

Committee(s):	Date(s):
The Safer City Partnership Strategy Group.	3 March 2015
Subject:	Public
Community Safety Team Update	
Report of:	For Information
Community Safety Manager	
Summary	
Community Safety Team update and overview in terms of the Safer City Partnership Plan 2014/2015.	
Recommendation	
Members are asked to note the report.	

Main Report

Background

The Community Safety Team, work within the Safer City Partnership and to the Safer City Partnership Plan 2014 – 2017. The Safer City Partnership Strategy Group agreed the following priorities for 2014-2017:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Domestic abuse
- Reducing re-offending
- Night-time economy issues
- Fraud and economic crime
- Counter terrorism
- Civil disorder
- Road Danger Reduction

Current Position

1. Anti-social behaviour

The Community Safety Team and City of London Police coordinate the Anti-social Behaviour Working Group which is now gathering momentum. Both National Intelligence Models (NIMS) and approaches used. The following are the problem solving models used:

SARA – Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assess

NIM's - Intelligence, Enforcement and Prevention.

Areas identified are as follows:

Issue and Location	Action	Update
<p>St Brides Passage off 85 Fleet St. Respond to concerns from businesses in that area which came through the contact centre. Visit area as needed and advise to report aggression to the Police.</p>	<p>St Mungo'sbroadway: Continue to check site and verify whether individuals are rough sleepers or not and therefore give appropriate support/response.</p>	<p>Closed. If any further specific complaints it would be re-opened.</p>
<p>Bishopsgate Corridor Begging and rough sleeping</p>	<p>To increase police patrols and coordinate future actions. Possible Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) for XX* and XX* with positive requirements.</p>	<p>Acceptable Behaviour Contracts being devised by City Outreach Civil Injunction being explored</p>
<p>Baynard House Continues to be used by rough sleepers. Concerns about aggression to public and staff.</p>	<p>British Telecom (BT) are dealing with Anti-social behaviour on their property. They are upping security patrols and will report incidents to Police. XX* have been provided with temporary accommodation in another London Borough. St Mungo's Broadway Outreach will continue to check area with the City of London Corporation Rough Sleeping Team and City of London Police as appropriate.</p>	<p>XX* aggressive towards outreach staff before. Penrose are trying to help by way of accommodation. A Multi-agency meeting has been arranged.</p>
<p>Liverpool Street and Bishopsgate. 2 X Rough Sleepers 1 x pregnant female with learning difficulties. Female seen begging outside Tesco.</p>	<p>St Mungo's Broadway has made safeguarding referrals to London Borough of Tower Hamlets and City of London Corporation. For both Mother and unborn child. Hostel space allocated in Tower Hamlets for both male and female.</p>	<p>St Mungo's Broadway Couple still begging. St Mungo's Broadway Tower Hamlets has been informed about the couple persistent begging.</p>
<p>Tower Bridge Illegal Street Trading. Anti-social Behaviour and Verbal Abuse</p>	<p>Cross border meeting to be arranged to bring a coordinated response to Tower Bridge.</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets to provide radio link to Tower Bridge. Tower Bridge security to share information and cross reference with Tower Hamlets and Southwark re known offenders / potential Anti –Social Behaviour Order breaches.</p>

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<p>Middlesex Street Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour attributed to Substance Misuse and Rough Sleeping in and around the estate and the ramps on the ground floor. The podium. This includes reports of Assault, verbal abuse drug and sex working paraphernalia, deification, urination, tail gating residents to gain entry for drug use.</p>	<p>Initial Site visit completed in conjunction with Housing and Police. Community Safety Team and Police attended a Housing led residents meeting 17/2/15. A number of residents stated that crime and anti-social behaviour has been evident since 2012. Community Safety Manager suggested that tenants and residents provide their contact details to the Housing Officer who will liaise with the Community Safety Manager for coordination of interviews and actions.</p>	<p>Community Safety Team and Police will carry out further investigation and to establish further details: Confirm the identity of Victims and Witnesses – interview and offer support and provide reassurance. Confirm types of incident Identify alleged perpetrators Establish and confirm if any perpetrators live on the estate. Assist housing with interviewing alleged perpetrators confirmed as tenants. Apply problem solving techniques as per the above. In the Interim the Police have increased High Visible Patrols. Arrange planning meeting for a day of joint action with partners.</p>

*XX – Used to replace the identity of the person.

2. Domestic Abuse

The Community Safety Officer with the Lead on domestic abuse has been strengthening partnerships with community and voluntary sector services such as Assent (who are now a member of the Domestic Abuse Forum), City Advice, Stonewall Housing’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Independent Domestic Violence Advocate and the Pan-London lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Domestic Abuse Partnership.

The Community Safety Officer contributed to the debrief of In January the team involved in creating the Behind Closed Doors event came together to debrief. They identified the positive outcome and will go ahead and re-produce this event in 2015.

The Community Safety Team input into the Domestic Abuse Review completed by Nicole Vincent to help strengthen our partnerships, operational practice and prevent and protected people experiencing domestic abuse.

On 6th March the Community Safety Team will be attending and giving out information at an event celebrating International Women’s Day.

3. Reducing Reoffending

The Community Safety Team continues to attend and actively contribute to the following meetings:

Violent Crime SARA,

Shoplifting SARA,

Vehicle Crime SARA,
Pedal Cycle SARA,
Domestic Violence MARAC,
Pan London MARAC Coordinators Meeting,
COLP DA Forum, Rape Steering Group,
City of London Corporation Domestic Abuse Forum,
City of London ASB Working Group,
Cross border ASB Enforcement – Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Islington
Cross border ASB Enforcement meeting – Westminster, Camden and Southwark
Licensing Liaison Panel Meeting,
PPO Panel Meeting,
LGBT stakeholder planning meeting.

Counter Terrorism – Preventing Violent Extremism

The Prevent strategy is part of CONTEST, the overall counter-terrorism strategy.

The aim of the Prevent strategy is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. In the Act this has simply been expressed as to “prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.

The Prevent strategy has three specific strategic objectives:

- Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it;
- Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support; and
- Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.

In December 2014 The Home Office issued guidance in terms of introducing a Statutory Prevent Duty which is set out in the Counter Terrorism and Security Bill. This has now received Royal Assent.

The Guidance states that the Common Council is the Specified Authority for City of London.

The Prevent duty in the City of London will apply to the Common Council as a Local authority.

Specified Local Authorities are required to have due regard with a view of preventing people from being drawn into terrorism.

The Secretary of State has issued guidance to those bodies on how the Prevent duty should be fulfilled.

The Secretary of State will have the power to take direct action to enforce compliance where the Secretary of State is satisfied that a body has failed to discharge the duty. The duty will be live as of 1 July 2015.

These directions are enforceable by a court order.

The delivery of Prevent within the City now sits within the Corporations as a statutory responsibility which will need to be embedding into all areas of work. Specified Authorities are to do all it reasonably can to prevent.

Whilst the duty will apply to local authorities, the police, it will also apply to prisons, providers of probation services, schools, colleges, and universities.

The current Community Safety Manager has been tasked with being the City of London Corporation lead for the Prevent Agenda in line with the Counter Terrorism and Security Bill and will provide a presentation at the Safer City Partnership meeting 3 March 2015.

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