

Committee(s)	Dated:
Safer City Partnership Strategy Group	04/12/2020
Subject: Terms of Reference Review and Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Safer City Partnership Strategy Group	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1,2,3,4
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
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Summary

This report provides Members of the Safer City Partnership Strategic Group with a decision and recommendation on the next Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Safer City Partnership Strategic Group from 2021, as well as propose changes to the current Terms of Reference to enhance more details of responsibilities, purpose, membership, priorities and sub-groups of the Partnership.

Recommendation(s)

- Partners are asked to consider the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee (C&CS) be elected chair of the Safer City Partnership (SCP) with the Police Authority Board Chairman or Deputy Chairman acting as Deputy SCP Chairman from 2021.
- Members are also asked to consider the Terms of Reference (TOR) and agree to make changes in order to improve effectiveness.

Main Report

Background

1. The Safer City Partnership brings together statutory and non-statutory agencies who have a role in keeping the Square Mile safe.

2. As listed in the SCP Terms of Reference (see Appendix 1), the Chairman of the Partnership shall be an elected member for the City of London Corporation, and is also normally the Chairman of the Police Authority Board.
3. It is proposed that members agree to the proposal that the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Community & Children Service's Committee to chair the SCP. With this recommendation, it is believed that it would provide a more joined up approach with other work in related Committees and Sub-Committees of the City of London Corporation, the SCP and the City of London Police (CoLP)
4. It is proposed that the Policy Authority Board Chair or Deputy Chair to act as the Deputy SCP Chair.
5. Members also have the opportunity to revise the TOR for the Partnership, re-aligning its focus, as well as clarifying the details on who can be elected as the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Partnership
6. The current agreed TOR does not highlight some of the key responsibilities of the Partnership, such as the governance of information sharing. Furthermore, it can be improved to give more emphasis to the work of all the agencies involved, whether they are statutory or non-statutory agencies.
7. Suggestions and additions to the TOR will be considered by Members during the Partnership meeting and a final briefing paper will be prepared for the next SCP meeting noting the proposed changes.
8. Any changes need to be agreed by the Partnership and it is further proposed that the TOR and associated Chairing arrangements be reviewed once every two - three years.

Proposals

9. It is proposed on behalf of Partners that the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the C&CS Committee be elected Chairman of the SCP with the Police Authority Board Chairman or Deputy Chairman acting as Deputy SCP Chairman from 2021
10. It is proposed to discuss and highlight potential changes to the current TOR for the SCP, to better reflect the work of all involved agencies and improving the governance of information sharing.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

Strategic Implications

11. By accepting this recommendation, it is expected to have a positive effect on the outcomes aligned to contributing to a flourishing society, as laid out in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan. This is because of the increased joined up approach and cross cutting with other areas of the Corporation and partners work that the proposal will bring.

12. By reviewing the Terms of Reference, it is expected that the TOR can be re-aligned where necessary to better reflect the work of all member agencies.

Conclusion

13. The Safer City Partnership through the work of its partners helps ensure that the Square Mile is a safe place for people to live, learn, work and visit. These proposals will build upon the strategic leadership for community safety partnership activity within the City, better reflect the work of partners through a revised Tor and also ensuring that a joined up approach with elements of the City of London Corporation's duties, as well as all other SCP partners.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Safer City Partnership Terms of Reference

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