

<b>Committee(s):</b> Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee	<b>Dated:</b> 18/01/2024
<b>Subject:</b> Update on City of London Reducing Re-Offending Delivery Group	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Report of:</b> [insert name(s) of relevant Chief Officer(s)]	<b>For Information</b>
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### Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee on the City of London Reducing Re-Offending Delivery Group, their work and current activity.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. The formation of the Reducing Re-offending Delivery Group is part of the Safer City Partnership's response towards creating a more effective Crime and Disorder Partnership. Our focus is to Reducing reoffending to protect our communities and aligns with the City's Corporate plan to contribute to a flourishing society where people are safe and feel safe.
2. We aim to work in partnership to improve the interventions we have in place against the seven pathways of reoffending: Accommodation, Education, training and employment, Health, Drugs and alcohol misuse, Finance, benefit and debt, Children and families and Attitudes, thinking and behaviour. We want to achieve: Visible drug and alcohol use and dealing reduced, Reduction in the reoffending rate for adults and juveniles, reduce reoffending behaviour through Integrated Offender Management, Fewer first-time entrants into the criminal

justice system, More people successfully complete treatment and do not returning to the service for treatment within a six-month period.

3. Progress for the subgroup has been slightly delayed this is partly attributed to the unique landscape of the City of London. In the meeting in June, it was established that understanding the City's make up is key to assisting the partnership in evidencing how the work we are doing contributes to the reduction of offending/re-offending in the city.

### **Current Position**

4. In 2023 the City of London Reducing Reoffending Group met on four occasions to commence the work around supporting the reduction of re-offending in the city. The group is chaired by the Head of Service for Hackney & City Probation and Co-Chaired by City of London Police (CoLP) Superintendent.
5. Members of the group is currently made up of statutory organisations. A number of the objectives for this delivery group are targeted around the impact that statutory offenders have on the City of London and given that this cohort of individuals resident in the city is very small; requires wider coordination and cooperation from partners across the other London Boroughs.

### **Progress**

6. It was previously reported that CoLP had provided Probation with a dataset of all IOM contacts between (Jan 23- Sep 23) across the city. Whilst interrogating this data continues in order to provide evidence of tangible outcomes. Early indication shows that there would need to be a liaison with at least 5 different boroughs across London. The Chair has now shared this data with the IOM (Integrated Offender Management) lead for City & Hackney Probation and is in discussion about the how we utilise existing channels to obtain consistent information on these individuals to support COL Police with their management of this in the city.
7. Access to Interventions continues to be provided in Police custody aiming to tackle the drivers that can contribute to re-offending. CoLP are starting to use diversions as part of conditional cautions. Additionally, COL Police will be trialling the Divert London referral pathways for suspects aged 18-25 years who are brought into Bishopsgate custody. Custody staff are currently being briefed over the and they will make contact with an Officer from the Suspect and Offender Management team who will facilitate the referral to Divert. It is anticipated that at least 6 individuals to be referred over the next few months. The results from the trial will inform a future bid to have a custody coach imbedded in Bishopsgate Police Station similar to a model which is currently operational in a number of custody suites in London.
8. Prior to the end of last year, the City Community MARAC TOR were amended to include problem solving and action planning for City reoffenders.

9. CoLP and Probation have been working together to streamline the process regarding MAPPA (Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements) in the city and provide further assurance around the joint management of these cases. Whilst it is identified that the numbers are low, we will be implementing quarterly professional meetings where these cases will be discussed. This will provide partners with greater assurance regarding risk management for Level 1 (single agency management) cases. The Reducing Reoffending Group will next meet on 22/01/2024 where it will finalise the dates for across 2024.

### **Future Activity**

10. It was previously reported that Probation and CoLP DCI - Special Operations was developing a process to share daily intel around arrests of offenders impacting the city, this responsibility has now been transferred to Detective Sergeant - Suspect and Offender Management Team (SOM) so has slightly delayed progress. However, following a meeting with the new Detective Sergeant on 08/01/2024 data regarding general arrests within the city has been sent to Probation for review. Similar to the IOM data it will allow both agencies to improve the current processes regarding information sharing which will have a direct impact on having positive outcomes towards reducing risk of further offending in the city.

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