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### **Summary**

The Safer City Partnership has its statutory basis within the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 which required local authorities to establish Community Safety Partnerships. They are required to produce annual plans and reports on tackling crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour, reducing re-offending and substance misuse.

This report introduces the draft Safer City Partnership (SCP) Strategic Plan 2016-17 (Appendix 1) which outlines the priorities and areas of focus of the SCP for the coming year. There is a focus on the priorities most relevant to the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB): Violence against the Person and the Night Time Economy Crime and Nuisance.

The Strategic plan went to the SCP Committee on 6 June for agreement and will be circulated and made public.

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

### **Main Report**

#### **Background**

1. The Safer City Partnership has its statutory basis within the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 which required local authorities to establish Community Safety Partnerships. They are required to produce annual plans and reports on tackling crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour, reducing re-offending and substance misuse. As such there is overlap with issues of concern to Health and Wellbeing Boards.
2. The Safer City Partnership's vision is for the City of London to remain a safe place to work, live, visit and socialise. We will achieve this by making the best possible use of the resources that we as a partnership can bring together to meet the needs of the City around crime reduction and anti-social behaviour.

3. The City of London experiences low levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour. This reflects the efforts of the City of London Police, the City of London Corporation and other partners. Working together we contribute to maintaining the City as the world's leading financial and business centre as well as being an attractive place to live, socialise and visit. Since its establishment the SCP has played a key role in reducing crime and other harms. We will continue to build on these strong foundations.
4. The Safer City Partnership involves representation from the following partners:
  - The City of London Corporation\*
  - The City of London Police\*
  - London Fire Brigade\*
  - London Probation Trust\*
  - Clinical Commissioning Group\*
  - HM Court Service
  - British Transport Police
  - Transport for London
  - City of London Crime Prevention Association
  - Residents' representatives
  - Business representatives
  - Voluntary Sector representative

Those partners marked with an asterisk are the statutory partners under the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) and subsequent legislation. Collectively they are responsible for delivering the ambitions set out in this Plan.

5. The SCP has a strong track record of achievement. It has provided a strategic and collaborative platform for different organisations to work together to keep the City safe and reduce crime. Where specific problems have been identified it has played a significant role in tackling them. Recent examples include:
  - Raising awareness of Domestic Abuse to HR professionals within the City.
  - Supporting a significant reduction in bicycle theft.
  - Supporting good practice in the City's Night Time Economy through the Safety Thirst scheme.
  - Developing new intelligence sharing practices amongst partners to address high risk individuals and ASB.

## **Current Position**

6. The SCP has worked together to develop their Safer City Partnership Strategic Plan 2016-17 (Appendix 1). The priorities of the plan are informed by our experience, emerging concerns, national priorities and documents such as the City of London Police's Strategic Assessment. The priorities also represent areas where a partnership approach can add value. Given the ever evolving nature of the City of London and changes in crime and other threats we need to be flexible and agile in our responses. The plans priorities and their objectives

are outlined below, with more information given on Priorities one and two which are most relevant to the work of the HWB.

**7. Priority 1- Violence Against the Person** – to protect those who work, live or visit the City from crimes of violence.

The activities and initiatives planned for this priority are:

- Improve our understanding of the nature of violent crime within the City by undertaking research and using all available data to support evidence based and targeted responses. We will develop a more comprehensive understanding of the scale and types of violence experienced within the City focusing on areas we have less understanding of, including human trafficking and modern slavery, Child Sexual Exploitation, domestic violence and vulnerable people. This will be used to help inform improved communications with business, residents and visitors.
- Increase understanding of the issues around domestic abuse and how to access help and support. We will provide training for our partners, resident groups and City employers to increase awareness of domestic abuse.
- Train City of London Corporation front line staff in risk assessment and safety planning for domestic abuse- we will use specialist trainers to ensure City of London frontline staff understand the principles and application of risk assessment and safety planning in the context of domestic abuse, stalking and harassment
- Engage with those working and living in the City to raise awareness of abusive behaviour and promote the range of services available to support victims. We will make improved use of our web presence, social media and traditional media, utilise existing communication channels- such as residents' newsletters- and run public engagement activities.
- Develop a Strategy to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) - a VAWG strategy is under development by the Domestic Abuse Forum and the City and Hackney Adult and Children's Safeguarding Boards. This strategy will be completed in early 2017

**8. Priority 2- Night Time Economy Crime and Nuisance** – to promote the City as a safe place to socialise.

The City's entertainment and hospitality sector has developed considerably over recent years. We are now a recognised Night Time Economy (NTE) destination with the benefits and the challenges that brings. From a community safety perspective this raises concerns around violence, noise and anti-social behaviour. We intend to tackle these issues and help maintain the City as a safe and vibrant place to visit and enjoy.

The activities and initiatives planned for this priority are:

- Improve our understanding of the nature and scope of the City's Night Time Economy- over this year we will map the City's Night Time Economy policy area to provide a picture of the numbers of people coming into the City, the type of venues they visit and the risk profiles associated with these. This would include looking at the issue of the supply of drugs and continuing our innovative work around identifying the type of substance misuse we see in the City and looking at the Serious and Organised Crime groups involved in their supply. We will also look at impact of the changes in night time economy on the City and its residents.
- Promote the Safety Thirst scheme to more premises and maximise its potential as a vehicle to promote community safety. For this year the aim is to engage up to 80 premises.
- Develop new approaches to address problems associated with our Night Time Economy during periods of peak demand- we will explore the potential of Alcohol Recovery Centres to protect vulnerable individuals, run seasonal campaigns to provide advice to City workers and improve public communications highlighting how to avoid violence and that it will not be tolerated. This year we will be utilising the partnership approaches promoted by the Modern Crime Prevention Strategy to work more closely with Public Health colleagues and others to reduce violence and other offences linked to alcohol consumption this will include measures to help improve the safety of crowded places.

9. **Priority 3- Acquisitive Crime** – we will work to protect our businesses, workers, residents and visitors from theft and fraud with an emphasis on cyber-crime.

10. **Priority 4- Anti-Social Behaviour** – To respond effectively to behaviour that makes the City a less pleasant place.

11. **Priority 5- Supporting the Counter Terrorism Strategy Through Delivery of the Prevent Strategy** - To challenge radicalisation and reduce the threat posed to the City.

12. In addition to the above priorities, we will work with partners to reduce bicycle related accidents and fatalities.

13. The City of London Corporation and the City of London Police are currently exploring how we can make the best use of available resources to deliver crime reduction and improve community safety within the City. This involves a fundamental review of how we work together and the potential of new approaches. Another important area of work for this year will be improving our data sharing and analysis capability to help identify and respond more swiftly to emerging trends and concerns and support us in tracking our progress. Underlying and supporting all our work over the coming year will be a new approach to communications aimed at our partners and communities.

14. The Strategic plan went to the SCP Committee on 6 June for agreement and will be circulated and made public.

15. To support the delivery of this strategy we will be developing an Implementation Plan to help measure our progress toward our objectives. This will provide the basis for our annual review in March 2017 and will help inform and refresh our strategy for the year ahead. During 2016 we will also be improving how we communicate with our partners and to better reach all sections of our community.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1- draft SCP Strategic Plan 2016-17

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