

REPORT FOR: Council

Date of Meeting:	30 th November 2017
Subject:	Community Safety and Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy
Responsible Officer:	Tom Whiting, Corporate Director Resources and Commercial
Exempt:	No
Wards affected:	All
Enclosures:	Appendix 1: Community Safety and Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the rationale for further changes to the draft of the Community Safety and Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy, which was deferred from the Council meeting on the 28th September, due to a need to consider the amendments tabled at that meeting. Further consultation has been undertaken since the Council meeting on the 28th September, and the Strategy takes account of these changes, highlighting where the original amendments were made on the right hand side of the page and the subsequent changes to these in 'tracked changes'.

Recommendations:

Council is requested to approve the Community Safety and Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy.

Section 2 – Report

Background

All Community Safety Partnerships are required by law to conduct an annual assessment of crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reoffending within the borough. This is known as the Strategic Assessment. The Strategic Assessment is then used to produce the partnership's Community Safety Strategy. The last Community Safety Strategy was published in 2016 and is refreshed on an annual basis. However, with a new Mayor in post, the priorities from the previous Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) 7 crimes have changed significantly¹, which involves the replacement of the previous Mayor's crime targets in favour of a thematic approach which gives local areas greater control of local police priorities.

This Community Safety and Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation (VVE) Strategy sets out the Council's vision for tackling community safety in Harrow and takes into account the recommendations from two substantial reviews; the Home Office led Ending Gang and Youth Violence peer review in 2015 and the Local Assessment Process (LAP) in 2016, which addressed the issue of gang and youth violence locally. Furthermore, given that there is now a new strategic approach from the Mayor to policing and crime, there are clear synergies with the VVE agenda in general and also with domestic and sexual violence under the '*Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls*' theme. This Strategy will therefore include our vision for Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Current Situation

The Strategy was approved by Cabinet and recommended for Council adoption in July 2017. It was then considered at the Council meeting on 28th September 2017, but was not voted on and therefore deferred until this Council meeting on the basis of a number of tabled amendments, and a need to consider these in more detail.

The version appended to this report has a number of tracked changes within it since the version considered at Cabinet and then at Council on 28th September 2017. These changes can be summarised as follows:

1. Minor amendments made prior to consideration by Council on the 28th September under the delegated authority from Cabinet.
2. A series of amendments proposed by Councillors at the 28th September meeting but not voted on. Officers have subsequently met the Harrow Youth Parliament to discuss these as well as discussed them with the relevant Portfolio Holders and the Opposition Lead for Community Safety. For ease of reference these amendments have been labelled in the Strategy as 'comments' on the right hand margin, with the number of the amendment corresponding to the number as moved at the Council meeting on the 28th September. Further changes

¹ MOPAC 7 crimes are: Violence with injury; Robbery; Burglary; Theft of a motor vehicle; Theft from a motor vehicle; Theft from a person; Criminal damage

have been made to these amendments, which appear in tracked changes either within the amendment text itself, or as tracked changes following the amendment, as a result of the engagements with Harrow Youth Parliament and in discussion with Portfolio Holders and the Opposition Lead for Community Safety. It should be noted that two of the amendments moved at Council on the 28th September were very similar, which are referenced in the appended strategy as Amendment 11. One of these was moved by Councillor Osborn (seconded by Councillor Macleod-Cullinane) and the other one was moved by Councillor Weston (seconded by Councillor Bond). These two original amendments have been combined into Amendment 11 in the appended strategy and subsequently responded to by Officers in the final text put forward for approval by Council.

Youth Justice Plan

Given the changes that have been made to the Community Safety and Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy, some amendments are proposed for the Youth Justice Plan in the following item on this agenda in order to create the necessary synergy with the two plans.

Financial Implications

The changes made in the strategy will be able to be delivered within existing resources. One of the reasons for not accepting all amendments as moved at the 28th September 2017 Council meeting is that there is a risk that with the pressure on Council finances, these would not be deliverable within the budget of the Council. Even where external resources could be brought in to support initiatives, these decisions will only be taken if it is clear where the sustainability of such initiatives can be funded from.

Risk Management Implications

Risk included on Directorate risk register? No

Separate risk register in place? No

Equalities implications

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? Yes

The Equalities implications are as those set out in the Cabinet report in July 2017. These have not changed based on the changes to the Strategy.

Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

The Community Safety and Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy positively impacts on all the Council's priorities:

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for communities
- Making a difference for local businesses
- Making a difference for families

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Dawn Calvert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Financial Officer
Date: 21 November 2017		
Name: Hugh Peart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Monitoring Officer
Date: 21 November 2017		

Ward Councillors notified:	N/A
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director, Strategic Commissioning, 020 8416 8250

Background Papers:

Community Safety and Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy
(Council version from the 28th September 2017)