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Summary

This report provides a context for the attached draft strategy currently under development for the Safer City Partnership (SCP). The SCP is the City of London’s Community Safety Partnership. Established as a result of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, each local authority area has a Community Safety Partnership that brings together a range of partners. Statutory partners include the City of London Corporation, City of London Police, London Fire Brigade, London Probation Trust and the City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group. The SCP also enjoys representation from the Guinness Trust (as a relevant registered social landlord), the City of London Crime Prevention Association and businesses.

One of the requirements placed on the SCP is the production of three-year plans, reviewed annually, and refreshed where necessary. The three-year plans set out agreed key priorities and planned activity.

Recommendations

- Members are asked to note the report.
- At the time of submission, a number of requested changes and additions were being incorporated. It is intended that the final version of the strategy will be agreed at the SCP meeting on 20 May. Comments and views are invited. Where possible they will be incorporated into this document, the underpinning workplans or the emerging Antisocial Behaviour Strategy.

Main Report

Background

1. The SCP is the Community Safety Partnership for the City of London. Community Safety Partnerships were established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

2. Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory responsibility on the Police and local authority to formulate a strategy to reduce crime and disorder within their areas. The section also places a legal obligation on other organisations, such as probation and health authorities, to engage and co-operate

in this strategy. Community Safety Partnerships help mobilise a wide range of resources and expertise to help prevent crime and reduce fear within communities.

3. The SCP produces a three-year plan, refreshed annually. This plan is a public document and should be discussed with the Police Authority. The partnership should also annually assess and review its work. In addition, the SCP is expected to consult with the communities it serves.

Current Position

4. The format of this year's strategy has been changed in order to bring it into line with the Corporate Plan. It is based on previous SCP strategic plans but also recognises the current Corporate Plan. Therefore, it has been refreshed to align to the current plan 2018–23. This format will also align with the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy for the City of London which is currently under development. Individual workplans will be developed for each of the outcome areas.

5. Discussions have been held with relevant partners to agree five strategy outcomes that reflect national priorities:

- Vulnerable people and communities are safeguarded from radicalisation and the threat of terrorism.
- People are safe from violent crime.
- People and businesses are protected from theft and fraud/acquisitive crime.
- Antisocial behaviour is tackled and responded to effectively.
- People are safe and feel safe in the night-time economy.

6. We are now seeking to finalise inputs from partners, with the intention of taking a draft to the April Summit group prior to sign-off at the 20 May SCP meeting.

7. This paper seeks to raise awareness of the role of the SCP and the work it undertakes in partnership with the City of London Police, and invite input to develop the current strategy.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

8. This strategy supports the City Corporation to fulfil its vision, as outlined in its Corporate Plan for 2018–23, for a “vibrant and thriving City, supporting a diverse and sustainable London within a globally successful UK”. The strategy supports all three aims outlined in the Plan to contribute to a flourishing society, shaping outstanding environments and supporting a thriving economy, and three of the 12 outcomes listed as part of these aims.

9. The strategy will be a key mechanism for delivering Outcome 1 – People are safe and feel safe. This strategy will also contribute to and support Outcome 4.a – “Communities are cohesive – Bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance”; and 6. c – “Lead nationally and advise internationally on the fight against economic and cyber-crime”.

Conclusion

10. Members are invited to contribute to the development of the draft SCP strategy for 2019–22.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Safer City Partnership Strategic Plan 2019–22

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