

Committee(s):	Date(s):
Health and Wellbeing Board	February 2015
Subject: Safer City Partnership update	Non-Public
Report of: Assistant Director – Safer City Partnership, Town Clerks	For Information
<p>Summary</p> <p>This report is intended to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the activities of the Safer City Partnership in relation to the Partnership Plan 2014/2015.</p>	
<p>Recommendation</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the contents of the report and any comments are welcomed.</p>	

Main Report

Background

1. It is a statutory requirement for local authorities to have a 'Community Safety Partnership' under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998; the Safer City Partnership fulfils this function for the City of London Corporation. There is a requirement to have partnership plans, targets and action to address the issues highlighted in the plans. 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 to maintain a safe environment for people to live work and visit.
2. The Safer City Partnership (SCP) is now becoming more re-established following the service review the recruitment of experienced community safety officers into the team is now complete and we will be further assessing the work priorities, skills and capacities of the team as we move forward.
3. With the available capacity within the CST progress is now being made to develop action plans and targets to address issues highlighted as priorities within the SCP Plan 2014-17, The Community Safety Team is with working with partners both internally and externally to reduce crime within the City of London.

The following is a summary of the work carried out from May until September 2014.

Performance Against Safer City Partnership Targets.

4. The Group discussed a report on progress against targets by the Safer City Partnership for the period Q2 2014/15. The Assistant Director of Street scene and Strategy noted that rough sleeper performance had improved, and that a report on Domestic Violence as well as a report regarding events and initiatives held by the Community Safety Team would be presented to the next meeting of the SCP. The Hotel Toolkit was close to being signed off; this would provide hotel staff with comprehensive information on crime prevention and action to take if they were to see any incidents. A copy of the toolkit can be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board when it has been published.
5. 20 MPH speed limit was working well, motorists found to be exceeding the limit were being given tickets and may have the opportunity to attend a course on speed awareness. In response to a question, he confirmed that statistical data for 20MPH offences would be provided to Members at the next meeting by the CoLP.

London Fire Brigade Update.

6. The London Fire Brigade Borough Commander provided an update on recent work by the London Fire Brigade in the City, noting that there had been no significant change in incident since the last update to the Group. He concluded by noting that many of the Fire Brigade Cadets would finish their training (funded from POCA, Proceeds of Crime Act, via the SCP) which was prevention based at the end of this financial year and would bring a report to the next meeting on their performance.

Community Safety Team Update.

7. The Community Safety Manager introduced a community safety update, noting that the Terms of Reference for the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group (ASBWG) had been amended these were agreed by the SCP. This was to ensure that members of the ASBWG were held accountable for the work they agreed to undertake and provide responses and an audit trail. She added that the Christmas Campaign to promote crime prevention and personal safety had been well received with 70 targeted visits to premises and 1,500 promotional bags being distributed within the City.
8. In addition, the Behind Closed Doors event targeting businesses was held on the 28th November had been well attended. Positive feedback had been given with 100% of attendees saying they would recommend the event to other people within their organisation and with 70% of attendees saying that they did not have a Domestic Abuse policy in the work place. As a result of feedback, the Community Safety Team is looking at standardising the way in which organisations can respond to Domestic Abuse.

City of London Police Update.

9. The City of London Police Superintendent Hector McKoy provided an update for the Group, noting first that there had been an increase in violence without injury. This increase had been apparent across all London forces, and included activity such as harassment and cybercrime. The City of London Police and the Community Safety Team had set up the Cybercrime Governors Board to deal with this.
10. The City of London Police Superintendent went on to note that City police officers were looking at the issue of organised crime gangs stealing motor vehicles to order. The thefts were occurring within borderline areas and the City of London Police was working with the Metropolitan Police to combat this. In addition, he noted that there was an increase in pedal cycle thefts. The City of London Police had responded by creating a week-long event focusing on the safety of pedal cycles, activities would include bike marking and the Police were looking to employ Smart Water to invisibly mark property. A Member noted that there were a number of other businesses that provided similar services and emphasised the need for any contract to be value for money. He concluded by noting that it had been a good Christmas in terms of crime within the City of London.
11. The City of London Police Superintendent assured the Group that although violent crime was on the increase this was a national trend and the City of London rate was still relatively low compared to surrounding boroughs.
12. A Member sought clarification over what the threat level was in the City of London. The Group was informed that everyone should remain vigilant and that the City of London Police were meeting regularly to monitor the situation.

New Anti-social behaviour Legislation.

13. The New Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 was adopted by the City at the Court of Common Council on 15th January 2015 and subsequently amended the scheme of delegated authorities following circulation and approval from Port Health and Environmental Services, Police Committee, Policy and Resources, Community And Children Services committees and the Safer City Partnership. The guidance was written primarily for the police officers, council staff and social landlords who will use the new powers. The relevant departments are now updating their respective processes and procedures.
14. As part of the new legislation the Community Safety Officers have produced a Community Trigger protocol which is now available on the City's website.

Overview of Child Sexual Exploitation based on Rochdale and Rotherham.

15. The Assistant Director of Community and Children Services provided an overview of Child Sexual Exploitation, the report had been the product of a partnership exercise which had focussed on seven areas. This had resulted in the

development of a Child Sexual Exploitation Action Plan which was City specific and could be brought to the next meeting if requested.

16. He went on to note that within the City of London there were no reports of child sexual exploitation. However, there was a risk within transport hubs and the night time economy due to cross border movement such as with Tower Hamlets. He added that raising awareness of child sexual exploitation continued to be an issue and multi-agency work continued to combat this.
17. The group discussed gang activity within the City of London with Superintendent McKoy assuring the Group that rigorous checks were undertaken when events were booked to ensure that unscrupulous promoters were reduced. The Chairman thanked Officers from Community and Children Services for the report and the assurance that the situation was being monitored.

Counter Terrorism

18. The Director of Community and Children Services updated the Group regarding the Counter-Terrorism Security Bill. As a result of the legislation a Counter Terrorism form was being formulated and would be brought to the next Policy and Resources Committee and would also be going to the next meeting of the Group.

Resident Update

19. A resident representative informed the Group that since she started attending the Safer City Partnership she had been impressed by the collaborative working of the Group. She noted that before she became a Member she was concerned with general safety. However, since becoming a Member she was more aware of the work that both the City of London Corporation and the City of London Police did and she felt much safer. She concluded by inviting the Assistant Director for Street Scene and Built Environment and Superintendent McKoy to the next Barbican Estate Annual General Meeting.

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