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Summary

This report provides a yearly update and review of the begging operation – Luscombe, run by the City of London Police.

Recommendation(s)

- Note the report.

Main Report

Begging (Op Luscombe)

Operation Luscombe has now been running for 13 months and has produced good results in the disruption and exclusion of some of the City's most prolific beggars. In the early stages of Operation Luscombe being run, we had a large portion of entrenched beggars that were also classified as rough sleeping. Due to the nature of their behaviour they were quickly swept up by the intervention strategy or excluded from the City of London. Early intervention using the traffic light system has meant that we have successfully discouraged the entrenchment of a number of nomadic style beggars that have moved into the City of London and we will continue to target such individuals.

We have currently placed two of Criminal Behaviour Order applications on hold whilst we try to obtain a new Community Impact Statement. The previous statement had a

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significant impact at court, but was sadly withdrawn due to personal circumstances of the author.

We have recalled two Criminal Behaviour Order applications after the subjects avoided court action by engaging with outreach and drugs rehabilitation services, thus diverting themselves away from the criminal justice system. (We retain this material for use in any future court proceedings, should they re-offend).

Operation Luscombe did lead to the prosecution and subsequent Criminal Behaviour Order of the most prolific beggar within the City of London. Since the order was made, she has not come back to police notice and is now engaging with services in Tower Hamlets.

Luscombe was originally produced after a Problem Profile was produced in response to concerns raised at Police Committee and has been an experimental approach as a means to target and deal with wide scale begging and as such is due to be reviewed. We have requested a full re-assessment of the begging problem in the City of London by the Force Intelligence Bureau to conduct a comparative review on begging, which we hope will enable us to better understand what impact the operation has had and potentially how it can be improved upon.

We are hoping to re-establish a closer working relationship with the British Transport Police at the major commuter hubs within the City of London after a wide scale change of management, which affected the effectiveness of the operation around and inside certain mainline stations. Whilst the force has little ability to control the actions of another forces current priorities, we hope to influence their current approach to tackling the problem, as this does have a direct impact on our own operational effectiveness.

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Total issued	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue	CBO
Hub 1 – May (1) 2018	31				
Hub 2 – May (2) 2018	20	3			
Hub 3 – June (1) 2018	16	10	1		
Hub 4 – June (2) 2018	13	9	6	1	
Hub 5 – July 2018	6	3	1		

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Hub 6 – August 2018	3	2			
Hub 7 – September 2018	9	1	1		
Hub 8 – October 2018	4	1	1	1	
Hub 9 – November 2018	10	1	1	1	
Hub 10 – December 2018	7	1			
Hub 11 – January 2019	1	5	1		
Hub 12 – February 2019	5	2	2		
Hub 13 – March 2019	8	3	5	2	
Hub 14 – April 2019	1		1		1
Hub 15 – May 2019	4	2			
Total	138	43	20	5	1

Process:

Stage 1 – Initial ‘Green’ intervention ticket and invitation to a joint partnership working ‘Hub’. Hub to be organised bi-weekly.

Stage 2 – Re-offenders will be given a ‘Yellow’ intervention invite and a CPN. There will be a requirement to attend an intervention hub.

Stage 3 – Re-offenders will be issued with a ‘Red’ intervention full CPN. This will be for breach of condition on the CPN.

Stage 4 – Re-offenders will be dealt with by means of summons or arrest and a CBO application ‘Blue’.

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