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The Safer City Partnership Strategy Group.	14 November 2014
Subject: Community Safety Team Update	Public
Report of: Community Safety Manager	For Information

Summary

Community Safety Team update and overview in terms of the Safer City Partnership Plan 2014/2015.

Recommendation

Members of the Safer City Partnership are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Background

The Safer City Partnership Plan 2014 – 2017 states that the City of London enjoys low levels of crime in comparison to our neighbouring boroughs and highlights the importance of working in partnership to tackle crime.

The Safer City Partnership involves representation from the following partners:

- The City of London Corporation
- The City of London Police - COLP
- London Fire Brigade
- Public Health (to be appointed).
- CRC (Community Rehabilitation Company)
- NPS (National Probation Service)
- British Transport Police
- Transport for London
- City of London Crime Prevention Association
- Her Majesty's Court Service
- British Bankers Association
- Residents

The City of London Corporation has recently reintroduced a new Community Safety Team. The Community Safety Team is tasked with working with the above partners to reduce crime within the City of London. The following highlights work carried out from September - October 2014.

Community Safety Team update and overview for the Safer City Partnership Plan 2014/2015.

Current Position

1. Anti-social behaviour

The Community Safety Team continues to liaise with the Pan London ASB Managers Group regarding the implementation of the New ASB Legislation most of which became live in October 2014.

The Team and COLP are continuing their work towards better coordination, case management and recording of reports of ASB. The CST Manager and COLP have developed a more coordinated Multi Agency Risk Assessment and Problem Solving approach this will incorporate people and places, enforcement and prevention as opposed to just a data focus. The table will be used to record the following:

- What the issues are
- Which agencies are working to resolve the issue (perpetrators and victims)
- Record actions taken
- Set a date to review the actions

- Updates (ongoing situation)
- Outcome

The Team have produced a draft Community Trigger document and overarching information sharing document. Details of this will be presented at the Safer City Partnership Strategy Group at the November 2014 meeting.

The Health & Safety Team Manager, with the Markets & Consumer Protection Department organised generic training 21/10/14 regarding the new Powers for the COLP and the City of London Corporation's Licensing, Street Enforcement / Environmental Health officers and the Community Safety Team. The training was well received by all. A report will be going to the Court of Council and various Committees to amend the Scheme of Delegation accordingly, including the SCP for information.

2. Domestic Abuse

The Community Safety Manager and the Head of Policy, Programmes and Projects for Children and Community Services are in the process of compiling the information from the Local Strategic Review of Domestic Violence and Abuse services to formulate into a report which is due to be presented at the SCP Strategy Group Meeting in the New Year 2015.

Further joint working will be presented at a partnership knowledge event with Goldsmiths University called Understanding Domestic Violence: Issues for Research policy and practice 20 November 2014.

The Community Safety Team is represented at the COLP Rape Steering Group and the COLP Domestic Abuse Forum and contributes to the COLP Domestic Abuse Action Plan.

The COLP have produced Standard operating procedures for FGM – Female Genital Mutilation and HBV – Honour Based Violence.

The Community Safety Manager and the Head of Policy, Programmes and Projects for Children and Community Services attended a Public Health England. Evidence into Practice Event: Domestic Violence. exploring the issue of domestic violence “not just as a criminal issue, but one that affects a range of other sectors, including public health. In England and Wales, two women a week die as a result of domestic violence, and many more suffer physical and mental harm. The consequences of this violence are physically, economically and emotionally life changing. For example, we know that childhood exposure to domestic violence can disrupt social, emotional and cognitive development. This can lead to the adoption of risky behaviours such as alcohol misuse or illicit drug use which, in turn, can cause poor health, disease, disability and even early death”.

The Community Safety Manager attends the Pan London VAWG – Violence Against Women and Girls Coordinators Group and the Pan London DA MARAC Coordinator's Group. These are beneficial as these groups provides opportunities for sharing of information and good practise with neighbouring

boroughs of the City which can be integrated within the work carried out in the City of London.

The Community Safety Team and City of London Police continue working on the delivery of the “Behind Closed Doors – Anti Stalking Event” 28 November 2014.

<http://www.cityoflondon.police.uk/news-and-appeals/events/behindcloseddoors/Pages/default.aspx>

This event aims to target HR departments and Heads of Security to raise awareness of Stalking and Domestic Abuse and how it can impact business. Provide knowledge and understanding to enable employers to assist in protecting employees who may be experiencing domestic abuse and signpost all victims to appropriate support services and reporting options.

This type of abuse is likely to impact on an employee’s emotional wellbeing, which may result in sickness absence, low or poor performance, depression and stress.

Often risk management plans take into account the home address of the victim and the attendance of children at school, however, it is recognised that practical solutions for changing the location of work may be restricted for a number of reasons.

It is worthwhile noting that victims often state that they find it difficult to inform their employer’s and that they are embarrassed as they feel they are in some way responsible for the abusers bad behaviour and being abused. Practitioners report that Victims require none judgemental and a sympathetic approach in order to be confident that they are being taken seriously and that their situation will be dealt with in strict confidence.

The Behind Closed Doors event will provide information regarding opportunities for practical risk management safety planning and how to access support services available for Victims.

The event will also highlight the Government’s strategy to end violence against women and girls. Showcase partnership working with the City of London Corporation and sharing of best practice. It will raise the profile of the City of London Police’s Public Protection Unit and the services it offers.

The Hotel Forum Toolkit

The Community Team contributed to and provided support to the City of London Police in terms of draft documentation produced for the Hotel Forum Toolkit. The Police have rescheduled a meeting for 12 November 2014 with the Grange Hotel in order to move the Hotel Forum forward.

3. Reducing Reoffending

This is ongoing, the Community Safety Manager continues to work with the COLP Public Protection Unit regarding risk management.

The Community Safety Team attends a number of Police lead SARA Crime. SARA - problem solving method consisting of “scanning, analysis, response and assessment”. Reduction meetings:

Cycle Theft

Vehicle Crime

PPO Panel

Violent Crime

Shoplifting

4. Night Time Economy

The Safety Thirst Awards 2014 took place on 8 October 2014 and were well attended. The awards were presented by the Chairman of the Safer City Partnership Group. There were 29 Licensed Premises who achieved the 2014 Safety Thirst Award. 25 Licensed Premises Managers attend the Safety Thirst Awards Event at the London Guildhall 8 October 2014.

The Community Safety Team is working in partnership with the Greater London Authority and London Ambulance Service to integrate the “Party People” safe socialising publicity campaign alongside the Safer City Partnership Christmas Campaign.

The Community Safety Team is working in partnership with the COLP regarding the “Christmas Campaign”. This will include engaging with licensed premises, around crimes associated with NTE during this period, including acquisitive crimes such as Bag Theft, Pickpocketing, Taxi Touts, Sexual Violence, and alcohol related violent crimes.

5. Fraud and Economic Crimes

This area is covered by the City of London Corporation Trading Standards Team and City of London Police Operation tackling Fraud and Economic Crimes.

- 6. Counter Terrorism** The Community Safety Team attend the WRAP Counter Terrorism Workshop provided by the COLP. WRAP - (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) WRAP looks at what makes a person susceptible to the risk of radicalisation and vulnerability really means, (which in most instances takes place online) It covers elements of the PREVENT strategy, Risk and Threat process, Right Wing Extremism, Al Quaida and Safeguarding implications.

Further WRAP sessions are for front line services across the City of London Corporation including: Cleansing services, Environmental Health, Markets Staff, Housing and Open Spaces. These are being organised within the week long Counter Terrorism Campaign 24 November 2014.

7. Civil Disorder

No incidents to report, coordination plans took place in the delivery of the Lord Mayors Show and Remembrance Day.

8. Road Danger

Following the introduction of the 20 mph speed limit in July 2014 data will be monitored to reflect the impact on the number of fatalities or people seriously injured in relation to the roads in the City. A longer period of time is will provide a clear picture. The Road Safety Officers and COLP Officers continue to provide education and enforcement.

Appendices

None

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