

## **SAFER CITY PARTNERSHIP – UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR**

I am pleased to provide a update on the progress and developments made by the Safer City Partnership (SCP) since its inception last year. Here are the key highlights and areas of focus:

### **Key Highlights:**

#### **Inception and Strategy Launch:**

The Safer City Partnership Board (SCP) commenced its journey with the public launch of the "Safer City Strategy" in September 2022, laying the foundation of our key objectives and focus areas.

**Leadership Appointment:** This coincided with the re-set of the SCP, evolving from being led by elected members to officers.

I took on the interim chair responsibilities with our inaugural meeting held in November 2022.

Gavin Steadman, Director of Public Protection, took on the deputy chair responsibilities, as a representative of the City of London Corporation. The board and I are grateful for this leadership and support.

#### **Focus Areas and Development of Action Plans:**

In our first meeting, the committee identified seven areas of focus as dictated by the strategy.

Dedicated leads were allocated for each area to develop Terms of Reference (ToR), form delivery groups, and craft action plans, ensuring a structured approach for reporting back into the CSP.

**Refined Focus:** following further focus and scrutiny, the SCP Board agreed to concentrate its efforts on three pivotal areas (Serious Violence Reduction, ASB and Reducing Reoffending) the accomplishments of which are highlighted and detailed in the report.

#### **Positive Developments:**

**Swift Reorganisation:** The Board successfully managed a reset of the SCP in a relatively short timeframe, showcasing agility and responsiveness to evolving needs.

**Progressive Steps by Delivery Groups:** The delivery groups have shown commendable progress with significant investment and involvement from statutory partners. The work undertaken by the Serious Violence Reduction and the ASB Delivery Group is testament to this cohesive approach. The 'Reducing Reoffending Group' is beginning to make significant progress.

## **Areas for Development:**

**Enhancing Information Sharing and Data Analysis:** To foster a culture of informed decision-making, a dedicated analyst has been recruited and the board looks forward to their contribution towards improving the information sharing and data analytics.

**Strengthening Partnership Working:** We acknowledge the uniqueness of our partnership space and are working diligently to secure increased buy-in and foster a collaborative environment. A positive example of this Probation Director taking on the Chair role for the Reducing Reoffending Group.

**Fostering Collaboration Across Sectors:** We aim to enhance cooperation between the statutory, private business, and voluntary sectors, working towards a common understanding and joint problem-solving initiatives.

**Funding Process Review:** As part of our commitment to transparency and consistency, we are in the process of testing and improving the newly designed funding process, which is detailed in this inaugural report.

## **Conclusion:**

In less than 10 months, we have achieved remarkable milestones, and there is a genuine commitment amongst board members to build on this foundation. Our collective aspiration is to realise the Corporation's mission of making the City a safe and pleasant place to live, work and visit and further reduce the low levels of crime in comparison with other areas.

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