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**Safer City Partnership**

**Partnership Plan 2015 – 2018**

## Introduction

The City of London continues to be a safe and pleasant place to live, work and visit, with low levels of crime compared to other areas. This is due in large part to the partnership working which has taken place in the City over many years. The ambition of the Safer City Partnership is to build upon this strong foundation and oversee further improvements in preventing and responding to crime and anti-social behaviour.

However, we recognise that the City and the world in which we operate is dynamic and that we need to constantly reflect and review how we work to achieve our ambition. Patterns of criminality and risk to the communities we serve are constantly changing and we are committed to being responsive to these challenges. We also need to adapt to the needs of an ever evolving and developing City.

Many of the agencies that comprise the Safer City Partnership have themselves undergone significant change and we continue to operate against a backdrop of significant financial pressures. In response our structures and processes are being revised, with innovative new working practices being developed, to ensure that the Safer City Partnership makes best use of the resources it deploys.

The Safer City Partnership is the vehicle by which the City of London Corporation and its partners fulfil their statutory obligations (under the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act and related legislation) and demonstrate their commitment to reducing crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the City. It is also a mechanism to respond to the concerns of residents, workers and visitors and address issues of victimisation and vulnerability.

For the next 3 years we will continue to focus on the crimes, anti-social behaviour and other related problems that affect those who live, work or visit the City of London. To ensure we are responding to the specific needs of our communities we will undertake regular consultations and developing a more responsive public inter-face. This plan outlines the specific areas of work and provides detail of how we will undertake these tasks.

## Who we are

The Safer City Partnership involves representation from the following partners:

- The City of London Corporation\*
- The City of London Police\*
- London Fire Brigade\*
- Health\*
- London Probation Trust \*
- British Transport Police
- Transport for London
- City of London Crime Prevention Association
- Her Majesty's Court Service
- Residents

The partners marked with an asterisk are "statutory partners" and are responsible collectively for delivering on the targets set out in this Plan. We will continue to review the membership of the Safer City Partnership to ensure its ability to deliver effectively across the breadth of its agenda without diminishing its strategic focus.

Uniquely within England The Common Council of the City of London continue to be defined as the Police Authority for the City of London Police area in accordance with the provisions of the City of London Police Act 1839 and the Police Act 1996. The role of the Police Authority, however, is broadly similar to the role of Police and Crime Commissioners:

- To ensure the City of London Police runs an effective and efficient service by holding the Commissioner to account;
- To ensure value for money in the way the police is run; and
- Set policing priorities taking into account the views of the community.

The Community Safety Team, part of the Town Clerk's Department of the City of London Corporation, helps support and facilitate work undertaken to meet the Safer City Partnerships priorities. The Team has a central role in collecting information on the range of community safety issues facing the City, supporting those who deliver the responses and monitoring and reporting on these.

The team can be contact on [safercity@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:safercity@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

For the three years covered by this plan we will continue to support activity across the breadth of the Community Safety agenda. This ranges from issues of anti-social behaviour, to counter terrorism, from reducing re-offending to combating domestic abuse. For the year 2015-2016 we have identified the following priorities:

- **Violence Against the Person**
- **Night Time Economy Crime and Nuisance**
- **Acquisitive Crime**
- **Anti-Social Behaviour**
- **Delivery of the Prevent Strategy**

## Anti-social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour continues to be the key issue raised by the community at Area Community Partnership Meetings, at residents meetings and through contact with elected members. The key issues are:

- **Night-time Economy:** The negative impact of the night-time economy remains a key concern for residents. This includes noise, street urination, vomiting and other disturbances caused by people drinking and smoking outside of premises.
- **Begging/vagrancy:** A significant number of residents believe that begging and vagrancy constitute a key concern.
- **Inconsiderate Cyclists:** Residents continue to be concerned about cyclists on pavements and jumping red traffic lights.

Anti-social Behaviour has been highlighted by the Government as a national priority, with emphasis nationally and locally on the risk, harm and vulnerability of victims, witnesses and repeat vulnerable locations. The Partnership will work to tackle ASB by using all tools and powers available to us.

With this aim in mind, we have a number of activities which are on-going, and some which are specific to this year.

### On-going Regular Activities:

- Continue with the ASB Working Group. This group will meet monthly and enable partners to regularly share information.
- Support and where possible contribute to the work of the Rough Sleepers Strategy Group and its support team to address ASB linked to rough sleepers as well as support vulnerable individuals into accommodation.
- Continue to gather information from partner agencies identifying the locations where there is significant street urination, anti-social behaviour and explore longer term solutions such as the installation of pop-up urinals to meet night time needs.

### Specific Work streams for 2014/15:

- Monitor the progress of the Anti-Social Behaviour Bill and seek to prepare for its anticipated enactment during 2014.
- Develop a process to improve the recording and sharing of ASB information between partners.

### Our targets for 2014/15 will be:

- To support the City of London Police measure: To ensure that 90% or more of crime victims and those reporting ASB are satisfied with the way police handled their case.
- To support the Rough Sleepers Strategy Group target: **To reduce the number of rough sleepers to 10 by January 2014.**
- To reduce the number of ASB incidents compared to 2013-14 (subject to confirmation of inclusion within the City of London Policing Plan).

## Domestic Abuse

### National Context

#### FOR UPDATING

The government action plan to tackle all aspects of violence against women and girls contains key measures to:

- prevent such violence from happening in the first place by challenging the attitudes and behaviours which foster it and intervening early where possible to prevent it;
- provide adequate levels of support where violence does occur;
- work in partnership to obtain the best outcome for victims and their families; and
- take action to reduce the risk to women and girls who are victims of these crimes and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice.

In 2012 around 1.2 million women suffered domestic abuse, over 400,000 women were sexually assaulted, 70,000 women were raped and thousands more were stalked. Fewer than 1 in 4 people who suffer abuse at the hands of their partner - and only around 1 in 10 women who experience serious sexual assault - report it to the police.

Nationally led initiatives include:

### Regional Context

#### FOR UPDATING

In 2012/13 there were 48,873 domestic violence crimes reported to the Metropolitan Police Service in London.

- In London, 33 per cent of violence with injury occurs within the home.
- 25 per cent of girls experienced some form of physical abuse at least once in their lifetime.<sup>9</sup>
- In 2012/13, there were 3,043 rape offences, 7,982 serious sexual assaults and 1,780 other sexual offences reported to the MPS in London.
  - Prevent VAWG by addressing the root causes of VAWG by working with young people and in schools
  - Ensure that women and girls have access to protection, justice and support to rebuild their lives and;
  - Hold perpetrators to account

### Local Context

The continuing emphasis from central Government to address violence against women and girls provides an opportunity for domestic violence to be recognised as a priority by all agencies, both statutory and voluntary within the City of London. The Domestic Abuse Forum is central to the provision of work currently undertaken to monitor these and other forms of violence against women and girls and respond should concerns arise within the City. Given that domestic violence has been highlighted as an under-reported

crime, it is probable that many workers and residents in the City of London will have been affected, or know someone affected, by domestic violence.

The City of London Domestic Abuse Forum was set up in 2003 and brings together representatives from a variety of agencies in the City that are involved in tackling domestic abuse. All these organisations provide services to individuals and families experiencing the effects of living with domestic abuse. The Forum currently meets quarterly and is chaired by the Director of Community and Children's Services and co-ordinated by officers from the City of London Safer City Partnership. The recent appointment of a Vulnerable Victims Co-ordinator offers the potential for the SCP to support significant improvements in this work area.

#### **On-going Regular Activities:**

- Maintain, evaluate and further develop areas of the partnership that reflect the needs of the community, business and City area.
- Continue to understand, record and share any changes to legislation which may have a direct impact on activities being undertaken.
- Continue to harness, record and apply, where appropriate, direction of the national strategy.
- Liaise regularly with local statutory partners to identify and understand any key emerging issues.
- Remain updated with MOPAC regional issues.
- Continue to deliver Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference and ensure content is recorded safely and securely.
- Continue to undertake and evaluate the progress of the DA Forum action plan.
- Create avenues to better promote the DA Forum as part of the Safer City Partnership.
- Ensure the maintenance of the Domestic Homicide Protocol and review panel is undertaken.

#### **Specific Work streams for 2014/15:**

##### **Our targets for 2015/16 will be:**

- .(Awaiting input from the DAF)
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## **Reducing Re-offending**

Although re-offending rates in the City of London are low when compared to elsewhere, it is still important for us to focus on our prolific and persistent offenders in order to bring levels of crime down further. A number of projects exist that focus on offenders. Other areas have shown considerable advances when moving to an Integrated Offender Management (IOM) system. This involves developing better support and end-to-end management of offenders through the alignment of the Prolific and other Priority Offender Scheme (PPO), the Drug Interventions Programme (DIP) and other programmes aimed at offenders and those likely to offend. Due to most prolific offenders not being City residents, in the City of London IOM has been adapted to fit the unique nature of offending here by close monitoring of repeat offenders ('amber' level) to try to deter them from further offending.

#### **On-going Regular Activities:**

- The Prolific and other Priority Offender (PPO) scheme
- The Drug Intervention Programme (DIP)
- The Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group
- The Rough Sleepers Strategy Group to address offending needs and support vulnerable individuals

## Specific Workstreams for 2015/16:

Our targets for 2015/16 will be:

### Night-time Economy

The night-time economy in the City continues to be very popular, with a large number of people now visiting the City specifically to socialise here in the evenings. This raises a number of concerns for our community including violence, noise, urination in the streets and other anti-social behaviour. The Safer City Partnership aims to reduce the negative impact of the night-time economy in order to ensure everyone in the City can enjoy the benefits that a safe and vibrant night time economy can bring.

With this aim in mind, we have a number of activities which are regularly on-going, and some which are specific to this year:

#### On-going regular activities

#### Specific work streams for 2015/16

Our targets for 2015/16 will be:

### Fraud and Economic Crime<sup>1</sup>

#### Specific work streams for 2015/16

### Counter Terrorism

*“Nationally and internationally the threat from terrorism remains high and is becoming more diverse and complex in its nature. The City’s iconic status within London and the UK makes it an attractive target to those wishing to cause high-profile disruption. By continuing to protect the City of London from terrorism we will continue to protect the UK’s interests as a whole. It is vital that City businesses, residents, workers and visitors feel safe and reassured that we are doing everything possible to protect them from the threats posed by terrorism and domestic extremism. Working together with our community and with national and international partners is crucial if we are to be successful in this.”*

*“Keeping our community informed with timely information on emerging terrorism threats, through briefings, engagement and joint exercising, ensures that businesses understand the risks and challenges facing the City. It also means that wherever possible we will be able to act jointly with our community and partners to address issues.”<sup>2</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> This section quoted from ‘City of London Economic Crime Strategy’

### **On-going regular activities:**

- The Safer City Partnership will continue to work closely with partners to enhance security measures across the City of London and ensure that we are able to respond effectively in the event of a terrorist incident taking place. Our approach includes early engagement to design out susceptibility to an attack.
- *“We will continue to support the Government’s counter terrorism strategy, which aims to prevent people becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism, by building relationships with all members of the community and key organisations”.*
- The Safer City Partnership will continue to foster collaboration amongst partners to encourage the resilience of its business and residential communities, including putting in place arrangements to support them in the aftermath of a terrorist attack.

### **Specific work streams for 2015/16:**

**Our targets for 2015/16 will be:**

## **Civil Disorder**

*“The City’s position at the heart of global finance results in it being an attractive target for protesters and demonstrations. Whilst we recognise people’s right to protest, this must be balanced with our communities’ rights to go about their lawful business without fear of being harassed or harmed. A significant factor in the City’s continuing pre-eminence in world finance is the degree of safety felt by the people living, working and visiting here.*

*It is crucial that when a large scale event happens, residents and businesses know how to react. Over the coming year we will improve engagement with our community so that they are kept informed and prepared to deal with any planned or spontaneous event which may have an impact on them”.*

### **On-going regular activities:**

- As a Partnership we coordinate the messages and advice we provide to our communities in advance of known public order events.
- Maintain major incident and business continuity plans for incident management and providing support to businesses & residents.

### **Specific work streams for 2015/16:**

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- To develop the network and communicate with its members on a regular basis.
- Develop bespoke materials aimed to support those working within the Hotel sector who may need to respond to crime, ASB or other incidents, draft to be submitted by 27 March.



- **Linked Delivery Groups**

**Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Licensing Partnership**

## **Related Partnerships**

### **Rough Sleepers Strategy Group**

- Facilitated by Children’s and Community Services: Housing
- Cross-cutting issue
- Jointly delivered with the Department of Built Environment, Cleansing Services and City of London Police.
- Supported by Safer City Partnership by attendance and joint ownership and delivery of priorities

### **Substance Misuse Partnership**

- Facilitated by the Substance Misuse Partnership
- Cross-cutting issues such as alcohol misuse
- Supported by Safer City Partnership by attendance and joint ownership and delivery of priorities

## **Appendix: Terms of Reference for Delivery Groups**

**TO BE ADDED IN**

This appendix contains the Terms of Reference for the following groups:

- Anti-social Behaviour Working Group (currently being review)
- Domestic Abuse Forum
- Persistent and other Priority Offender Group
- Violent Crime SARA
- Cycle Theft SARA