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Community Safety Team Update	
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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.

Community Safety Team Staffing

City Community Multi- Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CCM)

Prevent

Serious and Organised Crime Board

Forthcoming Activity

## **Community Safety Team Staffing**

1. The Community Safety Team is now at full complement. For the last six months we have been operating a post down. However, we now have a new team member in post who brings considerable relevant experience. We have also been successful in attracting a graduate placement for six months (from 2 October) which will allow us to make progress on some of the communications and development work we have been planning for some time.

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

2. For this period there is a substantive report on the City's Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CCM). It remains an important vehicle for managing risk and complex problems within the City. The CCM can only function effectively with the active support of all concerned partners and is often resource intensive (especially for the CST). However, it is a model which has supported the resolution of a number of long standing and persistent cases.

#### **Prevent**

- 3. There is a substantive Prevent agenda item focussing on the new tool being developed for our business community and containing the new Prevent strategy.
- 4. There has only been one Prevent referral in this period.
- 5. FOI interest in Prevent remains significant.
- 6. The role of Prevent has developed. There is now a distinct expectation around community tension monitoring following major incidents or periods of heightened tension. Nationally the government is piloting an approach which significantly increases the role of local authorities. So far this has been limited to those areas where the Home Office provide grant funding.

## **Serious and Organised Crime Board**

- 7. The next meeting of the Serious and Organised Crime Board is scheduled to take place on 7 September and will mark the end of the process where we have examined a range of threats identified in the national strategy (including; the supply and distribution of drugs, sophisticated theft and robbery, organised child sexual exploitation, including the sharing of indecent images of children online, human trafficking and modern slavery, fraud and other forms of financial crime, the supply of firearms or other weapons and counterfeit goods, cyber- crime and cyber-enabled crime, including on line grooming, harassment and stalking).
- 8. The Board will meet again in October to review all key crime areas that have been presented and rank the impact of each crime area on the City including a gap analysis. From this we will identify a number of priority areas which will be presented to the next SCP meeting. Once agreed this will provide the basis for a programme of work which will ensure we make best use of all available intelligence and powers to tackle organised crime.
- 9. Members will already be aware of Operation Broadway, which sees Trading Standards and City of London Police combine to tackle investment fraud. The

intention of national government is to drive this kind of approach and extend it to other areas of criminality.

10. While the process of examining each subject area has required a considerable amount of resource it has proved a useful vehicle in developing a common understanding on a range of issues and identifying areas for partnership action.

## **Forthcoming Activity**

11. A new Z Card leaflet for the general public containing advice on personal safety, beating terrorism together, cyber- crime and other issues will be available in October. Although on line resources and apps are increasingly important it remains true that in many settings, including community engagement, physical media remains in demand.

12. The Community Safety website will be refreshed over October to maximise its functionality for people seeking advice or wishing to report issues.

13. We will be supporting Hate Crime week 14-21 October including promotion of the national vigil at Trafalgar Square and the service to be held at St Pauls (15 October). Posters and information will also be promoted in libraries and other public spaces.

14. There are three more ASB training sessions (of the seven the CST have commissioned) to run. 27 September – Courtroom Experience, 24 October – Safeguarding the Community, protecting the vulnerable, 22 November - ASB and the community. To date some 70 colleagues (from across the Partnership) have attended the sessions. They have helped support demonstrable improvements in terms of response to problems.

15. Christmas campaign. We are discussing with Public Health and City of London Police colleagues how we can support activity over the coming festive period. Discussion is ongoing with the Greater London Authority and the London Ambulance Service on involvement with any campaign they may develop.

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