

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

REPORT

Subject: MPS Update on Street Violence

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1. Purpose of Presenting the Report and Decisions Required

1.1 To update the Community Safety Partnership board on Street Violence data

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1 It is recommended that the Community Safety Partnership Board:

- To note the contents of the report

3. Overview

3.1 MPS Control strategy remains the same with the priorities being serious violence and safeguarding. With local priorities of robbery, burglary, violent crime and domestic abuse.

3.2 Key Challenges are public confidence following the murder of Sarah Everard and moving out of lockdown the expectation that increased footfall will increase crime levels.

3.3 Barking and Dagenham has seen a decrease of 41.6% in violent crime September – October 2021 in comparison to the previous 4 week period. This is also a decrease in the same reporting period in 2020. The main hotspot continues to be Barking Town Centre with 7 offences in September-October 2021. 3 of the crimes are alcohol related which continues to be a contributing factor towards violence.

3.4 There has been an increase in Robbery offences during this reporting period by 36% with 19 offences compared to 14 offences in the last reporting period (4 weeks prior). Work has been ongoing with RTPC due to knife point robberies on the transport network with 8 offences occurring at bus stops/on bus routes. Policing

patrols in place to tackle this. It would appear that gangs contribute to towards a larger proportion of knife point robberies. 11 robberies have involved E-SCOOTERS which was 120% increase across East Area BCU. Martins Corner has been identified as a hotspot for robberies. There has been no reported increase in robberies since the release of the new iPhone 13.

- 3.5 Barking Town Centre has been identified as a hotspot for sexual offences there 11 offences over 3 months August-October.
- 3.6 Project Palermo - TSG and Q cars have been secured to patrol the three boroughs for VAWG. A new product is being created by the LIT specifically for VAWG.

4. Support required from CSP Board

- 4.1 Review of open spaces/parks to make safer environment. Better lighting/floor lighting for MOP walking past/in the open spaces after dark. Review of CCTV in parks. Map CCTV to identify where the CCTV covers in the parks/open spaces. Invest in bushes with thorns/spikes to deter suspects hiding in them. Design out hidden areas.
- 4.2 Review of transport hubs. Review of CCTV at bus stops and train stations.

5. List of Appendices: N/A