Safer Harrow, the Community Safety Partnership, oversees the production of an annual strategic assessment of the crime and anti-social behaviour levels and patterns and the development of a Community Safety Plan that is informed by that Strategic assessment. This report presents the Strategic Assessment and the draft Community Safety Plan which will be considered by Cabinet in September.

In recent years, the Community Safety Plan has grown to a fairly lengthy document which actually repeated much of the information that is contained in the Strategic Assessment. This year, the opportunity has been taken to replicate a model used back in 2008 to summarise the information in a more accessible form and to present it to members at the same time as the Strategic Assessment, reducing duplication and helping to focus on the ambitions and actions.

The other influence on the Community Safety Plan is the Mayor's Police and Crime Plan 2013-16 which has set three overarching and testing targets for the Police –

- reducing key crime types by 20%;
- increasing public confidence in the Police by 20% and
- reducing expenditure by 20%

all within the life of the Plan. These significant London-wide targets have been balanced with the local priorities identified through the Strategic Assessment to give the proposed shape and direction to Community Safety activities.

As always with three year plans which are due to be refreshed annually in the light of new information and a fresh Strategic assessment, there is much less detail and active planning in relation to the second and third years of the Plan period. However, as the Mayor's headline targets will remain in place to 2016 there is a greater than usual degree of stability to the framework set out.

Also, Safer Harrow has been successful in obtaining funding from the Mayor's Office for a range of projects concerned with reducing burglary and robbery; increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of action to address anti-social behaviour; tackling drug use; reducing re-offending and addressing aspects of domestic violence. This funding is, in principle, available for four years and has also contributed to developing a settled direction and priorities.

Financial Implications

All of the work identified in this plan to be undertaken by the Council can be funded from existing budgets and approved grants.

Performance Issues

The Council's Corporate Performance scorecard references residential burglary and repeat incidents of domestic violence as indicators both of which are priorities within the draft plan.

Environmental Impact

None

Risk Management Implications

The projects referenced within the Community safety Plan and particularly those funded by MOPAC grants, will be added to the relevant service Risk Registers.

Equalities implications

An Equalities Impact Assessment will be undertaken on the draft Community Safety Plan before its submission to Cabinet..

Corporate Priorities

- Supporting and protecting people who are most in need
- United and involved communities:
- Keeping neighbourhoods clean, green and safe

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Not required for this report.

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: Mayor's Police and Crime Plan 2013-2016