

# RESIDENTS' SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE - SAFER HILLINGDON PARTNERSHIP REPORT

<b>Committee name</b>	Residents' Services Select Committee
<b>Officer reporting</b>	Richard Webb, Director of Community Safety and Enforcement
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix 1 – Safer Hillingdon Partnership development plan Appendix 2 – MPS Report
<b>Ward</b>	All

## HEADLINES

As part of its statutory responsibility to undertake crime and disorder scrutiny, this report provides the Residents' Services Select Committee with a report from the Metropolitan Police Service and an update on the work of the Safer Hillingdon Partnership, as the statutory community safety partnership for the Borough.

## RECOMMENDATION:

**That the Residents' Services Select Committee notes the contents of the reports and asks questions in order to clarify matters of concern or interest in the Borough.**

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Residents' Services Select Committee acts as a Crime and Disorder Committee as defined in the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 and carries out the bi-annual scrutiny of decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions.

### Witnesses

Chief Inspector Ben Wright, MPS, will be attending the meeting to answer questions relating to crime in the Borough and the Policing response to that crime.

Richard Webb, Director of Community Safety and Enforcement for Hillingdon Council will attend the meeting to answer questions relating to the Safer Hillingdon Partnership and the work of the Council to prevent and reduce crime.

### Supporting information

In December 2023 the Safer Hillingdon Partnership agreed new priorities for 2024. Those priorities are-

- 1) Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and domestic abuse.
- 2) Combatting drugs (from a community safety perspective).
- 3) Anti-Social Behaviour.
- 4) Other violent crime including meeting the serious violence duty and knife crime.

In March 2023, the Safer Hillingdon Partnership agreed a development plan to support it to meet its statutory responsibilities and address these priorities. The main focus of the partnership since that time has been to develop a new strategic community safety assessment for Hillingdon to provide the basis for a new Partnership strategy (the last strategy covered the period up to March 2023). The development plan is included in Appendix 1 of this paper.

The Partnership has established a new Serious Violence Sub-Group to coordinate the development of a plan to reduce serious violence in the Borough. The operational focus of this group has been on establishing a programme of activity to reduce serious violence in Hayes. The Violence Reduction Unit has allocated £280k funding over 2 years for violence reduction programmes in Hayes. This funding will be used to support violence prevention projects including increased sporting opportunities and schools based educational programmes. The programme was informed by a school survey of young people to identify areas of concern and opportunities for development. A Coordinator is being appointed to lead this work and bring together relevant locally based organisations to maximise the impact of the funding.

A partnership 'Cuckooing' protocol has also been developed and agreed by the Safeguarding Board to improve the response to criminal exploitation of vulnerable people in the Borough and as part of its work under the partnership's ASB priority. Training is being developed for October on identifying cuckooing and on applying the protocol to protect vulnerable people and reduce the impact of cuckooing on local communities.

The Safer Hillingdon Partnership oversees three further sub-groups. The Council's response to domestic abuse in the Borough is led by the Domestic Abuse Steering Executive and the partnership delivery of the Prevent duties is led by the Prevent Partnership. The Prevent Partnership recently completed the annual assurance assessment against the Home Office Prevent benchmarks and achieved a good level of assurance that the benchmarks are being met. The Hillingdon Combatting Drugs and Alcohol Partnership also reports to the Safer Hillingdon Partnership to provide oversight of the delivery of the national Harm to Hope, Drug and Alcohol Strategy at a local level. The Board reports to the Safer Hillingdon Partnership to ensure there is oversight of the work of the Board and the use of funding allocated to support the delivery of the strategy.

In February 2024 a new joint Police and Council community safety problem solving approach commenced for the Borough. This approach involves a monthly meeting of key senior officers from the Police and Council during which information on new or emerging community safety risks is shared and decisions made on how we collectively respond to those risks. This meeting is intended to ensure there is a shared understanding of the community safety related threat, risk and harm in Hillingdon and to enhance our collaborative response to the community safety issues most likely to impact on Hillingdon residents and communities. By reviewing new issues monthly, the forum supports the longer-term planning approach reflected in the Safer Hillingdon Partnership Plans through providing a mechanism to ensure we respond promptly to new and emerging risks.

### **Financial Implications**

None at this stage.

### **Legal Implications**

None at this stage.

## Appendix 1 – Safer Hillingdon Partnership Development Plan

Milestone	Activity
February 2024	Commence work on Strategic & Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment
March 2024	SHP agree to: - Formation of Serious Violence Delivery Group, - To receive quarterly updates on local priorities, SHP benchmarking assessment and a quarterly risk register
April 2024	Draft Crime and Disorder Survey prepared
May 2024	Crime & Disorder Survey finalised and goes live ( <i>after Mayoral election</i> )
June/July 2024	SHP receives quarterly update reports on priorities/statutory responsibilities and proposals for new outcomes monitoring dashboard
June/July 2024	Introduce SHP benchmarking tool and risk register as standing agenda items
June/July 2024	Refreshed Information Sharing Protocol signed off
July 2024	Crime and Disorder survey closes
August 2024	Draft "strategic needs assessment" (including enhanced serious violence needs assessment) and bespoke "Needs assessment for domestic abuse" available
August 2024	Draft SHP Strategy and Plan shared
Sept 2024	Crime and Disorder survey results report
Sept 2024	SNA completed and ready for next SHP
Sept 2024	3 Year SHP Strategy and Plan presented for initial comment by SHP
Oct/Nov 2024	SHP receives quarterly update reports on priorities/statutory responsibilities and new outcomes monitoring dashboard
Oct/Nov 2024	SHP benchmarking tool and risk register as standing agenda item
Oct/Nov 2024	SHP Terms of Reference annual review
Nov 2024	SHP Public Meeting ( <i>General election dependant</i> )
Dec. 2024	3 Year SHP Strategy and Plan finalised and ready for publication Refreshed Serious Violence Strategy finalised.
<b>Jan. 2025</b>	<b>3 Year SHP Strategy and Plan published</b> <b>Updated Serious Violence Strategy published</b>