

SAFER HILLINGDON PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

Reporting Officer: Head of Democratic Services

SUMMARY

1. Cabinet on 19 February 2026 are being asked to consider for recommendation to Council, a new Community Safety Strategy:
[London Borough of Hillingdon - Agenda for CABINET on Thursday, 19th February, 2026, 7.00 pm](#)
2. The proposed Strategy is attached as an appendix.

RECOMMENDATION: That, subject to the approval of Cabinet on 19 February 2026, the Safer Hillingdon Community Safety Strategy 2026-2029 be adopted as a policy framework document.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3. The Cabinet considered the draft Hillingdon Community Safety Strategy 2026–2029 at its meeting on 23 October 2025, which had been developed by the Safer Hillingdon Partnership to meet the Council's statutory duties under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The proposed Strategy sets out a shared approach to reducing crime and disorder, addressing substance misuse, and tackling reoffending across the borough. It provides a clear set of partnership priorities informed by local evidence and engagement.
4. To support its development, an extensive programme of early and later consultation has been undertaken. An initial borough-wide survey in April 2025 sought views from residents and businesses on the issues they believed should be prioritised; this exercise received 779 responses and directly shaped the draft priorities. A further statutory six-week public consultation was carried out between 14 November and 29 December 2025. This consultation highlighted concerns around police visibility, anti-social behaviour, women's safety, CCTV coverage, and confidence in delivery. The draft Strategy was subsequently amended to reflect this feedback, including strengthened performance measures, commitments on environmental design, and enhanced partnership activity.
5. The Residents' Services Select Committee also reviewed the draft Strategy at its meeting on 6 November 2025. The Committee welcomed the ambition and partnership focus of the document and supported proposals such as the establishment of the Hillingdon Enforcement Safety Panel. Members recommended clearer targets, improved performance indicators, and close monitoring of the impact of police resourcing changes. Their comments were incorporated into the final version presented to Cabinet.
6. Cabinet on 19 February 2026 will consider the final Strategy and consider whether to recommend it to full Council for adoption. This is because the Strategy forms part of the Council's Policy Framework.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendation within this report, if the Community Safety Strategy is adopted it will be met from existing resources.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8. Legal Services confirm that the legal framework underpinning Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and their associated strategic planning duties is accurately set out within the body of the report. For completeness, Council should note the following key statutory requirements and legal considerations:

9. Sections 5 and 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

The Council is a “responsible authority” and therefore has a joint statutory duty to work in partnership with other responsible authorities to prevent and reduce crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, and re-offending within the borough. This duty must be discharged through a formally constituted Community Safety Partnership, which in Hillingdon operates as the Safer Hillingdon Partnership.

10. Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007

The Community Safety Partnership must formulate and implement a strategy as referenced as ‘Community Safety Strategy’ in this report.

The strategy must:

- Undertake an annual Strategic Assessment, identifying crime and disorder patterns, emerging risks, and causation factors; and
- Prepare, implement, and keep under review a Partnership Plan/Community Safety Strategy, setting out the partnership’s priorities and the actions required to address them.

11. Chapter 4 of the Council’s Constitution

The Strategy forms part of the Council’s Budget and Policy Framework within the Council’s Constitution. As a result, its adoption is reserved to Full Council, following the required consultation process and after Cabinet has considered consultation feedback and recommended approval.

12. The consultation undertaken must meet established public law principles of fairness, commonly known as the *Gunning principles*, which require that:

1. Consultation takes place at a formative stage;
2. Sufficient information is provided to allow consultees to give the proposals intelligent consideration;
3. Consultees are given adequate time to respond; and
4. Decision makers give conscientious consideration to the results of the consultation before final decisions are made.-makers

13. The Cabinet and Council report explains the consultation process undertaken and how the findings have informed the development of the final Strategy. On that basis, the consultation appears to meet the above requirements. In addition, the Council must have due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. This requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to consider how its decisions affect people with protected characteristics. The report to Cabinet confirms that equality considerations have been assessed and that no disproportionate impacts have been identified.

Background papers: None