

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee			
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Ward	All		
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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by section 97 and 98 of the Police Reform Act 2002, places a requirement on Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) (In Lewisham, the Safer Lewisham Partnership) to develop a three year Crime and Disorder Strategy which sets out how crime and Anti Social Behaviour will be tackled – Safer Lewisham Strategy 2014-2017

- An additional responsibility is also placed on Community Safety Partnerships to produce a Strategic Assessment to ensure emerging community safety trends are captured, and priorities are refreshed where necessary.
- The Annual Plan outlines the main priorities for the Safer Lewisham Partnership, which have been identified through the Strategic Assessment.
- The accompanying **Strategic Action Plan** sets out how the Partnership will work together over the next year to tackle crime and disorder priorities building on best practice around effective crime reduction and clear objectives and outcomes to be achieved.

2. Executive Summary

Due to the timing of the Committee a draft Plan has not been completed for circulation. Data will be provided through a presentation at the committee and a draft plan shared for comments.

3.0 Recommendations

- This is a single paper on this item for information
- The progress made against the Plan to be reported to the Select Committee annually.

4.0 Background

4.1 The annual report is required under legislation and seeks to pull together all available information in relation to Crime and Disorder and setting priorities for the Partnership to deliver against. There are MOPAC properties which

may or may not align, however this challenge for the Partnership is significant and important in relation to delivering what really makes a difference

4.2 The MOPAC Challenge

The challenge set by MOPAC for the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) up to 2016:

“A Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) that becomes the UK’s most effective, most efficient, most respected, even most loved police force”

The 20/20/20, 20/20/20 Challenge promises to:

- Cut crime by 20%
- Boost public confidence by 20%
- Cut costs by 20%
- Reduce court delays by 20%
- Increase compliance with community sentences by 20%
- Reduce reoffending by young people leaving custody by 20%

MOPAC 7 - MOPAC’S target for the MPS is to cut 7 key “neighbourhood” crimes by 20% by 2016

Crime Types:

- o Violence with injury
- o Robbery
- o Burglary
- o Theft of a motor vehicle
- o Theft from a motor vehicle
- o Theft from the person
- o Vandalism (criminal damage)

The aim is to achieve an aggregate Metropolitan Police-wide reduction in these offences of 20% down on average levels seen in 2008-12, or even 20% down on 2011/12 (stretch target)

4.3 In summary, MOPAC both sets broad crime-reduction priorities and funds a portion of service activity at borough level. However, there is still a statutory requirement for Community Safety Partnerships to produce the annual strategic assessment – this document – the aim of which is to analyse problems in the borough and nominate strategic priorities.

4.4 The challenge for Safer Lewisham Partnership is to align the existing statutory requirements with the new governance and funding reality, while reflecting local needs and feedback from residents. There is also only 1 further year of confirmed funding from MOPAC. Announcements of future funds will be made in the Autumn.

5.0 Safer Lewisham Partnership Priorities for 15-16 were :

Working closely with MOPAC, informed by local data and in response to community concerns, the Safer Lewisham Partnership identified the following priorities:

- The **First** priority will be to continue to focus on reducing volume crime in Lewisham. Those 'neighbourhood' crimes that account for the majority of the crime experienced in the borough each year. Targeting those known offenders in key locations across the borough will have a demonstrable effect on satisfaction and confidence of victims of these crimes. This also aligns with the MOPAC challenge, through intelligence-led efforts to reduce the 'MOPAC 7' crimes of:
 - Violence with injury
 - Robbery
 - Burglary
 - Theft of a motor vehicle
 - Theft from a motor vehicle
 - Theft from the person
 - Vandalism (criminal damage)

In working to achieve a 20% reduction across these crime types, the SLP will ensure all public services work collaboratively and with voluntary groups and communities to prevent crime, support victims and reduce re-offending while improving confidence across all criminal justice agencies.

- The **Second** priority will be to reduce key violent crime. This priority will focus on both reducing 'Serious Violence' (SV) and also reducing violence under the various strands under the 'Violence Against Women and Girls' (VAWG) agenda
- The **Third** priority will be to focus on a renewed multi-agency drive to tackle the issues that residents are most concerned about to improve public confidence. This will include issues of ASB, Licensing related matters, Trading standards concerns and Public Health and noise nuisance. Under the new ASB, Police and Crime Bill, residential, commercial and public space ASB will be dealt with swiftly, proportionately and with the victim at the heart of finding a resolution.

6.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 The SLP currently monitors the spend in relation to the MOPAC funding Resource allocation in relation to tackling emerging issues are agreed at SLP as required.

7.0 Legal & Human Rights Implications

- 7.1 The Council is under a number of statutory obligations to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the Council to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder; the Anti Social Behaviour 2003 requires the Council as a local housing authority to have policies and procedures for dealing with anti-social

behaviour and the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 places the Council under a duty to have, when carrying out its functions, due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between persons of different racial groups.

7.2 The Local Government Act 1999 places a duty on the local authorities to secure continuous improvement in the way its functions are exercised having regard to the combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

7.3 Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 empowers the local authority to do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of all or any persons within the local authority's area.

7.4 These statutory duties amongst others feed into the Council's Safer Lewisham Strategy.

8.0 **Equalities Implications**

8.1 Developing safe and secure communities is central to the work of the Council as a whole and in particular to the Community Services directorate. Reducing and preventing crime, reducing fear of crime and supporting vulnerable communities is critical to the well-being of all our citizens.

9.0 **Crime and Disorder Implications**

9.1 Section 17 places a duty on partners to do all they can to reasonably prevent crime and disorder in their area. The level of crime and its impact is influenced by the decisions and activities taken in the day-to-day of local bodies and organisations. The responsible authorities are required to provide a range of services in their community from policing, fire protection, planning, consumer and environmental protection, transport and highways. They each have a key statutory role in providing these services and, in carrying out their core activities, can significantly contribute to reducing crime and improving the quality of life in their area.

10.0 **Environmental Implications**

10.1 all appropriate services are consulted about on agreed activity before proceeding where Key decisions made may have environmental implications

11.0 **Conclusion**

11.1 The annual Plan 16-17 will be agreed by the SLP in March 16 and reviewed quarterly. The SLP will continue to review its practice and that of the sub groups to ensure that all activity in relation to crime and disorder and drugs

and alcohol is in line with the sustainable communities strategy, and the Safer Lewisham Strategy as well as having links to children's and young persons board and the health and wellbeing board.

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