

<b>Committee:</b> Police	<b>Date:</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2013
<b>Subject:</b> Community Engagement Update	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Commissioner of Police Pol 12/13	<b>For Information</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Summary</u></b></p> <p>This report contains details of issues raised at Ward Level and the Force response since the last Community Engagement report was presented to the Committee.</p> <p>Wards Policing has now undergone restructure, they are now known as the Community Policing Team and have moved away from 4 geographical Areas to a Residential Engagement team, Business Engagement Team and Street Intervention Team.</p> <p>In response to issues raised by residents, patrols continue in order to monitor the impact of the night-time economy in the Carter Lane area. Additional patrols of Mansell street remain to deal with evidence of drugs misuse, and officers have been reminded of the impact of the use of sirens in residential areas at night.</p> <p>In response to issues raised by businesses, arrests have been made in relation to persons obtaining employment using fraudulent documents, and a number of further arrests have been made in order to reduce instances of aggressive begging.</p> <p>Engagement with the Business community continues through the work of the Counter Terrorism Security Advisors, and the security bulletins circulated. The London Resilience Business Sector Panel continues to develop a London Resilience risk framework utilising feedback from a recent survey identifying risk.</p> <p>A number of initiatives are ongoing in order to identify, engage and understand policing issues within the Jewish, Muslim and Sikh Communities to enable a tailored response to the needs of the community.</p>	

The Force continues to work with outreach services and Corporation of London Partners to engage with the homeless, and to provide effective support to reduce the instances of sleeping on the streets.

Further work with tourists being targeted by bogus police officers within the City has led to a further 4 arrests being made.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that this report be received and its contents noted.

## **Main Report**

### **Section A – Residential Engagement**

1. Wards Policing has now undergone restructure, they are now known as the Community Policing Team and have moved away from 4 geographical Areas to a Residential Engagement team, Business Engagement Team and Street Intervention Team. Each team has dedicated resources to meet the needs of the community. Internal and external communication of the new structure is ongoing and the early feedback is positive. The intranet and internet sites are being redeveloped to show the new structure.
2. Officers from the Residential engagement team have continued to conduct additional patrols of Guinness Court after complaints of evidence of drugs misuse. These patrols will continue until new external security doors are fitted in the new financial year.
3. Patrols continue in and around Carter lane and Carthusian Street in response to previous issues of anti-social behaviour linked to licensed premises. The Licensing Tactical Group chaired by the Superintendent Community Engagement continues to monitor the impact on residents in this area.
4. Engagement with young people on the Mansell Street Estate continues with regular meetings on Mondays, 16.15hrs -18.15hrs for 10-13 year olds, and Thursdays 16.00hrs – 21.00hrs for 10-17 year olds.

Generally the purpose of this engagement is to build confidence in the police with this group and provide reassurance that issues raised by them are important. No specific issues have been raised at recent meetings.

5. A number of internal communications have reminded officers of the noise nuisance caused to residents within the Barbican Estate of Emergency vehicle sirens and further guidance on their use in residential areas has been circulated.

## **Section B – Business Engagement**

6. As a result of an increase in thefts from office premises it was identified that a number of individuals were using fraudulent documents to gain employment. A number of documents have been seized and businesses are being alerted to the issue, 2 arrests have been made to date.
7. In response to complaints from businesses relating to an increase in aggressive begging, there have been 8 arrests in the past week (w/c 28<sup>th</sup> January) and the street intervention team are building evidence to support anti-social behaviour orders to prevent repeat offenders from continuing to alarm and distress the community.
8. The London Resilience Business Sector panel held a meeting at the Bank of England, discussing amongst other things, the ongoing development of a London Resilience Risk Framework. The Framework is being developed in response to risks identified within a two-week survey conducted in November 2012 and in which over 60 responses were received. The Lead Member for Community Engagement is the Chair of the London Resilience Business Panel and holds an Executive Board position on London Resilience.
9. Between 30<sup>th</sup> November and 28<sup>th</sup> December there were 5 Griffin Bridge Calls (conference calls with the ‘Griffin’ security guards community regarding security issues, incidents of note and upcoming events) with a total of 202 participants, and the weekly bulletin to the CoL Crime Prevention Association (CPA) is circulated to 350 members and via the vocal messaging system to a further 5,000 estimated recipients.

10. In addition, Safer City Partnership is shortly to go live on a joint venture with CoLPA and the Force for the Building Accreditation Scheme.
11. A breakfast briefing has been held aimed at small and medium enterprises (SMEs) at which 41 SMEs were represented; an input from Economic Crime Directorate was well received. This was an information giving event.

### **Section C – Hard to reach groups.**

12. Liaison with the Jewish business Community has been ongoing with a specific invite for representatives to attend the forthcoming Community Panel meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February. The Community policing team will also be represented at the Holocaust Memorial Day event organised within the community for 28<sup>th</sup> February.
13. The Prevent Engagement team are currently engaging with the ‘TELL MAMA’ (Measuring Anti Muslim attacks) project. This is a secure and reliable service that allows people from across the country to report any form of Anti-Muslim abuse. The project will provide the Force with detailed information relating to any attacks within the Force area. Tell MAMA will also be providing training for the Force around hate crime and importantly how the Force can better engage with the Muslim Community to ensure confidence in reporting of incidents.
14. The British Sikh Report (BSR) will become the first census of Sikhs in the UK, taking into account the opinions of individuals from all generations, looking at such topics as community, arts and culture and gender equality. The Force has shown support for the questionnaire through engaging with the City Sikhs Organisation and the Sikh Channel. When finalised, the report will highlight any issues the Sikh community face, enabling a more effective deployment of police resources for this community.
15. Operation Poncho which is the dedicated operation for the homeless headcount, continues daily identifying homeless and vulnerable persons and working with partner agencies and outreach groups with the intention of housing and providing care and information to those in need.

## **Section D – Transient Community and / Visitors**

16. Increased patrols around St Paul's Cathedral in response to a number of crimes in relation to bogus police Officers targeting tourists in the area, have led to a further 4 arrests.

### **Consultation**

17. The Lead Member for Community Engagement, Mr Don Randall MBE, has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

### **Conclusion**

18. This report informs Committee members of residential and business community engagement activity undertaken by the Force.

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