

City of London Corporation Committee Report

Committees: Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee Safer City Partnership	Dated: 29 May 2025 30 May 2025
Subject: Safer City Partnership Strategy 2025 - 2029	Public report: CDSC For Information SCP For decision
This proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivers Corporate Plan 2024-29 outcomes• Delivers SCP statutory duties	Vibrant Thriving Destination Providing Excellent Services
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
If so, how much?	
What is the source of Funding?	
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	
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Summary

The Safer City Partnership (SCP) Strategy for 2025-2029 outlines a comprehensive approach to ensuring the City of London remains a safe and welcoming place for all. This strategy focuses on addressing crime, disorder, and vulnerabilities through collaborative efforts that benefit residents, workers, learners, and visitors alike. This strategy delivers the statutory requirement established in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 section 6.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report – Crime and Disorder Scrutiny committee
- Approve the 2025 – 2029 Strategy – Safer City Partnership

Main Report

Background

1. The vision of the SCP is to keep the Square Mile as a safe place for people to live, learn, work, and visit. The primary objective is to prevent and tackle crime, disorder, and anti-social behaviour in the City of London through multi-agency action. This involves addressing immediate impacts and supporting vulnerable groups—whether victims, offenders, or both—to maintain a safe and secure environment
2. The strategic underpinning of this approach was formalised by the introduction of 'Community Safety Partnerships' in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to bring together local partners to formulate and implement strategies to tackle crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour (ASB) in their communities.
3. A Community Safety Partnership is made up of representatives from the police, local authority, and the fire, health and probation services (known as responsible authorities) who appoint co-operating and participating bodies to deliver the strategy in the local level. It works on the principle that no single agency can address all drivers of crime and antisocial behaviour. In the City of London, the partnership is known as the Safer City Partnership (SCP).

Current Position – Priority Areas

4. The SCP Strategy 2022 – 2025 has come to an end, with many positive outcomes, partnership work and initiatives identified in the current strategy document. Based on insights from the strategic assessment produced in 2024, public consultation pre and post strategy and statutory duties, the SCP has identified four key focus areas for the Strategy 2025 - 2029
 - 4.1. **Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)** The leisure industry and night-time economy (NTE) in the City create environments where opportunistic VAWG incidents can occur. Although the overall incidence rate of VAWG in the City remains low, it is a serious issue that requires targeted preventative and supportive measures.
 - 4.2. **Serious Violence (SV)** Local authorities are required to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence as part of The Police, Crime Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. The impact of serious violence, though relatively low in comparison to other areas, is profound and often linked to the NTE.
 - 4.3. **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)** ASB disrupts community cohesion and quality of life. Issues like noise disturbances, public disorder, and environmental offenses necessitate community-driven and multi-agency solutions.

- 4.4. **Acquisitive Crime (AC)** Acquisitive crime, particularly theft, accounts for a significant proportion of crime in the City of London. Addressing environmental prevention, deterrence, and multi-agency working will be essential.

SCP Strategy Overarching Principles

5. The SCP strategy is structured around three overarching principles that will be applied across the work of the delivery groups and SCP partners:

5.1. **Effective and Accountable Partnerships** The SCP aims to build strong, transparent, and inclusive partnerships capable of tackling complex and cross-cutting issues. This includes regular engagement between strategic leads, clear public-facing accountability, and strengthening the visibility of partner roles

5.2. **Evidenced and Intelligence-Led Action** By prioritising evidence and intelligence-led approaches, the SCP aims to target interventions more effectively and monitor trends over time. This ensures that partnership resources are directed where they can have the most impact.

5.3. **Prevention-Focused Interventions** Addressing the root causes of crime requires proactive measures and community engagement. The SCP champions a preventative approach—acting early to reduce risk, change behaviours, and promote safer environments.

Strategic Alignment

6. The SCP Strategy aligns with the City of London Police's Policing Plan 2025–2028. Both share a common commitment to keeping the City safe, inclusive, and resilient, with a particular focus on prevention, victim support, and community engagement. The SCP contributes directly to the delivery of the Policing Plan by supporting vulnerable groups, using shared data and evidence to inform problem-solving, and amplifying the voice of communities through engagement and partnership accountability.

Governance and Implementation

7. The SCP will use project management frameworks to delineate responsibilities and ensure efficient coordination. Regular update reports to the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee will review performance, focusing on outcomes and holding members accountable. The SCP will also explore additional funding

streams and integrate funding discussions into partnership reviews to ensure the long-term viability of key initiatives.

Monitoring and Evaluation

8. The SCP will conduct regular evaluations against SMART objectives, involving all statutory members. Clear metrics for success will be developed, tied to each strategic priority, such as reductions in crime rates, increased public confidence, and improved community engagement. Annual progress reports will be shared with the SCP Board, public stakeholders, and co-opted participants.

Communication and Engagement

9. The SCP is committed to ensuring that this strategy and associated materials are accessible and inclusive. Public-facing materials will include a clear commitment to equity, equality, diversity, and inclusion, ensuring transparency and reinforcing the shared ambition to serve and reflect the needs of all City communities.

Public Consultation

10. To ensure the strategy is shaped by those who live, work, and operate in the Square Mile, two separated consultations were carried out. The first one joined with the City Police to get the views of the public on safety in the City and understand their priorities.
11. The second consultation was specific to the SCP Draft Strategy conducted in Spring 2025. The consultation aimed to gather views from a broad cross-section of the community—including residents, workers, businesses, and voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations—on the proposed strategic priorities and actions set out in the draft strategy. The feedback received highlighted key themes such as the need for more visible policing, improved lighting, and clearer communication. The SCP has incorporated this feedback into the final strategy to ensure it resonates with local experiences and addresses community concerns effectively.

Next steps

12. The SCP Strategy will be delivered by a management framework and Strategy Implementation Groups, please see paper report on SCP delivery plans and groups.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

13. *Strategic implications* – the proposal deliver to the Corporate Plan 2024-2029
14. *Financial implications* – none
15. *Resource implications* – A resourcing plan for the 5-year strategy will be developed taking into account core budgets and opportunities to seek external grant funding.
16. *Legal implications* – The SCP Strategy 2025-2029 delivers our statutory commitment to prepare and deliver local strategies to prevent and reduce crime, established in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
17. *Risk implications* – none
18. *Equalities implications* – The strategy is underpinned by the City Corporation's Equality Objectives 2024–2029 and a shared commitment to equity, equality, diversity, and inclusion. The SCP recognises that safety and the perception of safety are not experienced equally across communities. Through this strategy, the SCP will work to ensure that all residents, workers, and visitors—regardless of identity, background, or circumstance—feel seen, heard, and safe.
19. Climate implications – none.
20. Security implications – none.

Conclusion

21. The Safer City Partnership Strategy 2025-2029 provides a clear roadmap for fostering safety, inclusion, and resilience in the City of London. By focusing on prevention, collaboration, and intelligence-led actions, this strategy aims to create a safer, more secure environment for all who live, work, and visit the City of London

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Safer City Partnership Strategy 2025 – 2029
- Appendix 2 – Consultation Feedback Report

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