

# City of London Corporation Committee Report

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| <b>Committees:</b><br>Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee<br>Safer City Partnership   | <b>Dated:</b><br><b>29 May 2025</b><br><b>30 May 2025</b>         |
| <b>Subject:</b><br>Safer City Partnership Strategy 2025 – 2029: Delivery Plan and Groups  | <b>Public report:</b><br>CDSC For Information<br>SCP For decision |
| <b>This proposal:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Delivers Corporate Plan 2024-29 outcomes</b></li> <li>• <b>Delivers SCP statutory duties</b></li> </ul> | Vibrant Thriving Destination<br>Providing Excellent Services      |
| <b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>  | No  |
| <b>If so, how much?</b>   |   |
| <b>What is the source of Funding?</b>   |   |
| <b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department?</b>   |   |
| <b>Report of: Judith Finlay – Executive Director of Community and Children’s Services and Helen Isaac, City Police Chief Superintendent</b>                               |   |
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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 document explains how the strategy will be delivered and details the various delivery groups involved.

## 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 Safer City Partnership (SCP) Strategy for 2025 - 2029 will be the main instrument used by the Safer City Partnership Strategy Board to address crime, disorder, and vulnerabilities through collaborative efforts that benefit all communities in the Square Mile. This document explains how the strategy will be delivered and details the various multi-agency delivery groups involved in this pivotal collaborative work.

## Delivery Mechanisms

2. The SCP Strategy will be delivered through a coordinated approach involving multiple delivery groups, each focusing on specific areas of the strategy. The key components of the delivery mechanism include:
  - 2.1. **Strategic Assessments and Partnership Plans:** The SCP Strategy Board is responsible for preparing strategic assessments and implementing partnership plans. These plans will be based on data-driven insights and community feedback to address the most pressing safety concerns. These assessments will also guide the ongoing work and therefore contribute to changes and modifications of actions included in the plans.
  - 2.2. **Information Sharing:** Effective information sharing between Responsible Authorities and Co-operating or Participating Persons is crucial for the successful delivery of the strategy. This ensures that all stakeholders are informed and can collaborate effectively.
  - 2.3. **Quarterly Monitoring and Reporting:** The SCP Strategy Board will hold quarterly forums to monitor progress, address challenges, and ensure that the strategy remains on track. These forums will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to review performance and make necessary adjustments.

## Delivery Groups

3. The SCP Strategy is structured around three overarching priorities that will be applied across the work of the delivery groups and SCP Partners: The SCP Strategy will be implemented through four key delivery groups, each with specific responsibilities and objectives. The delivery groups will be chaired by officers in senior positions such as the Corporation Directors or Assistant Directors and/or City Police Chief Inspector or above. This will provide reasonable level of authority to make decisions into plans and operations. The key delivery groups include:
  - 3.1. **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Delivery Group:** This group focuses on addressing issues related to anti-social behaviour, such as noise disturbances, public disorder, and environmental offences. It aims to implement community-driven and multi-agency solutions to enhance community cohesion and quality of life. This group meets bi-monthly, and it's chaired by Ian Hughes Director of City Operations.

- 3.2. **Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Delivery Group:** This group focuses on addressing issues related to violence against women and girls including domestic abuse. It meets quarterly and aligns its efforts with other relevant strategies to ensure a comprehensive approach. The chair of the meeting is Rachel Talmage, Head of Children Social Care, and the deputy chair is Caroline Hay, City Police Chief Inspector.
- 3.3. **Serious Violence (SV) Delivery Group:** This group is dedicated to preventing and reducing serious violence through proactive measures, including education, outreach, and enforcement. It works closely with schools, community centres, and law enforcement agencies. It's chaired by the City Police Chief Inspector Lorenzo Conigliaro and meets monthly.
- 3.4. **Acquisitive Crime (AC) Delivery Group:** This group addresses issues related to acquisitive crime, particularly theft. It focuses on environmental prevention, deterrence, and multi-agency working to reduce the incidence of acquisitive crime in the City of London. This will be a new group and therefore actions in the delivery plans are still being discussed. It will be chaired by the City Police Chief Inspector Paul Southam.

## SCP Strategy Overarching Principles

4. The SCP Strategy is structured around three overarching principles that will be applied across the work of the delivery groups and SCP partners:
- 4.1. **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.
- 4.2. **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.
- 4.3. **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

5. 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**

6. 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**

7. 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**

8. 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.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

9. *Strategic implications* – the proposal delivered to the Corporate Plan 2024-2029
10. *Financial implications* – TBC
11. *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.
12. *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.
13. *Risk implications* – none
14. *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 circumstances - feel seen, heard, and safe.

15. Climate implications – none.

16. Security implications – none.

## **Conclusion**

17. 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**

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