

<b>Committee(s):</b> Police Committee – For Information	<b>Date(s):</b> 4 April 2019
<b>Subject:</b> Draft Safer City Partnership Strategy 2019-22	<b>Public</b>
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## Summary

This report provides a context for the attached draft strategy being developed for the Safer City Partnership (SCP). The SCP is the City of London's Community Safety Partnership. Established as a result of the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) each local authority area has a Community Safety Partnership which brings together a range of partners. Statutory partners include the City of London Corporation, City of London Police, London Fire Brigade, London Probation Trust and the City and Hackney Clinic Commissioning Group. The SCP also enjoys representation from the Guinness Trust (as a relevant registered social landlord), the City of London Crime Prevention Association and business representation.

One of the requirements placed on the SCP is the production of three-year plans, annually reviewed, and where necessary refreshed. This set out agreed key priorities and planned activity.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report. Comments and views are invited and will be incorporated into the development of the attached draft strategy.

## Main Report

### Background

1. The Safer City Partnership (SCP) is the Community Safety Partnership for the City of London. Community Safety Partnerships were established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

2. Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory responsibility on the Police and Local Authority, to formulate a strategy to reduce crime and disorder within their areas. The section also places a legal obligation on other organisations, such as Probation and Health Authorities, to engage and cooperate in this strategy. Community Safety Partnerships help mobilise a wide range of resources and expertise to help prevent crime and reduce fear within communities.

3. The SCP produces a three-year plan, refreshed annually. This plan is a public document and should be discussed with the Police Authority. The partnership should also annually assess and review its work. In addition, the SCP is expected to consult with the communities it serves.

### **Current Position**

4. The format of this year's strategy has been changed in order to bring it into line with the Corporate Plan. It is based on previous preceding SCP strategic plans but also recognises the current Corporate Plan and therefore has been refreshed to align to the current plan 2018-23. This format will also align with the Anti -Social Behaviour Strategy for the City of London which is currently under development. Individual workplans will be developed for each of the outcome areas.

5. Discussion has been undertaken with relevant partners, as well as reflecting national priorities, to agree the five outcomes within the strategy:

- **Vulnerable people and communities are safeguarded from radicalisation and the threat of terrorism.**
- **People are safe from violent crim**
- **People and businesses are protected from theft and fraud/acquisitive crime**
- **Anti-Social Behaviour is tackled and responded to effectively**
- **People are safe and feel safe in the night time economy**

6. We are now seeking to finalise inputs from partners with the intention of taking a draft to the April Summit group prior to sign off at the May SCP meeting.

7. This paper seeks to raise awareness of the role of the SCP, the work it undertakes in partnership with the City of London Police and invite input to the developing current strategy.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

7. This strategy supports the City Corporation to fulfil its vision, as outlined in its Corporate Plan for 2018-23, for a 'vibrant and thriving City, supporting a diverse and sustainable London within a globally-successful UK'. The strategy supports all three aims that are outlined in the Plan of contributing to a flourishing society, shaping outstanding environments and supporting a thriving economy, and three of the 12 outcomes that are listed as part of these aims.

8. The strategy will be a key mechanism for delivering Outcome 1 – People are safe and feel safe. This strategy will also contribute to and support Outcome 4.a 'Communities are cohesive - Bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance'; and 6. c, 'Lead nationally and advise internationally on the fight against economic and cyber-crime'.

## **Conclusion**

10. Members are invited to contribute to the development of the draft SCP strategy for 2019/22.

Appendices

Appendix A – Safer City Partnership Strategic Plan 2019 - 22

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