

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
MINUTES**

Wednesday 1 March 2017
Barking Town Hall – Chambers
14:00 – 17:00

Community Safety
Partnership

Members Present: Anne Bristow (Chair), Matthew Cole, Rita Chadha, Stephen Norman, Erika Jenkins, Sarah D'Souza, Greg Tillett, Katherine Gilcreest, Dan James, Inspector John Cooze, Ch Supt Jason Gwillim

Apologies: Councillor Butt, Borough Commander Sean Wilson, Amit Sethi and Stephen Thompson,

Minutes: Kanta Craigen-Straughn

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

The Acting Chair welcomed the attendees and the apologies were noted.

2. Declarations of Interests, Previous Minutes and Action Log

No declarations of interest were noted and the previous minutes were noted as an accurate record of the discussions held. The action log was also reviewed by the group.

3. Serious Youth Violence Conference

This agenda item was presented by Katherine Gilcreest it was noted that progress is being seen in reducing indicators around Serious Youth Violence (Victims) and First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System, although there is further work to be carried out.

Proposals around utilising a substantial amount of the London Crime Prevention Fund allocation for 2017/18 on this work stream are currently with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime with feedback on these proposals expected by the end of February 2017.

This funding will enable the continuation of work around preventing first time entrants, offering a strong diversionary programme and supporting our highest risk offenders make positive changes.

It was stated that the statistics for the borough are going in a positive direction it was not known where the borough stands in terms of the MOPAC statistics as these are not recorded within the dashboard however data needs to be pulled out.

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It was further noted that looking at the problem profile for noxious substances before any additional analysis is made would provide clarity into the level of the problem. The borough is seeing nominals being placed within the area and noxious attacks in the background remain an issue. Issues also remain around the Gangs Matrix which picks up young people before they offend and tasking have been asked to manage county lines.

It was also reported that this would be a challenge as schools and the infrastructure for the three boroughs varies. In addition, with other young people being placed within the borough from other areas presents further challenges and focus should be placed on supporting and removing young people from gangs.

Trident found the conference to be very valuable. It was noted that the Trident Partnership conducted a job fare with young people and adults offering training and employment opportunities. The partnership is improving links and increasing public confidence.

It is hoped that the new posts within the youth offending service mean in increase in the use of Restorative Justice, it was noted that it was difficult engaging with young people and RJ should be used more with both young people and victims.

It was suggested that as a borough the council should be promoting good the good things that young people do, such as:

- Promoting educational results which are much better than previous
- Showcasing the work of young people within the 'Good Youth Forum', Youth Parade and Police Cadets etc.
- Created youth zones to engage and influence young people providing a boost to the borough.
- Young People awards which would help with public perception of young people.

It was suggested that the way we engage with young people needs to be conducted differently. Young people demonstrated they could come together in unity after the Duran murder subsequently the Council Leader and Councillor Butt met with the LOCO gang and over 30 young people who provided their thoughts on life within the borough and their perceptions around gangs and the drugs market around the area. However, it was noted that that recent events were not carried out by young people in the borough.

4. London Crime Prevention Fund

It was reported in November 2016 LBBD were informed of an uplift of £241k allocated to LCPF, this total now comes to £644k for 2017/18. The London Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 has also identified five priorities which must be reflected in any project proposals submitted, these are:

- i) Neighbourhood Policing
- ii) Children and Young People
- iii) Violence Against Women and Girls
- iv) Hate Crime & Extremism
- v) Wider Criminal Justice

The proposals identify that there are number of local priorities which require additional support. These include an increased understanding of issues such as hate crime and extremism and work to address the increase in serious youth violence.

The bids for projects have been submitted to MOPAC and these have been agreed in principle, the programme of work and the delivery plans outlined are also in the bid.

It was noted that the borough will be working in partnership with Redbridge with 30% of the funding allocated for co-commissioning projects. It was further noted that the borough has proposed a different perpetrators programme.

Suggestions regarding financially contributions from the local community / businesses should also be considered which will engage them into the process. Deliberation should also be given to the CVS crowd funding model.

It was agreed that projects could be flagged for funding if they met with the criteria. The concept would be to spend the money around the community so it would not be difficult to gain public collaboration.

It was confirmed that some monies would be available for the LFB Life Course but other initiatives should be funded across the three boroughs.

It was noted that the perpetrators programme was not being monitored for effective results and as a borough we should proceed with caution, it was reported that the CRC will have higher number of those on a statutory programme and the benefits of this should be explored.

It was agreed the Council would use the first £10K to match fund for projects where funds are raised through crowd funding (10 x £1000 projects).

5. Community Safety Partnership – Restructure

This agenda item was presented by Matthew Cole, this item provided an overview of the proposed sub group structure of the Community Safety Partnership. It was noted that members felt that the previous groups created duplication of effort and a large amount of overlap. However, it was reported that members of the Perpetrators sub group felt that this particular group was working well under the previous system.

The updated structure would look as follows:

Community Safety Partnership Board



CSP Executive Group



Priority Groups

It was proposed that each priority group would fall in line with MOPAC priorities as follows:

- Hate Crime and Hostility Prevention Group
- Neighbourhood Policing
- Wider Criminal Justice
- Children and Young People
- Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG)

Members were keen to ensure that the updated structure formed good partnerships, with clear focus on crime reduction and community safety and were possible include those facing social isolation. However, it was currently unclear from the presentation where the London Fire Brigade and the Borough Resilience Forum sat within the new structure however, it was confirmed that the structure should be amended. It was also confirmed that the administration of each group should run by partners with the exception of the CSP and CSP Executive Group, in additional consideration should also be given to a shared calendar to share CSP dates etc.

It was agreed that:

Partners would be contacted to agree the administration arrangement for each Priority Group

Matthew Cole

6. Safer Neighbourhood Board - Chairs Report

It was noted that since the introduction of the Basic Command Unit issues have been raised which are of great concern. The lack of communication around the new tri-borough policing arrangements have led to continuous issues with Safer Neighbour Boards and Ward Panels. The full report was available to members for noting.

7. Basic Command Unit

Ch Supt Jason Gwillim provided members with an update on the Basic Command Unit. The following points were noted:

- The MPS are arranging the BCU across 32 boroughs.
- 2 pathfinder sites were identified, the pilot includes the merger of Redbridge, Havering and Barking and Dagenham as well as Islington and Camden.

- Under the restructure there will be a reduction of senior officers.
- It is intended that the number of officers on the street will remain the same although the final numbers are yet to be agreed.
- It is envisaged that the restructure will streamline processes and deliver an effective service.
- Members were advised that if the success criteria is not met then it may be rolled back and other better ways of working identified.
- The benefits of the of the pilot will help model the structure going forward and part of the evaluation is to determine how the system can work better.
- The initial pilot started with Redbridge, Havering and Barking and Dagenham boroughs with the design of the restructure being tested over the next six months. The design will also be looking at the different strands of policing with the final selection.
- Responsibilities will sit with the following colleagues within the MPS
 - Emergency Response – Sean Wilson
 - HQ Function – TBC
 - Protecting Vulnerable People(PVP) – John Ross
- It was agreed that contacts with senior commanders should remain as follows:
 - Barking and Dagenham – Sean Wilson
 - Havering – TBC
 - Redbridge - John Ross

It addition, contact could also be made with strand leads.

- It was noted at the restructure would take place in 3 phases:
 - **Phase 1** – began in January 17, with some elements of the BCU introduced. This phase will be used to identified uplift in Dedicated Ward Officers and Senior Managers.
 - **Phase 2** – will be to determine the emergency response arrangements, this will ensure that officers are in the right place at the right time to deliver policing.
 - **Phase 3** - will begin on March 23 when the PVP elements of the BCU will be incorporated. CATE and Sapphire Teams and their workloads will be managed by senior managers.
- It was confirmed that the success of these phases will be measured.

It was reported that the work stream for vulnerable people will change under the PVP arrangements and a mental health unit will be set up to deal with strategic and operational elements to cover sections 135 and 136 of the Mental Health Act.

It was reported that any issues with PVP must be raised at CSP Board Level. It was stressed that PVP was the riskiest part of the BCU which currently does not involve Probation or the NHS and no interface has been developed. It was reported that a series of meetings with key practitioners should be held establishing which mental health leads should be contacted and what the interface with doctors should will look like. It was agreed that specialisms such as CATE and Sapphire should be maintained.

It was further reported that PVP are most concerned about the work in progress and are keen to develop the best way forward. A pilot group has been set up to work around any issues until the end of the pilot. Contact is key with a 24 hour control providing response.

It was noted that the success criteria would be shared and it was agreed that this should be included in the CSP meeting agenda going forward. Full implementation of the BCU is expected to take place by the end of phase 3. The internal governance structure is being drawn up by MPS Communications and will be shared with CSP Members.

It was agreed that:

A presentation should be provided to CSP Members regarding the details being provide to Ward Panels to ensure a consistent message

Ch Supt Jason Gwillim

8. Public Spaces Protection Orders

The issue of antisocial vehicle use, sometimes described as 'street racing' has been a persistent issue in Choats Road in Thames Road and surrounding roads. This issue has been the subject of numerous complaints from local residents and businesses. The activity draws large crowds, sometimes up to hundreds of spectators and vehicles which block the road and leave large amounts of rubbish and other debris. The activity is complained about by local residents who can hear the noise from the vehicles at an intrusive level in their homes.

Public Spaces Protection Orders are made under the Antisocial Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 and can prohibit a wide range of behaviours. It is proposed that the Council implements a Public Spaces Protection Order which prohibits people from engaging in antisocial vehicle use and also from being a spectator to this activity.

This Order would provide the Council and the police with additional powers to deal with this activity. Neighbouring Local Authorities have used public Spaces Protection Orders to deal with this behaviour and have been effective.

It was noted that this was a good report and members did not see any other options but to enforce the PSPO for the Choats Road Area.

It was agreed that:

Enforcement of the PSPO for the Choats Road area should be implemented.

**Katherine
Gilcreest**

9. Performance Report

It was noted that performance over the last 12 months had been good, the following was reported:

- Adult and juvenile (combined) reoffending is now below the National and London average.
- Burglary is down 21% - down 338 offences.
- Robbery is down 4% - down 21 offences.
- Successful Completions for Alcohol Treatment Requirements – we have 21 successful completions at December 2016, which means we are on target for reaching our end of year target (24).

Areas for improvement using rolling 12 months' figures as at December 2016 show that:

- Violence With injury is down 0.1% (down 3 offences).
- Theft of Motor Vehicle up 25.0%
- Theft from Motor Vehicle up 9.5%
- First Time Entrants into the Youth Justice System is increasing (up 18.0%).
- Young people sentenced at court and receiving a custodial sentence is increasing (up 25).
- Serious Youth Violence is up 9.6%.
- ASB Calls to the police are up 14.8%.
- Arson Incidents has increased by 10% and vehicle arson by 63%.

It was suggested that it would be of benefit if an investigation into the environment in which sexual offences take place should also be carried out.

It was agreed that:

The discrepancy in the figure for knife crime figures should be investigated.

Reoffending Rates would be circulated to Dan James and Erika Jenkins

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Dan James

Greg Tillett

10. Fire Safety – RESTRICTED

Steve Norman provided members details on performance as follows:

- Month on month, there has been 50% less incidents.
- 2000 homes were visited which related to fire safety issues
- Some referrals were made.
- £190K has been secured for fitting sprinkler systems, protection systems/telecare systems.
- LFB provided Christmas Lunch for 12 individuals, B and Q were keen to be engaged and provided items, Wickes provided a Christmas tree with Addison Lee providing transportation.
- Work has also been done to address social interaction with fire and police cadets working together.
2 Individuals are being prosecuted for Arson Attacks.

Members of the CSP were briefed on the restricted portion of this agenda item.

11. Domestic Violence Homicide Review – RESTRICTED

Members were briefed on the Domestic Homicide Review.

12. Youth Offending Service

The full report for the Youth Offending Service was available to members for noting.

13. Alcohol Awareness and White Ribbon Day

The full report for Alcohol Awareness and White Ribbon Day was available to members for noting.

14. Alcohol Abstinence Monitoring Requirement

The full report for Alcohol Abstinence Monitoring Requirement was available to members for noting.

15. Chair's Report

The Chair's Report was available to members for noting.

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16. Forward Plan

It was agreed that the IPPC Investigation should be placed on the forward plan.

17. Any Other Business

No further business was discussed.

18. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 June 2017

14:00 – 17:00

Conference Centre, Barking Learning Centre