

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Subgroup Update

Subject: Hate Crime, Intolerance, Extremism and Tension Monitoring Subgroup Update

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1. Purpose of Presenting the Report and Decisions Required

- 1.1 This report provides a quarterly update to the Community Safety Partnership on activity and work being undertaken by the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham (LBBDD) Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Hate Crime, Intolerance and Extremism (HIE) and Tension Monitoring (TM) subgroup.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1 It is recommended that the Community Safety Partnership Board:

- Note the contents of this report.

3. Update

3.1 At the time of writing this report the HIE and TM subgroup last met on 5th May 2022. The subgroup is chaired by Andy Opie, Director of Enforcement and Community Safety.

3.2 The HIE and TM subgroup is responsible for monitoring local tensions, analysing community activity and areas that may lead to potential tensions to understand their reasoning and identify the correct interventions. The areas in which the subgroup monitor on an ongoing basis are

- Criminal tensions such as gang activity and anti-social behaviour
- Community tensions and incidents between specific communities [Unprotected/Protected/RESTRICTED]

- National and International tensions that may potentially impact the local community
- Political tensions because of extremism political activity including, leafleting and graffiti
- Hate crimes due to sexual, racial, or religious beliefs
- Any planned anniversaries and demonstrations

3.3 The subgroup is focused on reviewing the Community Safety Partnership priority areas to help shape a forward plan to ensure the subgroup is delivering on priority areas set out within the plan. The subgroup will focus on the following agenda items;

- a) Tension reporting through schools and community settings.
- b) Support MPS with the implementation of discrimination free zones.
- c) Develop a framework for responding to incidents that can have a local impact, setting out how to respond.
- d) Review data sets on all forms of hate crime and incidents to inform targeted approaches to addressing levels of hate crimes and hate incidents
- e) Support delivery of the Prevent strategy
- f) Support with the development of the new Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment (CDSA) and Community Safety Partnership Plan
- g) Reviewing service gaps and locality based data to support commissioning of local interventions and targeted work.
- h) Lead of the development of National Hate Crime Awareness Week comms plan

3.4 At the May meeting the group received an update on the Prevent Strategy, with discussion about the crossover of the two agendas and a commitment to share information and collaborate. The group reviewed the latest analysis of hate crime figures for the borough and had a presentation from Stop Hate UK, which identified that referrals into the service were low so more work is needed to raise its profile.

4. Key Challenge(s)

4.1 The subgroup has identified challenges in receiving tensions within the community. This informed the work in setting up a local protocol which outlines when and how the council will engage with residents.

5. Support required from CSP Board

5.1 The Board to note the ongoing progresses agreed and set in place to monitor local tensions and hate related crimes.

5.2 Support the development of the emergency planning response to national and local tensions.

6. List of Appendices: None