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| Safer City Partnership Strategy Board | 29/01/2024 |
| Subject: Reducing Neighbourhood Crime and Anti-social Behaviour Strategy Implementation | Public |
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| Summary | |
| The purpose of this report is to provide partners and the public an update on the progress of the Safer City Partnership, Reducing Neighbourhood Crime and Anti-social Behaviour Strategy implementation. | |
| Recommendation | |
| Partners are asked to: | |
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Main Report

Background

1. The Safer City Partnership (SCP) Strategy 2022-2025 was agreed at the end of 2022 and 7 priorities were decided in the plan 'Reducing neighbourhood crime and Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)' become one of the priorities.
2. In 2023 the ASB Delivery Group was created with key partners from the Corporation and Police to deliver the strategic aims of the plan. The group has been meeting quarterly to review progress on actions and collaborate to deliver our outcomes.

3. The group is co-chaired by the Corporation Director for City Operations division Ian Huges and the City Police Chief Superintendent Rob Atkin. The group will be responsible for the review of the ASB strategy in 2024 and create a new action plan for the year.
4. In 2023 the group supported the delivery of a Partnership ASB policy that is currently going to different committees for approval. The policy gives greater clarity on how we respond to ASB in the Square Mile and how the different departments in the Corporation and police work together to prevent and tackle ASB.

Current Position

5. The 'reducing neighbourhood crime and ASB implementation plan' in Appendix 1 shows progress on the actions initially marked and the individual agencies who were responsible for it progress.
6. The strategic plan focuses on a collaborative victim-focused approach to tackling ASB, working between corporation departments, police, and other agencies to tackle ASB through improved reporting, support, enforcement, and environmental measures. Some of the key achievements of the 2023 are highlighted below.
7. Communications campaigns have raised awareness on reporting ASB and theft techniques. The Corporation and police websites have been improved to give all our communities diverse ways to report and contact us about ASB issues.
8. The ASB Case Review process has been promoted and updated. The ASB Case review process allows victims and communities to escalate problems when they are reported but no action has taken place to resolve the issues. This process can be activated after three consecutive reports of ASB in 6 months with no action taken by any agency. This works as a safety net for vulnerable people and our communities.
9. A Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CMARAC) was established to support victims and the process has been refreshed to ensure repeat victims are identified and managed through the CMARAC process. Repeat offenders will also be managed by the same forum.
10. Cluster panels enable residents to flag emerging issues with the City Police and feel reassured of the police work in the Square Mile.
11. Data sharing processes are in place between licensing, pollution control, police, and other corporation teams responsible for the response of diverse types of ASB.

12. Patrol services provided by Parkguard have increased following a trial and benefits analysis. The Corporation has seen the benefits of using patrol services to reduce and prevent ASB, therefore in 2024, we will expand the service to the nighttime economy busy areas and the City Bridges.
13. Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) powers are powers delegated by the Police to patrol services and security officers. CSAS has now been delegated from the City Police to Parkguard. The aim of delegating CSAS powers is to give Parkguard officers more tools to deal with low-level disorder and ASB – the delegated powers will allow Parkguard to require name and address, to issue Fixed Penalty Notices, to require the surrender of alcohol and tobacco, and to stop cycles riding on a footway.
14. Overall, the plan has implemented several initiatives to improve reporting, support, enforcement, and collaboration on ASB issues. Key next steps are focused on continuing to build on these foundations.

Next Steps

15. In 2024 the ASB Strategic Delivery Group will continue to work in partnership and create new initiatives to reduce and respond to ASB in the Square Mile, some of the points we plan to have in the 2024 plan are as follows:
 - a. Further communications campaigns, especially around the night-time economy.
 - b. Increasing awareness of enhanced lighting technologies to tackle ASB
 - c. Analysing CCTV provisions and temporary/mobile options
 - d. Reviewing Barbican Estate ASB management processes

Strategic Implications

16. All the work noted in this report contributes to the SCP's strategic aims:
 - Reducing neighbourhood crime and Anti-social Behaviour

Conclusion

17. This report has outlined initiatives taken place over 2023, through projects, events, training, and awareness raising. We have worked in partnership to achieve the SCP strategic aims for the 2022 – 2025 Strategic Plan.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Reducing Neighbourhood Crime and Anti-social Behaviour 2023 Strategic Implementation Action Plan

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