

<b>Committee(s):</b>	<b>Date(s):</b>
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<b>Subject:</b> Community Safety Team Update	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> David MacKintosh Manager, Community Safety Team	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Summary</b>	
To update SCP members on activity by the Community Safety Team not otherwise addressed	
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	
Members are asked to note the report.	

### **Summary**

This report updates Members of the activities, not otherwise addressed in the agenda, of the Community Safety Team.

### **Safety Thirst Scheme**

1. This year's Safety Thirst scheme is currently recruiting applicants. The City of London Corporation Licensing Team are leading on this work and the subsequent assessment process. It is hoped that we will see some 60 premises involved this year.
2. The award event for Safety Thirst will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 18 October in the Livery Hall. All SCP members will be invited closer to the time.
3. Both the Safety Thirst process and the event provide a valuable opportunity to engage with the licensed trade on a range of subjects of interest to the SCP.

## **City Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CCM)**

4. Members will recall that we held the City's first Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference in February. This new structure, referred to as the CCM, enables a range of professionals to share information relating to criminal and anti-social behaviour (ASB) within the City of London with a focus on individuals at high risk.
5. It was intended that the CCM would provide an opportunity to look in depth at complex and high risk cases with a view to supporting action to reduce the level of risk.
6. As an operational group which seeks to respond to specific situations, the CCM meets monthly. The work of the CCM will be regularly reported to the Safer City Partnership. As promised at the last SCP meeting the CCM's Terms of Reference are attached to report.
7. To date 29 cases have come before the CCM. In nearly all of these it has proved beneficial in bringing together the various agencies and departments together in terms of improving the picture and understanding of the individual concerned and the associated activities and risks.
8. Where specific cases are identified as being likely to benefit from a partnership approach we have brought together the relevant agencies to problem solve the situation. The outcomes have included the granting of a Criminal Behaviour Order (which included a positive requirement to engage with substance misuse treatment); enhancing care around a vulnerable older resident; boosting confidence around response to rough sleeping on an estate (aided by Parkguard) and raising concerns with neighbouring boroughs about their residents at risk and causing concern within the City.
9. The CCM has highlighted the complexities and the potential benefits of partnership working. It has also identified the need to improve record management and information sharing processes. Work is ongoing to boost engagement from our partners.
10. As the CCM process becomes embedded and better understood we anticipate increased benefits.

## **Community Safety Communication Strategy**

11. To help underpin all areas of our work the Community Safety Team has developed a strategy to help promote the priorities of the Safer City Partnership and engage with residents, businesses and visitors to keep them safe and informed about crime and anti-social behaviour.
12. This plan is still developing and initially focuses on creating a strong foundation for future communications work to be built on.

## **Website**

13. The SCP webpages provide a useful mechanism for communicating with our partners and the communities we serve. These pages have recently been updated and we will be promoting our web address on all our engagement materials and communications.
14. We will shortly be adding a 'News/Events' section on the SCP homepage which will be updated quarterly with links to campaigns the Community Safety Team are supporting or involved in. This will provide an opportunity to link up with other partners' engagement activities taking place in the City. For example, National CSE Awareness Day would see links to the work of Department of Community and Children's Services, City of London Police and the NSPCC.
15. We will be working with our local partners to make sure our communications are complimentary and deliver consistent messages.

## **Hard Copy Communications/Newsletter**

16. Conscious that not everyone has access to online media or chooses to engage that way we will continue to produce some information in leaflet and poster form (e.g. the very popular Z cards we have used in recent years).
17. The Community Safety Team will also work with various partners to produce a quarterly newsletter to bring together work being undertaken in the City alongside national and regional activity.

## **Workshops with City of London Corporation and Police staff**

18. To raise awareness within the Corporation and the Police of the role of the Community Safety Team we will deliver a set of thematic workshops. A particular issue we will be promoting is the issue of Anti-Social Behaviour, looking at the

nature of this problem in the City and how we can most effectively respond to it. Other proposed themes include cyber-safety, personal safety and avoiding confrontation and fraud.

19. We intend to use feedback and our learning from these workshops to develop sessions we can deliver to our communities.

## **Training**

20. A major element of work for the coming year will be Prevent training, specifically the delivery of the Workshop Raising Awareness of Prevent (WRAP). This is covered in more detail within the agenda item on Prevent.
21. The Domestic Abuse Forum Action Plan details the need for a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) development day to help professionals understand what a MARAC is, how we use them and why it is important that they attend and share information to stop a victim, and potentially their children, being murdered.
22. Awareness of the City Community MARAC, which focuses on the most complex cases of vulnerable people associated with crime or anti-social behaviour also requires substantial development and involvement from Corporation professionals and SCP partners.
23. As the Community Safety Team are responsible for delivering three high risk case conferences (Channel, MARAC and CCM), we will design a programme for staff that encapsulates information on all of these to widen awareness and respond to high risk case management conferences in the City.

## **Events & Campaigns**

24. The Community Safety Team will be involved in a number of specific events each year and the campaigns it will work alongside. Currently these include Safety Thirst, the Christmas Campaign and 16 days of Action (domestic violence). Further details of a full events listing will be circulated to SCP members once finalised.

## **Consultation**

25. We have a duty to consult with our communities. In addition to making use of events such as the recent City Residents meeting at Guildhall we will be making use of Survey Monkey (electronic and hard copy surveys) to better gauge concerns and experiences of City residents, workers and those visiting the City.

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