

Committee(s):	Date(s):
Health and Wellbeing Board	18.09.2015
Subject: Safer City Partnership update	
Report of: Manager, Community Safety Team	For Information
Summary	
This report provides an update to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the recent activities of the Safer City Partnership.	
Recommendation	
The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the contents of this report. Comments and feedback are welcomed.	

Main Report

Background

1. The Safer City Partnership has its statutory basis within the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 which required local authorities to establish Community Safety Partnerships. They are required to produce annual plans and reports on tackling crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour, reducing re-offending and substance misuse. As such there is overlap with issues of concern to Health and Wellbeing Boards. Membership of the Safer City Partnership includes: City of London Police, London Fire Brigade, Probation Service, HM Court Service, the Crime Prevention Association, City Residents and others.
2. The work of the Safer City Partnership is supported and co-ordinated by the Community Safety Team (CST - currently staffing 2.6 FTE). The CST helps to bring together the activity undertaken across the community safety agenda by the City of London Corporation and its partners to provide a coherent understanding of the challenges faced and maximise the use of resources and evidence based approaches to ensure the City remains an area of low crime and a safe place for people to live, work and visit.
3. As part of ongoing work to improve service delivery and maximise available resources the City of London Police and the CST are currently conducting a pilot which involves co-location of officers from the CoLP Street Intervention team within Guildhall. The benefits and opportunities of further co-location will be explored in future months,

SCP Strategy Group Meeting of 8 June – key topics

Strategic Assessment 2014/15

4. This paper was tabled at the meeting on 8 June and approved. The paper provided an overview of the range of activities undertaken in the preceding year.

Community Remedy

5. SCP Members noted the results of a public consultation exercise on what punitive, reparative or rehabilitative actions they would consider appropriate to be included within the local Community Remedy strategy. The low response to the consultation was noted (further activity to be undertaken to engage a broader audience in September).

City of London Police Update

6. The Commander of the City of London Police provided a report comparing crime figures for 2014/15 with the previous years. It has been agreed that future reports will include a London context and that a number of areas, including crimes associated with the Night Time Economy should receive a specific focus.

Prevent Strategy Update

7. Members received a report updating them on work delivering the Prevent agenda (which seeks to protect those at risk from radicalisation or extremism). Work was ongoing with a number of departments.

Serious Organised Crime Group

8. A report was received concerning the establishment of the City's Serious Organised Crime Board. (A survey is currently being undertaken to enhance understanding of the issues facing the City).

London Fire Brigade – Update

9. A report on incidents in the City was provided which showed a general downward trend. The progress of the fire cadets was also reported upon. This had proved a success and there was scope to engage more children from the City in the programme.

Areas of Current Activity

Domestic Abuse

10. Following the recommendations from the City London Domestic Abuse Review in 2014 the City now has a designated Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator based within the Community Safety Team. This post will work with the Chair of the Domestic Abuse Forum to take responsibility for an action plan to provide the City's response to domestic abuse. The Review in 2014 gave the Corporation over eighty recommendations. These have formed the basis of the strategic action

plan, alongside an assessment conducted by SafeLives of the City of London MARAC and issues that have arisen from external engagement.

11. The Domestic Abuse Forum itself has undergone a review with the membership changed to include more external partners to help increase referrals to services and foster closer working relationships between external partners and the corporation. A review of victim service pathways between providers and the Corporation is a current priority.
12. Further priorities will be decided at the Domestic Abuse Forum in September. These will be delivered by subgroups who will report into the Forum. Likely subgroups include 'training', 'commissioning', 'MARAC development' and 'External engagement and awareness raising'. The Forum will provide a quarterly report to the Safer City Partnership Strategy Group and the City and Hackney Safeguarding Boards for children and adults.

Forthcoming Events

13. 21 & 22 September – Prevent Training for staff from East London Foundation Trust.
14. 12 October – Safety Thirst awards. This is for licensed premises who meet high standards across a range of criteria. It is linked closely to the City's licensing work and venues who achieve the award can benefit from a reduction on their Late Night Levy (where applicable).
15. 27 October - Behind Closed Doors. Following up on last year's successful event, City businesses and services will be able to learn more about domestic abuse and stalking from a range of personal and professionals experiences.

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