

SAFER CITY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP

Monday, 8 June 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Safer City Partnership Strategy Group held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.30 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Henry Pollard (Chairman)
Peter Lisley, Assistant Town Clerk (Deputy Chairman)
Marianne Fredericks CC
Jon Averbs – Markets and Consumer Protection Department
Commander Wayne Chance - City of London Police
Inspector Luke Harley - City of London Police
John Simpson - London Fire Brigade
Kate Cinamon - Probation Service
Barbara Gough - Resident

Officers:

Jacqui Daniels	Town Clerk's Department
Alex Orme	Town Clerk's Department
Paula Wilkinson	Town Clerk's Department
David MackIntosh	Town Clerk's Department
Sarah Thomas	Community and Children's Services Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ade Adetosoye the Director of Children and Community Services, Bob Benton, Don Randall and Jocelyn Griffith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2015 were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Outstanding Actions – Hotel Toolkit (page 2) The Manager of the Community Safety Team reported that the Hotel Toolkit would be launched shortly at an event in the Grange Hotel, St Pauls and he undertook to advise Members of the details.

Bridge Project (page 3) The Group noted that the Metropolitan Police and the Director of Community and Children Services were liaising directly and the Samaritans were liaising with Planning Department concerning the joint City and Metropolitan Police initiative to reduce the number of suicides from City's bridges. It was added that discussions were being held with the City Bridge Trust about their possible involvement.

Strategic Review for Domestic Abuse in the City (page 6) It was noted that the new Victim Co-ordinator would be providing a presentation on her work at the September meeting of the Group.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

It was noted that all previous outstanding actions were addressed within reports before the Group on that days agenda. It was agreed that a report on outstanding actions should continue to be provided at future meetings.

5. **PERFORMANCE AGAINST SAFER CITY PARTNERSHIP TARGETS**

The Group received a report of the Manager of the Community Safety Team showing progress towards the targets in the 2014/15 Partnership Plan at the end of the final quarter to March 2015.

6. **STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2014/15**

Copies of the Partnership Strategic Assessment, showing the breadth of work covered by the partnership, were laid round the table and Members were asked to provide any final comments to the Manager of the Community Safety Team by the end of June. It was agreed that page 27 of the document should be removed as it did not add useful information.

The Group were encouraged to bear in mind that the Community Safety Team were not responsible for delivering all the schemes referred to in the document and, in any responses suggesting further initiatives a clear steer on the key issues and priorities should be provided together with a note on the lead parties involved and any resources required.

RESOLVED - That the document be approved and that any final comments be provided to the Manager of the Community Safety Team by the end of June 2015.

7. **POLICING, CRIME AND JUSTICE PROPOSALS 2015-20**

Following the recent General Election, the Group received a report of the Manager of the Community Safety Team concerning the commitments made by the Conservative Party in their manifesto relating to matters of relevance them.

It was noted that the Remembrancer would continue to keep the Manager of the Community Safety Team informed of any implication for the Partnership.

8. **COMMUNITY REMEDY AND CONSULTATION**

Members noted a report of the Manager of the Community Safety Team which set out the results of a public consultation exercise on what punitive, reparative or rehabilitative actions they would consider appropriate to be included within local Community Remedy strategies. It was particularly noted that although there was a small response they mirrored the responses around the country and the proportion of residents responding was fairly typical. The Group discussed the level of response, the Home Office's defined areas for consultation and the subject generally. They were informed that a report concerning the delivery of the Community Remedy would be submitted to the Police Committee for their consideration.

9. **COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM UPDATE**

The Manager of the Community Safety Team updated the Group on the current staffing within his Team and expressed the hope that there would now be a degree of stability of personnel. He also outlined recent events that the Team had been involved in, including raising awareness of child sexual exploitation 'Operation Make-safe' and an event concerning Dementia.

The Assistant Town Clerk explained the general responsibilities of the Team and the associated responsibilities which were held more widely within the organisation. In response to a question concerning the establishment of one contact telephone number for the public to use when reporting an incident, he agreed that there was a need to ensure that an excellent and easy to use service was provided.

10. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE UPDATE**

The Group received and commented upon a report of the Commander of the City of London Police which set out the crimes recorded by the City Police in the 2014/15 reporting year and providing comparison figures for crimes within 2013/14.

The report was welcomed and it was agreed that future such reports should include:-

- bullet points identifying the key issues and a very general comparison of the position against the previous year;
- the number of crimes reported in relation to cyber-crime/fraud;
- the identification of crimes associated with the Night-time Economy; and
- a London Context.

11. **PREVENT STRATEGY UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Community Safety Team concerning Prevent which sits within the Corporation's statutory responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for local authorities to do all they can to prevent crime and disorder in its area. It was noted that the third bullet point on the first page of the report should end with the word 'response'.

During a detailed introduction to the report it was noted that the Corporation was looking at its departments in order to identify particular risks e.g educational establishments and venue hire. It was noted that children could be radicalised in their own homes via the computer and Members discussed various ways of engaging with parents and the community on this matter. It was agreed that an update be provided at the next meeting, if appropriate.

12. **SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME GROUP**

The notes of the introductory meeting of the Serious and Organised Crime Board were noted.

It was agreed that the Terms of Reference of the Board would be forwarded to Members together with the draft minutes of this meeting.

13. **LONDON FIRE BRIGADE - UPDATE**

A monthly statistical bulletin and the fire cadets progress report were considered by the Group. It was noted that the downward trend in incidents continued and all cadets who had taken a qualification were successful. It was suggested that

consideration be given to encouraging children on the Mansell Street and the Golden Lane Estates to be fire cadets.

14. A SUBSTANCE MISUSE HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE CITY OF LONDON

The Group received a briefing report of the Health and Wellbeing Policy Officer in the Children and Community Services Department which provided an overview of the report 'A substance Misuse Health Needs Assessment for the City of London' which gives an assessment of substance misuse needs in the residents, workers and rough sleepers in the City and aims to help inform the development of a commissioning strategy.

The Commander of the City of London Police referred to 'Operation Fennel', an innovative way of dealing with aggressive begging on the streets of the City which gives offenders the opportunity to access and engage in a range of referral services. Members discussed the differing merits of Antisocial Behaviour Orders (ASBOs), Public Space Protection Orders and Section 35 Dispersal Powers.

15. HEALTH AND WELLBEING UPDATE

A summary report of the Health and Wellbeing Board of 25 February 2015 was considered providing information on matters considered at their February meeting and updates on other matters relating to health and wellbeing in the City.

16. PUBLIC PROTECTION SERVICE (ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, LICENSING AND TRADING STANDARDS) UPDATE

The Group noted an updated version of the report of the Port Health and Public Health Director which provided an update on the Trading Standards Service's partnership work in dealing with economic crime, street trading, the late night levy, Safety Thirst and noise.

A Member referred to the need to consider the possible impact upon the need for taxi marshalling once the underground runs throughout the night. The need for a licence to undertake charitable street collections for money was mentioned although it was noted that no licence was required if charities were asking members of the public to sign up for future charitable giving.

17. MEETING DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2015

It was noted that meetings of the Group would be held on 1 September 2015 (subsequently moved to 24 September at 11am) and 16 November 2015 at 10.30am.

18. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no urgent items.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm

Chairman

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