

Safer City Partnership Strategic Plan 2017-2018

Our vision: For the City of London to be a safe place to live, work, visit, study and socialise.

We aim to achieve this by making the best possible use of the resources that we, as a partnership, can bring together to meet the challenges the City. We will also be working closely with our communities and other key partners to deliver the vision in this strategy

The strategy highlights opportunities for joint working across the City and reflects the desire of the partnership members to work together. We aim to make the City an even better place to live, work and visit by reducing crime, fear of crime and addressing other areas of community safety such as anti-social behaviour, road safety and cyber-crime.

Over the next year we will be unashamedly ambitious in developing this strategy further by developing our understanding of the issues involved under each of our agreed priorities and looking for ways in which we can as a partnership work together and add value.

This work does not exist in a vacuum and is closely linked to other strategies and plans such as public health and licensing and we will be working to develop these links further. These efforts will help make the partnership more dynamic and aid us in better understanding our communities. We will also be looking at ways to improve our links to those we serve.

This is a three-year strategy that will be refreshed each year in the light of fresh challenges, emerging issues and changing priorities. It will also evolve as our abilities and skills to work together develop and provide fresh opportunities to deliver our services.

Community Safety in the City

For many years the City of London has experienced lower levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour than our neighbouring areas and other comparable cities. This is a reflection of the considerable efforts of the City of London Police, the City of London Corporation and our other local partners. Working together we contribute to maintaining the City as the world's leading financial and business centre as well as being an attractive place for people to live, work, visit, study and socialise. Since its establishment the Safer City Partnership (SCP) has played a key role in reducing crime and other harms. We will continue to build on these strong foundations.

We recognise that the City of London is a dynamic and constantly evolving entity. This is one of its great strengths. As recent events have demonstrated it is also true that the crimes and threats we face also evolve and change. While the City of London remains an area of relatively low crime we are committed to guarding against complacency and are able to adapt and respond to new challenges, ensuring we continue to support and protect the communities we serve.

Vulnerability is an increasingly recognised issue in our work. There is clear national and regional evidence that shows some groups are more at risk than others. Identifying and responding to vulnerability will be cross-cutting themes throughout our work. We will, as a partnership, seek to further identify, understand and address the needs of our most vulnerable and use this to guide our activity going forward.

Who we are:

The Safer City Partnership brings together representatives from both the statutory and non-statutory partners who are able to contribute to the work of keeping the City safe:

The statutory partners are responsible for agreeing the strategic priorities, objectives and targets for the annual partnership plan and for ensuring that targets set out in the plan are delivered.

They are supported in their work by a number of Safer City Associates. Although not statutory partners they are nonetheless an important part of the partnership with considerable expertise and knowledge and make a significant contribution to the delivery of the partnerships objectives and targets.

The Statutory partners are:

- The City of London Corporation
- The City of London Police
- London Fire Brigade
- London Probation Trust
- Clinical Commissioning Group

The Associates are:

- HM Court Service
- British Transport Police
- Transport for London
- City of London Crime Prevention Association
- Business Representation
- Voluntary Sector Representation

The Safer City Partnership is directed by a Strategy Group. The SCP Strategy Group sets the strategic direction for the work of the partnership, including, setting its objectives and targets, and performance manages the partnership through an annual partnership plan. It also, as required, sets up specific working or task and finish groups to advance specific areas of activity.

What the Partnership achieved in 2016-17

During 2016-17 the Safer City Partnership provided an important strategic and collaborative platform to support work that assisted in keeping the City safe and reduced crime. Where specific problems have been identified the SCP has played a significant role in tackling them.

We have delivered a solid programme of work that we will build on over the coming years.

Much of this work will be on –going, looking to build on success and learn from our achievements.

Partnership achievements in the last year included:

- The development of a new Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy to help tackle domestic and sexual violence as well as harmful practice, domestic homicide and exploitation.
- Establishment of a clear pathway for those who experience domestic violence to access appropriate support.
- Directly engaging with residents and City workers to raise awareness of how to avoid being a victim of crime
- Exploring the potential of Alcohol Recovery Centres and other initiatives to reduce the burden of alcohol related incidents on the emergency services
- Expanding the scope of work of Operation Broadway in raising awareness and tackling investment fraud.
- Improving the use of legal powers to tackle nuisance and problems where they affect our residents and businesses.
- Promoting a campaign to help some of our most vulnerable citizens access accommodation and health care
- Delivered a range of public resources to help people stay safe both online and in the street

Our priorities for 2017-2020

There is of course more to do both in building on the work that we have already done, exploring what more we can do as partnership, and in responding to new issues and threats as they emerge.

The Safer City Partnership has worked together to identify the key priorities for the next three years. These have been developed in consultation with our partners and communities and are also informed by the data we hold, national priorities and key documents such as the City of London Police's Strategic Assessment. The priorities also represent areas where a partnership approach can add value. While these are areas of the focus for the coming 3 years we will aim to be flexible and agile in responding to new challenges and problems.

We will also be reviewing what we know about and how we respond to each of these priority areas over the next year. This will include mapping out the nature of the issue, identifying where we as a partnership come into contact with the issues identified, how we respond to them, and the information that we hold as partners. From this we will look at how we can tackle these issues in a more joined up, partnership based way.

We will also be looking to put together a set of indicators for each priority area that will allow us to monitor more closely what is happening under each priority. This data will be drawn from across the partnership and will not just focus on police data.

For the year 2017-2020 we will focus on:

- **Supporting the Counter Terrorism Strategy through delivery of the Prevent Strategy** - to challenge radicalisation of vulnerable people, working closely with our communities and City businesses, to reduce the threat posed to the City.
- **Violence Against the Person** – to protect those who live, work, study or socialise in the City from violent crime, abuse or exploitation.
- **Acquisitive Crime** – working to protect our residents, workers, businesses and visitors from theft and fraud.
- **Night Time Economy Crime and Nuisance** – ensuring the City remains a safe place to socialise and visit.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour** – to respond effectively to problems, keeping the City a pleasant place to live and enjoy.

Our cross cutting themes:

A key aim of the Community Safety Partnership is to ensure that vulnerability is a strong cross-cutting theme across our community safety priorities. We recognise that some individuals are more at risk than others and may also be at risk across several of our priority areas.

The following areas have been identified as requiring additional research and attention:

- Suicide Prevention
- Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)
- Sexual Abuse & Child Sexual Exploitation
- Cyber-crime & Fraud (particularly vulnerable groups and the elderly)
- Hate Crime
- Offender management
- Anti-Social Behaviour

In reviewing our priorities over the coming year, we will ensure that issues of vulnerability are fully taken account of in our work.

To underpin the delivery of this strategy we have also produced an implementation plan to guide and help us assess progress toward our objectives. This will set the key actions that we will be taking over the coming year to support our priorities and can be found in appendix 1.

As part of developing the strategy we will also put in place a more robust system of performance monitoring around each of the priorities drawing on key data from across the partnership. This will make use of existing data and will allow us to

identify progress and issues on our priorities monitor changes in the community safety issues and developed further work to address issues.

We will also be improving our analytical capability for this year with a dedicated resource being made available to support the Safer City Partnership. This will significantly improve our understanding of the issues faced in the City and help coordinate our responses to these. The provision of good quality data which indicates periods, locations and groups of particular vulnerability will increasingly inform our campaigns and activity.

Promoting our work, and so improving community collaboration, is also a priority for the coming year and we will develop better links with our residents and business community. This will see us having greater visibility at community events, making use of resources such as our public library and supporting resident and business groups with their regular meetings. We will also improve awareness of how individuals and businesses are able to raise concerns and report issues as well as receive relevant information from the partnership.

Community engagement

Over the course of this year we will be increasingly proactive in terms of engagement with members of the resident and community forums, the City Crime Prevention Association, and other business associations. This will help us better understand the experience of those living and working within the City. We are particularly focussed on responding to concerns and increasing reassurance during periods of heightened tensions or following major incidents

Our residents and business workers are the two main groups the SCP serve. They are also a tremendous resource and we intend to make better use of this this potential over the coming year. Working together and sharing our knowledge and resources we are confident that we can continue to ensure the City remains a world leading place to live, work, study and socialise.

A central part of our work is communication, whether aimed at our communities or our partners. We will continue to improve our webpages and use of new media alongside updating our traditional hard copy resources, such as leaflets and newsletters, which we know are still valued and are good enablers of face to face engagement.

We will improve the ease with which residents and businesses can communicate their concerns and experiences with us both face to face and on-line.

Partnership Development

Understanding how the City of London Corporation and City of London Police can work most effectively will inevitably influence the ways we operate and deliver community safety related services. For example, the establishment of a Joint Contact and Control Room, where all calls from the public, be they about a police or a local authority issue, provides a significant opportunity to deliver co-ordinated responses to crime and anti-social behaviour as well as improving the customer

experience. Work also continues on updating the Ring of Steel to help protect the City.

Over the last year we have focussed on establishing an effective Serious and Organised Crime Group as a sub-group of the Safer City Partnership. This has looked in depth at a variety of topics and will be developing its own priorities for action in 2017-18 and will help ensure that we make best use of the wide range of intelligence alongside the full range of civil and criminal enforcement powers to tackle those who pose a threat to our citizens, communities and businesses. This group will report to the SCP during the latter part of 2017 and its work plan will be included in the next annual strategy.

On-going reviews of how the City of London Corporation and the City of London Police can best work together to serve the needs of the square mile have brought benefits and we remain keen to explore the potential of new approaches. We are committed to making use of the best research, the national and international evidence base and our own experience to inform our campaigns and interventions.

We will also, in the course of revising the priority areas, map out the relationships that we have in each priority area in terms of responsibility, contacts, actions and resources and information held by each group.

We will also develop a delivery group of key officers from across the partnership to oversee work under each of the priority headings to provide momentum and direction and ensure delivery.

Links to other strategies

As part of taking the priorities in this strategy forward we will strengthen the links with other policy areas such as licencing and health and well-being. We will also be working to ensure that community safety issues help inform the development of the corporate plan and other relevant policies.

The City of London

Residents and day-time population

The City of London is best known as a business centre but is also home to nearly 9,000 residents (based on census data). It is a unique demographic area within the United Kingdom. While the residential population numbers are approximately 8,000ⁱ the City is home to 16,000 businesses employing over 383,000 people. This figure is expected to grow to 428,000 by 2026. Due to its iconic attractions, the City of London also welcomes large numbers of visitors daily. With major transport infrastructure improvements including the completion of Crossrail in 2018, these numbers are likely to rise significantly in the coming decade.

The unique attraction of the City has seen businesses flourish. This can be seen in the workforce figures which saw a 20% increase (approximately 80,000) in the years 2008 – 2014. This increase has also seen the City develop beyond the traditional financial services sector, with firms from a wider range of professional, scientific and technical services setting to establishing themselves here. We have also seen a significant increase in our hospitality sector with a rapid growth in hotels and the emergence of a significant night time economy.

The City has 4,390 households and large numbers of people of working age. Compared with Greater London there is a greater proportion of people aged between 25 and 69 and fewer young people aged below 18 years. Only 10 per cent of households have children, compared with around 30 per cent for London and the rest of the country. Average household size is small, and many people (56 per cent) live alone.

The City of London has the sixth highest number of rough sleepers in London, with around 20 sleeping on the streets each night. This group, which is mainly male, are vulnerable to a range of problems including substance misuse, physical and mental illness, crime and premature death.

To help address this considerable effort has been placed in reducing the number of rough sleepers with a reduction from the 2015/16 figure of 440 recorded rough sleepers to 379 in 2016/17. Of these 40% were seen only once.

Crime and Disorder

Crime and disorder remain low in the City compared to our neighbouring boroughs. However, after a number of years where overall crime has fallen last year witnessed a slight increase. This is clearly disappointing and the Safer City Partnership will respond by seeking to maximise the benefits of joint working in preventing crime. However, the increase in the City does need to be set in the context of its growing day time population, its increasing popularity as an entertainment area and the significant growth in its hotel sector. There is no room for complacency but the City of London remains a low crime area where it is safe to live, work, visit and socialise.

The following table is taken from the City of London Police Annual Report 2016-17. The main increase in reported offences has come from victim-based acquisitive crime but there has been a reduction in reported crimes against society.

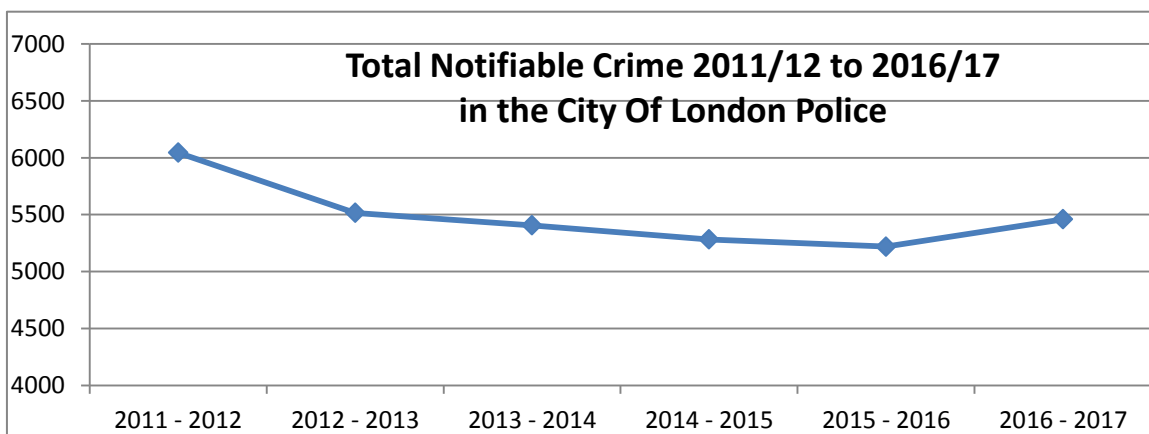
Crime statistics

Crime category	2015/16 (APR 15 - MAR-16)	2016/17 (APR 16 - MAR 17)
Homicide	2	1
Violence with Injury	408	381
Violence without Injury	410	478
Rape	24	10
Other Sexual Offences	67	51
Victim-Based Violence	911	921
Robbery of Business Property	1	2
Robbery of Personal Property	40	26
Burglary in a Dwelling	7	24
Burglary - Non Dwelling	226	237
Vehicle Offences	109	183
Theft from the Person	423	466
Bicycle Theft	275	373
Shoplifting	678	726
All Other Theft Offences	1422	1509
Victim-Based Acquisitive	3181	3546
Arson	7	3
Criminal Damage	255	222
Arson and Criminal Damage	262	225
Victim Based Crime	4352	4681
Drug Offences	394	331
Possession of Off Weaps	34	43
Public Order Offences	262	224
Misc Crimes Against Society	178	179
Crimes Against Society	868	777
All Crime	5220	5458

The data we have from the police data refers only to reported crime and is therefore a partial picture of community safety in the City albeit a very important part. Other sources of data for example around noise complaints, anti-social behaviour and

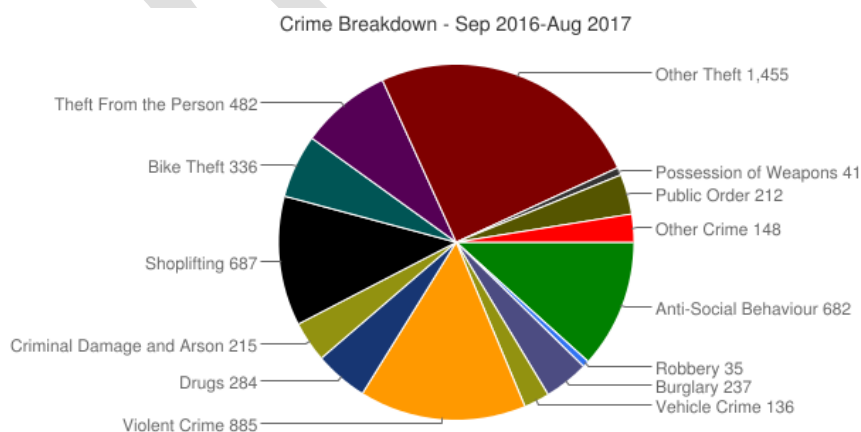
information from our communities will help us build up a more complete picture of what is happening in the City

The following table shows that reported crime has been falling since 2011/12 up until this year as the following table shows

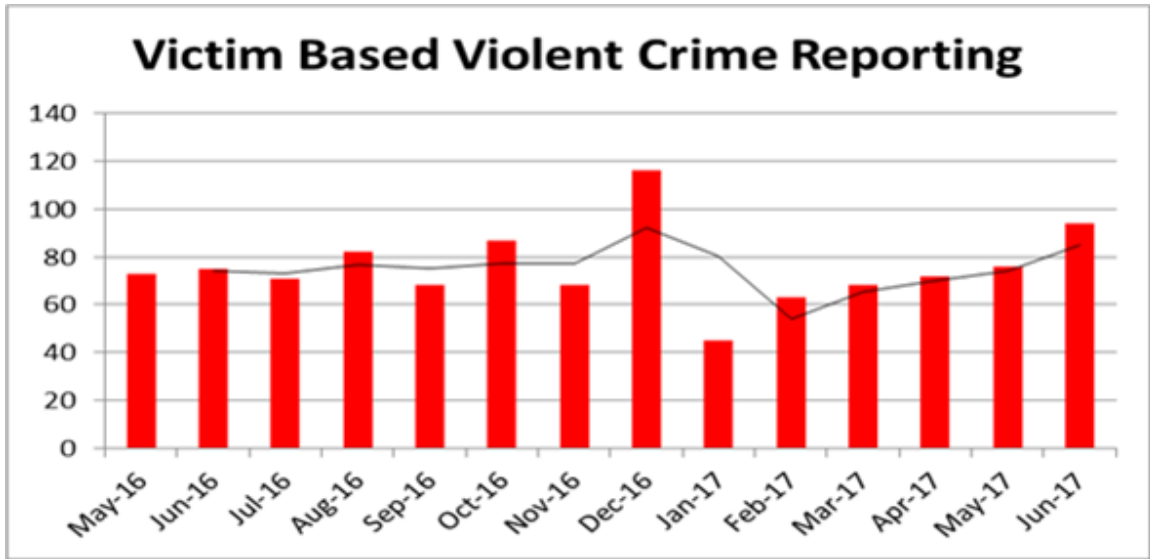


The most recent figures (Apr-Dec 2015) show that acquisitive crime accounts for a significant proportion (62%) of all notifiable crime in the City, with violent crime (17%) and crimes against society (including possession of weapons, drug and public order offences) the third most common crime (16

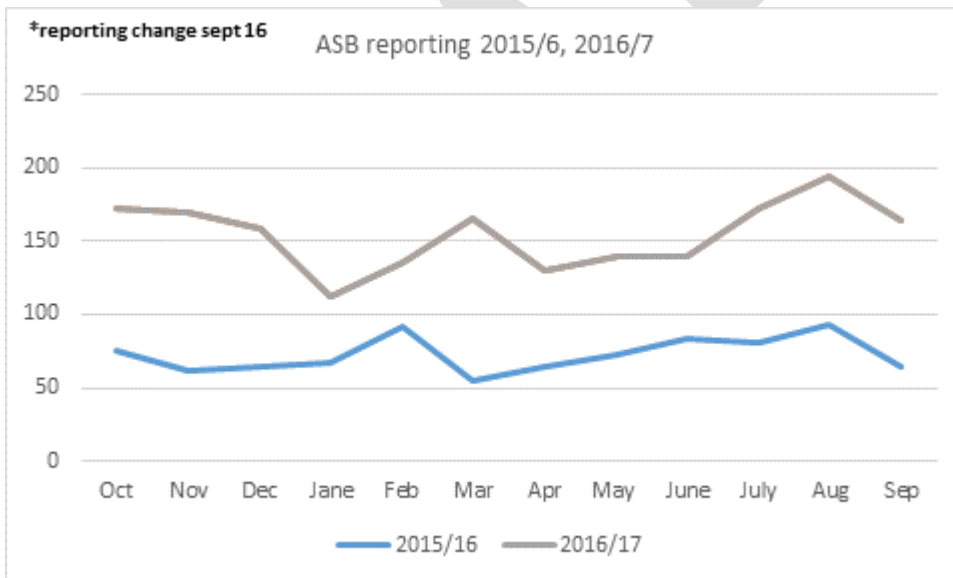
High Level Breakdown of Crime in the City by Type September 2016 – August 2017



Source: City of London Police



Anti-Social Behaviour Reported in the City of London 2015/16 -2016/17



We are aware that not all crime is reported to police and some incidents involve victims who do not want to report for example domestic violence or hate crime. These incidents may come to the attention of other services, for example Accident and Emergency units or voluntary sector providers. Over the coming year we will be looking to ensure that these sources help inform our overall picture of crime in the City.

Of course, not all incidents that affect community safety are crime events.

Noise incidents and other anti-social behaviour may not result in an arrest but still affect people in the City and lead to fear of crime, blighted quality of life and other impacts. And it can also lead to more serious issues

We will over the next year look at the data that is held across the partnership and aim to develop a more complete understanding of the issues that we face and how we can as a partnership more fully address them

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Safer City Partnership Priorities for 2017-20

Priority 1: Supporting the Counter Terrorism Strategy through Delivery of the Prevent Strategy

Objective: To challenge radicalisation of vulnerable people and reduce the threat posed to the City and more closely support our communities

We will continue to deliver Prevent as part of the Counter Terrorism Strategy. Prevent is about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism. It seeks to protect vulnerable individuals from being drawn into terrorist related activity and also includes work that seeks to reassure communities and disrupt extremist groups. The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act (2015) places a duty on the City of London Corporation and other public bodies to have '*due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism*'.

The National Prevent Strategy outlines three strands to an effective local response.

- Ideology: challenging radical ideology and disrupting the ability of extremist groups to promote it;
- Supporting Vulnerable Victims: building upon existing multi-agency and safeguarding frameworks to identify and support people at risk of radicalisation;
- Working with other sectors: cooperating with those working in education, faith, health, criminal justice and voluntary sector settings to ensure there are no ungoverned spaces in which extremism is allowed to flourish unchallenged.

While the City of London is designated as a non-priority area by the Government we are committed to helping protect our communities. Based on our experience over the last two years, and feedback from our community partners, we have refreshed our Prevent strategy. It sets out in detail our approach and planned activity for the year ahead.

The Prevent strategy will include doing more to support and identify concerns within our resident community as well as supporting City employers. To help extend our reach we will be developing new materials and developing new relationships. Below are some of our headline actions for this coming year.

What we are going to do

Engaging and Supporting City of London Corporation staff to deliver the Prevent duty

We will continue to provide face to face 'Workshops Raising Awareness of Prevent' (WRAP sessions for staff with bespoke sessions provided where appropriate. In addition, we will be launching an e-learning module so that all staff can access WRAP training or refresh their understanding. This will help ensure that there is an accurate understanding of Prevent and its referral process, known as Channel, and how this fits alongside other safeguarding approaches to protect vulnerable residents.

Engaging with our resident community

Building on existing work we will boost understanding and build confidence in how Prevent operates in the City of London. This links strongly to other community engagement work and will also support improvements in how we liaise and support our residents during periods of heightened concern or following major incidents.

This work will involve colleagues in the Community Safety Team, City of London Police as well as the City's Housing Department, our Registered Social Landlord and other agencies.

We will also build on the success of the City of London Police and the Community Safety Team in establishing positive relations with external agencies including the voluntary sector. We shall develop our communications and forums with external agencies such as schools, universities, health providers, community and faith groups to support those at the risk of radicalisation.

We will also improve our connections with key partners such as the City of London Health and Wellbeing Board and City Hackney Children Safeguarding Boards to ensure our work is mutually supportive.

Engage the business community in helping us deliver Prevent

We will be launching a new Prevent training module for City businesses 'Safeguarding in the City: Prevent tragedies' - on 19 September. With the aid of this training product designed specifically for the businesses community, we will be supporting employers in how to train their staff to recognise and refer individuals who show signs of vulnerability and be aware of how those individuals can be supported away from the risks of extremism. We will evaluate the use of this unique business tool in the latter half of 2018.

Priority 2: Violence against the Person

Objective: To protect those who work or visit the City from crimes of violence

Nationally and across Greater London there has been an increase in violent crime. The City has also witnessed a rise in this category of crime and given the harm to victims and the concerns of our communities this has been identified as a priority for the coming year.

Violence against the person covers a wider variety of offences and incidents. The type of incidents covered range from where a victim may have experienced severe physical or mental harm through to those where there is little or no physical injury but could be emotionally or financially harmed.

The specific crime types include sexual violence and exploitation, domestic abuse and violence (including harmful practice such as Female Genital Mutilation, Honour Based Violence and Forced Marriage), violence with and without injury (the latter includes on-line harassment and internet stalking), child sexual exploitation, trafficking and modern slavery and when crime or violence is motivated by hate or prejudice.

Within the City, as in many areas, a significant proportion of our violent offences take place within the context of the Night Time Economy and so activities to tackle this problem also link to that priority area.

What we are going to do:

Improve our understanding of the nature of violent crime within the City by undertaking research and using all available data. This will support evidence based and targeted responses

Working with our partners and external experts we will develop a more comprehensive understanding of the scale and types of violence experienced within the City. For example, not all incidents come to the attention of the police, rather they may come to notice with medical services or be reported to voluntary sector bodies. Therefore, we will continue to work with our local Community and Voluntary Sector services and make best use of resources such as the London wide Information Sharing to Tackle Violence project to ensure we have the best possible understanding of the real nature of violent crime within the City. Previous work has provided a good insight into the scope of violence associated with the Night Time Economy and excessive alcohol consumption. While there remain areas for improvement we are also committed to building up a stronger intelligence picture around other areas, including human trafficking and modern slavery, Child Sexual Exploitation, sexual violence, domestic abuse and vulnerable people. We will use this information to ensure we have appropriate resources and procedures in place and to help inform improved communications with residents, business workers and visitors.

Increase understanding of the issues around domestic abuse and how to access help and support

We will provide training for our partners and City employers to increase awareness of domestic abuse. This will include guidance on how incidents should be handled while also promoting what services are available to help those experiencing domestic abuse. Evidence demonstrates that improved response of domestic abuse cases can significantly reduce risk to individuals and reduce attrition of cases going to court.

Train City of London Corporation front line staff in risk assessment and safety planning for domestic abuse

Use specialist trainers to ensure City of London staff who come into regular contact with our communities understand the principles and application of risk assessment and safety planning, in the context of domestic abuse, stalking and harassment.

Support pan-London action to reduce knife crime

We will work closely with the Metropolitan Police and British Transport Police on high visibility operations to deter and detect those carrying knives. Systems will be put in place making it easier for those working in cleansing, housing or security to report knife or weapon finds in a way which will promote an effective response and build our intelligence profile.

Engage with those working and living in the City to raise awareness of abusive behaviour and promote the range of services available to support victims

This will be a central part of our new communication approach and will see us make improved use of our web presence and social media as well as making use of traditional media. We will also work with colleagues to utilise existing communication channels, such as residents' newsletters. Building on the success of the 'Party People' and 'Eat, Drink and Be Safe' campaigns we shall advise people on how to reduce their vulnerability and risk when out socialising, for example by only using licensed taxis. The Partnership will run public engagement activities to raise awareness on abusive behaviour, avoiding perpetrating violent crime and the support services to help people who are hurt in the City.

Strengthen understanding and responses to domestic abuse and sexual violence

We will be embedding third party reporting mechanisms for people who experience domestic abuse or sexual violence to help ensure we can more accurately assess the number of victims and provide appropriate services.

Across key departments, such as Housing, we will ensure staff who witness or have concerns around domestic abuse or sexual violence are aware of reporting processes. Towards the end of 2017 we will also be developing materials which raise awareness of domestic and sexual abuse alongside Honour Based Violence, Female Genital Mutilation and Forced Marriage.

There will also be a directory placed on the City website and available in print form of all related services.

Engage with our communities and raise awareness of hate crime, how to report it and how to support people experiencing hate incidents

We will be working internally and externally to raise awareness of hate crime. We will be supporting national campaigns such as National Hate Crime Awareness Week engaging with local residents and workers to stand together against hate crime.

We will be producing materials to tell people how to report it and what to do if faced with incidents of hate crime. Training will be given to internally on how to report hate crime.

Priority 3: Acquisitive Crime

Objective: we will work to protect our residents, workers, businesses and visitors from theft and fraud

Acquisitive crime is another area where the threat is always evolving. Cyber enabled/on-line fraud is now a very major risk to our residents and our business community. While the City of London Police provides national leadership in this area we are also working to ensure that those within the square mile are equipped to limit the risk this type of crime poses. There are also issues around street robbery, often involving newer model mobile phones.

A significant problem in the City is the theft of bags, phones, computers and other belongings from cafes, restaurants and bars. This clearly links to our increasingly popular Night Time Economy and activity will overlap with that priority area as well as Violence Against the Person (where force or the threat of force is involved). We are also aware that while there have been some notable successes around bicycle theft and motorbike security these are areas requiring ongoing activity.

What we are going to do

Protecting our residents, City workers and businesses from on-line fraud

We have developed materials to help protect our residents from fraud including cyber enabled threats. We will be developing materials, and utilising our webpages and print literature, to help inform different City communities on how they can protect themselves from on-line fraud. We will also be providing training for front line staff (those who work with vulnerable residents and other groups) to ensure they understand the risks and how to report concerns around such crimes.

Objective: Helping protect the City of London's reputation as the world's leading financial centre from the impact of acquisitive crime

Criminals engaged in fraudulent investment businesses target older and vulnerable consumers across the United Kingdom and encourage them to invest money in products that are overpriced, fail to exist or simply fail to deliver the returns that are promised.

Often, to give fraudulent investment schemes some credibility, the criminals behind them try and associate themselves with the City of London through the use of prestigious City addresses in their literature or on their websites. Operation Broadway is an initiative that has been running since summer 2014 and brings together a number of partners to respond to this challenge.

What we going to do

The Operation Broadway initiative continues to be an import response in helping challenge this type of offending. The additional staffing resource made available has allowed for greater co-operation with colleagues across Greater London. We will

continue this work and look to identify particular businesses, for example those involved in mail forwarding who can benefit from support in developing compliance procedures

Utilise various events and forums to provide advice and guidance on how to prevent acquisitive crime from taking place

We will look to use a wide range of planned and one-off events to meet with our communities. Our libraries and other community settings provide an environment where we can engage with individuals and raise awareness and provide advice.

We will also look to use opportunities in new locations, for example working The Post Office to engage with those who work in the City. This will be in addition to well established activity such as bike frame marking and material to help reduce bag thefts. We will also work to maximise the benefits of working with our business community, for example via the City's Crime Prevention Association and local forums.

Help promote the City as a safe place to cycle.

More and more individuals cycle through the City. Developments like the new Bank junction will encourage this growth. We will continue to support our Road Safety colleagues by promoting personal safety advice around cycling alongside improved locking, the use of interior bike bays and secure bike racks.

We will target areas, such as gyms, which have been targeted by thieves. In addition, we will work to ensure the security aspects of cycling are considered in future planning and development processes.

Work to reduce the theft of motorbikes and scooters

We will continue to carefully monitor this situation and support riders, businesses and other partners to improve security around motorbikes and scooters. The use of stolen scooters to enable theft is a matter of concern and we will work with neighbouring boroughs and London partners to develop more effective responses.

Raising awareness of associated risks of cyber enable crime through City of London Police

City of London Police are the National Policing Lead for Economic Crime due to the nature of the City. The Partnership is therefore committed to helping aid the City of London Police in addressing the challenges of cyber-enabled crime in the City and protecting our residents and businesses.

We will be undertaking public facing work to highlight common and emerging scams. This will have a focus on our more vulnerable residents but we will also look to protect our growing student population.

Reduce acquisitive crime within the night time economy over Christmas and other peak periods

We will work closely with City of London Police and Licensing colleagues to closely monitor venues experiencing significant problems within their premises. Support will be offered to premises and their clients, including public facing materials and providing bag hangers. There will also be specific operations targeting suspected perpetrators.

Our Christmas campaign will combine advice to the public about looking after themselves and their property. This will provide an opportunity to work closely with public health colleagues and others. We will also be utilising a new analysis tool to better target our messages.

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Priority 4: Night Time Economy Crime and Nuisance

Objective: To ensure the City remains a safe place to socialise

The City's night time economy is growing fast and this comes with benefits those who live, study, socialise and visit, coupled with challenges for community safety.

Last year, Transport for London opened the Night Tube making the City more accessible as a destination in its own right. The City has a reputation as a safe place to socialise and one of the roles of the Safer City Partnership services is to make sure people are safe in the Night Time Economy and supported with a robust multiagency response if safety is challenged.

Higher numbers of people enjoying the City can attract those who want to commit criminal activity and may prey on people who may be vulnerable or unaware that they or their belongings are at risk. Raising awareness through multiagency prevention campaigns will help people to develop an understanding of how to look after their belongings, themselves and their friends when socialising in the City.

What we are going to do

Work to understand the nature and scope of the City's Night Time Economy and its associated problems

The Night Time Economy is a complex area and includes a wide range of differing activities and venues. These present different risks and opportunities for crime and nuisance.

Over this year we will map the City's Night Time Economy policy area to help provide a picture of the numbers of people coming into the City, the type of venues they visit and the risk profiles associated with these areas. This would include looking at the issues such as violent crime which, in association with the Night Time Economy, increased over the last year. Additionally, we will understand more about substance misuse and the supply of drugs in the City. We will continue our innovative work around identifying the type of substance misuse we see in the City and looking at the Serious and Organised Crime groups involved in their supply.

We will also look at the impact of the changes in the Night Time Economy on the City and its residents. We will continue to support venues in tackling drug use within their premises and, through scientific analysis, ensure we have an accurate understanding of the drugs being used.

Promote the Safety Thirst scheme to more premises and maximise its potential as a vehicle to promote community safety.

Safety Thirst is the City's well-established scheme to promote excellence within the licensed trade. Premises who apply to the scheme are evaluated against robust criteria and those who have shown a commitment to reducing crime and antisocial behaviour, whilst helping to ensure a safe and pleasant environment for people to

socialise in, are awarded a Safety Thirst certificate. For this year the aim is to engage and involve up to 80 premises.

Develop new approaches to address problems associated with our Night Time Economy during periods of peak demand

We will explore the potential of Alcohol Recovery Centres and other initiatives to protect vulnerable individuals and in doing so seek to reduce the demands placed on Emergency Services.

Building on the success of previous seasonal campaigns we will also provide those working within the City with advice to help them avoid harm (including being a victim of crime) when socialising in the City.

This year we will be utilising the partnership approaches promoted by the Modern Crime Prevention Strategy to work more closely with Public Health colleagues and others to reduce violence and other offences linked to alcohol consumption. This will include measures to help improve safety in crowded places.

The City of London Corporation's Statement of Licensing Policy will require all new applications to include a noise management plan and an effective dispersal policy to help prevent nuisance and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Priority 5: Anti-Social Behaviour

Objective: Respond effectively to behaviour that makes the City a less pleasant place

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) is a concern to both our residents and those who work in, or visit, the City.

The response that we give in the City towards ASB comes from the City of London Police and different Corporation departments.

City of London Police take the lead on reducing begging through Operation Fennel and use a problem-solving methodology to respond to problematic rough sleepers through Operation Acton. Corporation departments, such as Markets and Consumer Protection and Build Environment, looks at issues arising from licensed premises, noise and inconsiderate road use.

The Community Safety Team also coordinates a response towards the most vulnerable or high-risk cases. Using a multi-agency approach, partners are encouraged to share information about individuals, locations and impacts to create a clear picture of what is needed to safeguard vulnerable people and reduce offending.

What we are going to do

Improve the management of ASB with a greater emphasis on impact of individuals and communities and reduce risk and harm

The City Community Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CCM) approach developed by the Community Safety Team last year has led to new ways of working. It has proved effective in helping resolve a number of persistent problems and also provided a vehicle to manage high risk individuals.

Provision of training for all agencies participating in the CCM has enabled a greater understanding of its principles and mechanisms. Next year more specific training will be available looking in more detail at areas such as risk assessments, safeguarding legislation and court proceedings.

Ensure injunctions and other enforcement powers are used in appropriate cases

The Community Safety Team will continue to support different agencies using injunctions and other enforcement powers. Last year the Community Safety Team supported the Housing Department to instruct its first injunction and we will carry on supporting other departments through legal processes and using enforcement powers where necessary.

Action will continue to support against persistent begging ensuring those individuals in need are offered support to address any underlying issues.

Rough sleepers in the City will be supported into secure accommodation, alongside outreach activities to tackle substance misuse and mental health issues.

Engage with our communities to raise awareness of services available and the legal obligations of different partners tackling ASB

Materials will be produced to raise awareness of services available for people experiencing ASB as well on how to report it

Information will be provided on the Corporation's legal obligations, as well as the Police and other partners, on tackling ASB and the legal tools and powers available. A focus will be on providing our communities with knowledge to allow everyone the opportunity to access support if they are a victim or witness to ASB.

Provide training on existing and new legislations and trends to all relevant staff and partners

The Partnership will continue to provide refreshment seminars on existing and new legislation to all partners, to help them to successfully carry out their duties. Over recent years there have been many changes in the law as well as developing experience in the use of various powers and remedies.

We will work to ensure that relevant Corporation, City Police and other colleagues are aware of emerging problems and the appropriate responses to deal with these. There will be specific work undertaken on how to identify those who may be vulnerable or risk of harm or exploitation.

Useful Information

Modern Crime Prevention Strategy (Home Office):

www.gov.uk/government/publications/modern-crime-prevention-strategy

Prevent Duty (Home Office): www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance

Serious and Organised Crime: www.gov.uk/government/collections/serious-and-organised-crime-strategy

Tackling & Preventing Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) - City and Hackney Strategy 2016 -2019: www.chscb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/FGM-strategy21.pdf

City of London Homelessness Strategy: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/housing-and-council-tax/homeless-risk/Documents/homelessness-strategy-city-of-london-2014-2019.pdf

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