

SAFER CITY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP

Wednesday, 2 March 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Safer City Partnership Strategy Group (SCPSG) held at Guildhall on Wednesday, 2 March 2016 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Henry Pollard (Chairman)	Jon Averns
Peter Lisley (Deputy Chairman)	Bob Benton
Marianne Fredericks	Barbara Gough
Ade Adetosoye	Richard Woolford

In Attendance

Officers:

Alex Orme	- Town Clerk's Department
David MacKintosh	- Town Clerk's Department
Julie Mayer	- Town Clerk's Department
Valeria Cadeina-Wrigley	- Town Clerk's Department
Inspector Hector McKoy	- City of London Police
Oliver Bolton	- Town Clerk's Department
Tirza Keller	- Community and Children's Services Department
Jacque Campbell	- Community and Children's Services Department
Iain Simmons	- Department of the Built Environment
Jon Averns	- Markets and Consumer Protection
Lucy Sandford	- Community and Children's Services

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from John Simpson, who was attending a major incident exercise.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2015 were approved.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Members received the Group's outstanding actions list and noted the following updates:

20 mph Zone and casualty reduction	A reduction in casualties had not been detected as yet and the Planning and Transportation Committee were monitoring the situation. The SCPSG would receive a further update in November 2016. The Chairman of the Streets and Walkways Committee (also a Member of this Committee) advised that the number of speeding tickets had reduced.
London Fire Brigade – End of Year Report	The representative had given apologies and this item would therefore be deferred to the next meeting.
Items covered on today's agenda	<p>Safer City Partnership Plan – at item 9</p> <p>Community Remedy – at item 13</p> <p>Late Night Levy – at item 15</p> <p>Safety Thirst – at items 8</p> <p>Chuggers – at item 15</p> <p>Substance misuse – at item 6</p> <p>Prevent Strategy – at item 10</p> <p>Consultation Exercise by Police and Performance Management Group – at items 13 & 14</p>
Ice cream van on London Bridge	The situation was being monitored by the Public Protection Team, which was likely to peak in the spring/summer. Nut sellers in the area were also being monitored.
Additional Parking Enforcement Activity requested for Bush Lane, Suffolk Lane, Upper Thames Street and Cannon Street	The Public Protection Team were monitoring the new traffic orders to ensure that fire engines at Dowgate Hill can exit speedily.
Actions completed – which can be removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to the Chairman on two repeat cases of domestic abuse. • Air quality – report to the Planning and Transportation Committee circulated to Members of the SCPSG after the last meeting

5. THE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014/15 CITY AND HACKNEY SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services, which satisfied a statutory requirement to report the Annual Adults Safeguarding Plan to the Safer City Partnership Strategy Group (SCPSG). Members noted that the Annual Children's Safeguarding Report would be circulated after this meeting and presented to the next meeting of the SCPSG in June 2016. In the interim, any comments to the Assistant Director were welcomed.

During the discussion on this item the following matters were raised/noted:

- The self-neglect policy was aimed at cases which occurred in the home and therefore would not apply to rough sleepers. For those rough sleepers without capacity, a range of measures were in place to assist them.
- Community and Children's Services were working with the Police's Fraud Safeguarding Team in respect of vulnerable adults who had become victims of telephone or email scams. However, there were challenges in respect of an individual's capacity and whether consent had been given and some were unwilling to pursue criminal charges due to embarrassment.
- Members noted that the HMIC Vulnerability Inspection Action Plan had four areas for improvement and the Town Clerk agreed to circulate this to Members.
- The '*Know the Signs*' Campaign had resulted in more referrals from the local community, although numbers in the city were generally low. Training sessions had been held across the City of London Corporation and Safeguarding had been added to the Corporate Risk Register. Members noted that the Coroner had powers to recommend an investigation.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

6. **HEALTH AND WELLBEING UPDATE**

Members received a summary report on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

During the discussion, the following matters were raised/noted:

- FGM numbers were very low in the City of London Corporation but higher in Hackney. The Officer agreed to provide members with the latest figures.
- In respect of suicide risk from high buildings, the Coroner was satisfied that sufficient preventative measures were in place at Poultry.
- Further statistics from the Square Mile Health Service would be available in the next update.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

7. **HOUSING NEIGHBOURHOOD PATROL SERVICE**

Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services in respect of the Housing Neighbourhood Patrol Service.

Members noted that the maintenance of the City as a safe place enabled the City of London Police to focus on emerging and key areas of crime and they

particularly welcomed the interventions set out in the report. Members noted that, whilst future funding might be challenging, the positive outcomes should be promoted when making a business case.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

8. **COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Town Clerk, which provided an update on the activities of the Safer City Community Team, including progress against rough sleeping targets.

Members noted that, in order to support the '*No First Night Out*' Pilot, the GLA would be funding posts across 3 London Boroughs. The City of London Corporation would not be eligible but would have access to reconnection workers.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

9. **UPDATE ON PROGRESS RELATING TO SAFER CITY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2016-19**

Members received a report of the Town Clerk, which set out progress in respect of the Strategic Plan for 2016-19. Members noted that the new plan was more ambitious than previous versions and would include input from this Group.

One of the Community Safety Team's new objectives would be to produce a regular newsletter and dedicated Community Safety website, with dates of forthcoming events.

It was suggested that the Chairman, Assistant Town Clerk and the Manager of the Community Safety Team meet with the Director of PR to discuss working together on comms strategies for emerging and increasing crimes; cyber fraud and sexual assaults arising from the use of Internet dating sites.

RESOLVED, that – the timescale for providing input to the Plan be noted.

10. **PREVENT ACTIVITY**

Members received a standing report of the Town Clerk, which updated Members on Prevent Activity within the City of London Corporation. Members noted there had been no referrals since the last meeting but this might increase following more training and awareness. Members noted that Prevent awareness worked best if conducted overtly and was recognised as an aspect of safeguarding. It was also suggested that the report be presented to the Education Board.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

11. **LONDON FIRE BRIGADE UPDATE**

Deferred to the next meeting.

12. **LONDON FIRE BRIGADE FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS - PERFORMANCE AGAINST TARGETS**

Deferred to the next meeting.

13. **COMMUNITY REMEDY**

Members received a report of the Town Clerk in respect of the Community Remedy Document (CRD), which had also been approved by the Police Committee. Members noted that the Police Committee had asked for a further report showing outcomes. In response to questions, Members noted that the resulting intelligence would be available to other forces and asked for further clarity as to whether it would be visible on the DBS.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

14. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Members received a report of the Commissioner of Police in respect of Community Engagement, which had also been presented to the Police Committee. The Police Committee had asked for this report to be more outcome focussed and for the level of detail to be reduced.

In response to questions, the following matters were raised/noted:

- All blue light response services were aware of congestion spots and alternative routes. Sirens were not used when vehicles were stationary.
- Local businesses had been consulted as to how they would like to receive information.
- If illegal raves were full it was safer to take action after the event. Intelligence in the Metropolitan Police and surrounding boroughs was very sound and the Planning Team were consulted regularly.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

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

Members received the regular Public Protection Service Update report and noted that, in future, the format would include statistics. Following a query raised at the last meeting, Members noted that, generally, chuggers were complying with the Public Fundraising Association.

A Member raised the concerns of Barbican residents about noise from the tube and noted that these should be logged with the noise nuisance team in Public Protection. The Police were due to meet with TfL shortly and would raise this issue.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

16. LOCAL PLAN

Members received a briefing note of the Director of the Built Environment. The report author had submitted apologies to this meeting but had advised the Town Clerk that the Department were keen to maintain liaison with the Community Safety Team and the Safer City Partnership Committee. Furthermore, the new Safer City Partnership Plan (at agenda item 9) would be useful evidence for them consider when developing their Safety and Security policies.

17. DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW

Members received a report of the Town Clerk in respect of a Domestic Homicide Review, as defined by the Home Office. Members noted that this was an on-going investigation and they would receive an update at their next meeting in June.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

18. DOMESTIC ABUSE FORUM - 6 MONTHLY REVIEW

Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services, which set out a 6 month review of the activities of the Domestic Abuse Forum. Members noted plans to rename the forum in order to better reflect harmful behaviours affecting women, girls and vulnerable people.

In response to a question, the Group noted that out of 128 incidents this year; 26 were residents, 20 workers and the remainder lived outside of the City.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

19. ALDGATE HIGHWAY CHANGES AND PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER) - ISSUE REPORT

Members received a report of the Director of the Built Environment, which sought approval to consult with the public on the proposal to make a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). The report would be presented to various committees ahead of being presented to the Court of Common Council for decision in April 2016.

The SCPG made the following comments, ahead of the report's presentation to committees:

- Was there more natural surveillance since 2012, particularly in the Leman Street Area, which would be likely to increase further by 2017/18?
- The order would potentially criminalise rough sleeping and wouldn't keep out persistent offenders.

- Could road sweepers and car park guards be used for extra vigilance?
- The report should be reviewed to increase more focus on communications before it goes through the Committee process.
- Given that a number of City parks had no railings or gates and there were generally no problems, had the evidence been tested sufficiently?

RESOLVED, That – the report and comments set out above be noted.

20. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

In response to a question on the future composition of the Committee, Members noted that this would form part of the SCP Strategic Review and the subject of a report to the next Committee in June 2016.

21. ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

- The Assistant Town Clerk (also the Deputy Chairman of this Sub Committee) updated Members on the One Safe City Programme, which had recently been approved by the Summit Group. The project sought better co-ordination of all community safety activity; encouraging joined up working and shared responsibility across all City of London Corporation Departments.
- Members noted a project to join the contact centre with the Police's control room would provide a joint response, working towards a 24-hour service, and remove some layers of bureaucracy. The City of London Corporation had used the City Police's 'Ring of Steel' cameras and this infrastructure could also be used to support community safety.
- Members also noted the availability of a Metropolitan Police Booklet on the top 10 scams and a cyber fraud document produced by the City of London Police, which was available on request.
- As this would be the current Chairman's last meeting, Members thanked him for his sterling work over the past 4 years in championing the work of the Safer City Partnership and for shaping the Group into a more strategic body.

22. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that under Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, public be excluded from the following items on the grounds that they may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

23. CITY OF LONDON POLICE - CRIME STATISTICS

Members received the crime statistics and noted that, reporting violent crime was generally increasing, probably as a result of economic recovery, the rising population and footfall from the high-time economy.

The Commander reiterated that, generally, the City was a very safe place but the Police remained constantly vigilant of emerging crimes such as cyber crime.

In response to a question about the public perception and possible confusion between begging and homelessness, officers explained that this was being addressed via operation Fennel and would be included in the Community Safety Strategy at agenda item 9.

At 12.55 Members agreed to suspend standing orders so as to complete the business on the agenda.

24. OPERATION BROADWAY

Members endorsed a report of the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection.

25. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

26. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There were no items.

The meeting ended at time 1.10 pm

Chairman

Contact Officer: Julie Mayer
tel.no.: 020 7332 1410
julie.mayer@cityoflondon.gov.uk