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Safer City Partnership Strategy Board Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee	5 Nov 2024 14 Nov 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 Superintendent Sarah Dobinson. The group is responsible for the implementation of the ASB strategy and the action plan for 2024 – 2025.
4. In 2023 the group supported the delivery of a Partnership ASB policy that has received committee. 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 strategic implementation plan' in Appendix 1 shows progress on the actions initially marked and the individual agencies who were responsible for its progress.
6. The strategic plan focuses on a collaborative 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 2024 are highlighted below.
7. Awareness of personal safety issues and acceptable behaviour has been raised across the Square Mile with campaigns such as Safe Street, Neighbourhood Team and Op Reframe which focuses on the Night Time Economy.
8. Additional funding agreed by committee was used to create a new officer role to manage public engagement on littering and anti-social behaviour, including public messaging, data analysis, and resource coordination. This post has been filled and has begun delivering on-street campaigns such as encouraging City Workers to take their litter back to their offices so it can be recycled, and discouraging smokers from using drains to dispose of their cigarette ends.
9. There has also been a focus on services being reintroduced to deal with issues surrounding ASB within the nighttime economy. Reports of "Bodily Fluid Cleansing" are decreasing. In the four months since the introduction of the new resources we have seen an 11.3% decrease in ASB reports compared to the four months prior. This is particularly encouraging as we would normally expect an increase in ASB at this time of year. It is 22% down on the same period in 2023.
10. The Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference is a monthly meeting that is coordinated by the Corporations Community Safety Team. The focus of the meeting is to provide support to vulnerable victims of anti-social behaviour and explore multi agency opportunities to manage situational anti-social behaviour. The CCM is co-chaired by the Corporation Community

Safety Team manager and the City of London Police Chief Inspector for Neighbourhood Policing.

11. Following the delegation of some police powers by the City of London Police Authority Board earlier this year, use of the delegated powers is being overseen by the City of London Police and the Corporation, to ensure that all use is proportionate and appropriate.
12. Operation Luscombe, which tackles begging within the Square Mile while providing pathways to housing for rough sleepers has been reviewed and a proposal for changes and resources is being developed.
13. A review of the Secure City operating model for CCTV coverage in the Square Mile has been conducted and programme has replaced analogue cameras with 4K digital cameras which include video analytics, providing enhanced crime and anti-social behaviour capability.
14. In October, multi-agency activity took place at Castle Baynard following concerns from the public and a serious assault that took place between members of the rough sleeping community. Teams from Cleansing, Rough Sleeping, Outreach and the Police worked together to facilitate a deep clean of the area while providing pathways to housing to the rough sleepers in the area.
15. 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

16. In November the Corporation and City of London Police will be promoting the national ASB week which runs from the 18th to the 23rd of the month. The theme this year is 'Making Communities Safety' which will involve dedicated activity and a social media campaign. Plans are also being drawn up to provide dedicated ASB resources and activity for the Christmas period.
17. The ASB Strategy will be updated with the SCP 2025 - 2028 Strategic plan and with that, a new delivery plan will be set up.

Strategic Implications

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

Conclusion

19. This report has outlined initiatives taken place during 2024, 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 2024 Strategic Implementation Action Plan

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