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Summary

To update SCP members on activity by the Community Safety Team not otherwise addressed

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the following contained within this report.

Acquisitive crime partnership approach – activity by the Community Safety Team and City of London Police colleagues

City Community Multi- Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CCM) and Integrated Offender Management (IOM) - Integration

Prevent – activity supporting this priority area

Serious and Organised Crime Board - update

Forthcoming Activity

Acquisitive Crime Partnership Approach

- Recent figures have shown a further rise in acquisitive crime. A considerable element of this relates to theft of bags and other personal belongings which takes place in licensed premises or similar settings. This is one of the few volume crimes experienced in the City and as such significantly impacts on overall crime levels.
- 2. This is an area where the public perception of the City as a safe place to work and relax increases the risk of crime with individuals often paying little heed to where their personal belongings are.

- 3. Working closely with City of London colleagues we intend to make acquisitive crime a major priority for the year, recognising that it is an issue where a partnership approach can make a significant contribution. We intend to utilise public information and communications approaches as well as working closely with target premises to help reduce vulnerability.
- 4. To help guide this work we will be establishing a problem solving forum where all partners involved in the area can come together to explore the nature of the problem and consider actions to reduce this type of crime.

City Community Multi- Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CCM) and Integrated Offender Management (IOM)

- 5. There is a substantive item on the work of the CCM.
- 6. Integrated Offender Management (IOM) brings a cross-agency response to the crime and reoffending threats faced by local communities. The most persistent and problematic offenders are identified and managed jointly by partner agencies working together.
- 7. Local IOM models vary to reflect local circumstances and priorities, but the common elements are:
 - a. all partners manage offenders together
 - b. a local response to local problems
 - c. all offenders can potentially be included
 - d. offenders face up to their responsibility or face the consequences
 - e. best use is made of existing programmes and governance arrangements
 - f. achieving long-term desistance from crime
- 8. The partners that are required to attend the IOM are almost the same as the City Community Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CCM), the only difference being that Probation are an essential partner in IOM.
- 9. Discussion has been held with CCM colleagues and the decision taken to combine with the IOM meeting.
- 10. In addition to very similar representation from members there are also common features relating to the cases. For example in both CCM and IOM cases most of

the individuals concerned live outside of the City. In both CCM and IOM this presents challenges in terms of securing interventions.

11. We are hopeful that the new approach for IOM will build on the success of the CCM. We will report back to Members at future meetings.

Prevent

- 12. The draft Prevent strategy is a substantive agenda item. Below provides an update of recent activity.
- 13. There have been three referrals over this period. Two were referred to the Metropolitan Police; the other which involved a child was closed as a Prevent case following pre-screening. It remains a popular area for generating Freedom of Information requests.
- 14. On 15 March we invited Prevent leads to attend a consultation meeting on refreshing the Prevent Strategy. It proved a useful discussion about the risk of radicalisation in the City and the issues which might discourage people from engaging with Prevent and how we might overcome these.
- 15. There has been considerable work undertaken with faith groups in the City. This has included meetings with representatives from the Hindu, Sikh and Muslim networks to discuss how we can help faith community groups to feel safe and confidence. We also wish to utilise this network to monitor local concerns and community mood.
- 16. We are progressing well towards a bespoke prevent product for businesses. This model will be in the shape of a video which is more tailored to the needs of businesses in the City.

Serious and Organised Crime Board

17. The Serious and Organised Crime Board has discussed the following key crime areas: Fraud and Cyber Enabled Crime (27 January), Financial Crime (28 February), Modern Slavery and Domestic Servitude (28 March), Organised acquisitive crime (28 April). The next meeting will be on 27 June to discuss vulnerable persons and child sexual exploitation but this was deferred to 27 June. The remaining priorities for discussion include blackmail, kidnap and intellectual property offences and we will be discussing these in July and September.

Forthcoming Activity

- 18. Through the work of One Safe City and other colleagues progress is being made on bringing together a calendar setting out activity for the year.
- 19. Forthcoming campaigns 19 June to 17 July "Release the Pressure" suicide prevention campaign. 14 21 October National Hate Crime awareness week.
 25 November 10 December will be 16 Days of Action on Domestic Violence.
- 20. Work is also on-going to make use of data to better inform the timing of campaigns. In connection with this and due to our close working relationship with the GLA we have a tool that identifies pick periods in terms of alcohol related crime in the pre-Christmas period. We anticipate this will help in targeting messages to key groups during December 2017.
- 21. Effective ASB case management course on 6 & 7 July 2017(2 days).

Community Safety Team Staffing

22. Members were notified that Robin Newman one of our community safety officers resigned in February. We advertised for a replacement and interviewed on 27 March. Though we have appointed issues around security clearance mean we are still waiting on a start date. The significant reduction in staffing has had a significant impact on workload and capacity. We look forward to this situation improving.

Safer City Partnership Monitoring Tool

23. We will be providing an updated and refreshed partnership monitoring tool once the new SCP strategy has been agreed. Work continues to embed and extend ownership to include all those across the Partnership who contribute to SCP priorities.

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