

Safer, Stronger Select Committee		
Report Title	Safer Lewisham Plan 18-19	
Key Decision	No	Item No. 6
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

- 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.
- This report outlines the considerations for the Plan 18-19 by the Safer Lewisham Partnership, the boroughs Statutory Community Safety Partnership. Due to delay in some data there will be a presentation at the committee to provide details.

Recommendations:

- It is requested to share views on the approach following the presentation
- It is recommended that the final draft of the 18-19 Plan be circulated to members and comments included for discussion at the Safer Lewisham Partnership in march before sign off

2. **Priorities set for 2017/2018**

Lewisham Council and the Safer Lewisham Partnership have a statutory obligation to analyse crime and disorder problems in the borough and agree priorities for a given financial year where the Partnership will focus most of its resources and activity.

The March 2017 meeting of the Safer Lewisham Partnership agreed the single priority of Violence:

- Gender based violence
- Peer on peer abuse

- All other violence Including organised crime
- 3. Appendix A outlines the agreed action plan with updates for information.
- 4. **The Safer Lewisham Plan for 18-19: A Safe Lewisham**
- 4.1 Lewisham is a vibrant and dynamic borough. Lewisham is a part of London and one of the most diverse local authority areas in the country. Lewisham's 13.4 square miles are criss-crossed with some of the region's busiest roadways and rail networks providing transport routes to and around the capital for people from all over the south-east. In terms of connectivity, Lewisham is just five minutes from London Bridge and 15 minutes from Charing Cross.

A rich architectural heritage provides character to the built environment, this includes award winning buildings such as the Laban Centre, the Horniman Museum, Deptford Lounge and Glass Mill Leisure Centre, which are landmark features for visitors and residents alike. The borough also showcases several beautiful and award-winning parks including: Hilly Fields, Ladywell Fields, Telegraph Hill and Manor House Gardens.

Lewisham is home to over 306,000 people. In terms of population size, it is the fifth largest Inner London borough and the 13th largest in London. Between the 2001 and 2011 Censuses, the population of Lewisham increased by some 30,000. By the time of the next Census in 2021 the population of the borough is forecast to reach 321,000 and 357,000 by the time of the 2031 Census. Lewisham is comprised of some 133,000 households (forecast to reach 139,000 by 2021 and 156,000 by 2031).

In terms of the demographic profile, children and young people make up about 25 per cent of Lewisham's population, whilst those aged 65 plus comprise some 10 per cent. Over the years Lewisham's population has become increasingly diverse; currently some 54 per cent of residents describe themselves as White, compared to 46 per cent who are of Black & Minority Ethnic heritage. Residents from more than 70 nationalities, covering five continents, make their home in the borough.

Nearly 212,000 Lewisham residents are of working age (16 to 64), of which some 60 per cent of those in employment travelling outside the borough each day to work. Within Lewisham, the borough's employment rate of 80 per cent is above the London and Great Britain averages (73.7 per cent and 74.5 per cent respectively). In terms of occupations, a higher percentage of Lewisham residents (57 per cent) are employed in managerial, professional, associate professional and technical occupations compared to London (55.1 per cent) and Great Britain (45.6 per cent).

In terms of the borough's commercial base, nearly 95 per cent of all businesses in Lewisham, are micro-enterprises employing 0-9 staff. This is above the London average of nearly 91 per cent. By contrast, some 5.1 percent of Lewisham businesses employ 10 to 250 staff, compared to an average of 9.1 per cent for London.

There are strong partnerships established over many years in the Borough which provide a strong foundation for effective working as well as constructive challenge of services and response. The approaches taken in Lewisham in respect of Public protection and safety are amongst the best in London and the country including the model for Missing, Exploited,

Trafficked children, the work on County lines drug dealing and the Trauma informed approach both within Youth Offending and the community setting.

- 4.2 In setting the **18 – 19 direction of travel** a number of aspects have been taken into consideration. The Partnership is adopting an approach that challenges and ensures that issues are not normalised asking the difficult questions to tackle the hardest issues.

There are a number of drivers for the approach which include:

- The London Mayors Police and Crime Police 2017-2021 which has been adopted by Lewisham as the 4 year statutory Strategy. (Strands include A better police service, A Criminal Justice System for London, Keeping children and young people safe, VAWG. Hate crime and counter terrorism).
- Regional work being undertaken in respect of the London Landscape, devolution options and future projections in respect of harm and vulnerability and any regional and sub-regional commissioning across agencies
- Reviews in respect of disproportionality and cohesion including Baroness Young, MP David Lammy, and Dame Louise Casey
- Findings from reviews being undertaken by central and regional government and partners including MET police drugs strategy, London VAWG refresh, DIP review, IOM review, Youth Custody prison reform etc.
- Inspection outcomes and identified learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews and Serious Case reviews that relate to the Partnership
- Information from our local strategic needs assessment and local residents survey Lewisham's local assessment profiles (LAP)

The Borough partners and residents have identified the following as being essential for our collective approach:

- Reduction in harm and vulnerability being critical as part of an overall prevention, intervention and enforcement approaches
- Reducing fear, harm and Revictimisation is critical.
- Considering contextual and geographical risks.
- Improving trust, confidence and satisfaction in this agenda
- Considering systemic approaches that link to agency changes whilst improving outcomes and impact
- Using data and analysis which is single, collective and cumulative whilst also considering future foresight modelling

4.3 **Potential Questions to focus on in 18-19:**

- How do we become a less violent society?
- How do we shape a safer place and space?
- How do we understand the emotional and social triggers to assist behavioural change? How do we use interdependence of relationships to build an approach to crime reduction?
- How do we understand and ensure negative bias is reflected upon and protected against?

4.4 The Partnership plan will focus on answering these questions building on the Local Assessment Profiles and learning in a complex changing landscape. The Action Plan including a comprehensive communications strand will detail the activities required and will be monitored through the SLP quarterly.

4.5 The committee will receive a presentation at the committee which will outline further details for the Plan.

5. **Financial Implications**

5.1 The SLP currently monitors spend in relation to the MOPAC funding grant allocation to tackling emerging issues. All other resources are delivered by individual agencies and monitored as appropriate.

6. **Legal & Human Rights Implications**

6.1 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.

6.2 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.

6.3 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.

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

7. **Equalities Implications**

7.1 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.

8. **Crime and Disorder Implications**

8.1 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.

9. **Environmental Implications**

9.1 Key decisions made which may have environmental implications. Environmental services are consulted about all agreed activity before proceeding.

10. **Conclusion**

10.1 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 adopted 4 year London Mayor Police and Crime Plan as well as having links to children's and young person's board and the health and wellbeing board and safeguarding Boards.

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Safer Lewisham Plan 17-18- Action Plan

Across all aspects the following will be the core of delivery:

- Inequalities/ disproportionality and how crime impacts disproportionately in geographical areas.
- Victims centred approach
- Consideration of trust and confidence in the partnership

VIOLENCE:

Peer on peer abuse

All strands of violence against women and girls within the defined strands of human trafficking, sexual violence, prostitution, domestic violence, stalking, forced marriage, 'honour'-based violence and female genital mutilation (FGM). A specific and stated focus will be placed on raising awareness of VAWG, taking a zero-tolerance approach to VAWG, and using the coordinated community response (CCR) model to tackling VAWG.

What will be done?

	Actions	Time frame	Completed
Awareness raising	Borough wide campaign – “The Violence STOPS here” - communications strategy for professionals and residents	Begin July 17	✓
	Open Day / Evening with the community – promoting safety measures such as Clare’s Law, local VAWG services etc.	March 18	
	Conversation with leaders of all faiths and religious institutions.	July 17 / monthly	✓
	VAWG & Arts – Drama productions about VAWG, and hosted in the community.	March 18	
	Creation of a comprehensive VAWG Services directory	Sept 17 March 18	✓

	<p>Establishing third party reporting sites at places like pubs and bars, where appropriate, to report incidents of VAWG.</p> <p>Launch of the VAWG Plan 2017-2021</p>	<p>July 17</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>Prevention</p>	<p>Universal schools safety programme commissioned to include a focus on healthy relationships</p> <p>Work with Lewisham’s Safeguarding Children’s Board (LSCB) and the Adult Safeguarding Board to ensure that messages delivered through training are consistent. It will support practitioners to make the links between violence against women and girls, safeguarding children, child sexual exploitation, harmful behaviours, peer to peer abuse and vulnerable adults.</p>	<p>Sept 17</p> <p>Ongoing throughout the life of the Plan</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>
<p>Action / intervention / enforcement</p>	<p>Everyone taking an active stance of zero tolerance to gender based violence within organisations.</p> <p>Increased referrals to all agencies against the strands of gender based violence.</p> <p>Review of perpetrator programmes available and suitability for Lewisham</p> <p>Targeted practice in respect of the distinctions between intimate partner violence, familial violence and male victims.</p> <p>We will coordinate, monitor, review and aim to increase the use of:</p> <p>a) Domestic Violence Protection Orders</p> <p>b) Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (Clare’s Law)</p> <p>c) FGM Protection Orders</p>	<p>March 18</p> <p>March 18</p> <p>March 18</p> <p>March 18</p> <p>March 18</p>	

	<p>d) Forced Marriage Protection Orders.</p> <p>e) Stalking Protection Orders</p> <p>f) Modern Slavery Orders</p>		
Analytical review	Deep dive of top DV victims and Deep dive of sexual violence linked to the Local Assessment profile on peer on peer domestic abuse	Sept 17	✓

Peer on Peer abuse / Serious Violence

Focus on young people under Peer on Peer Abuse. This will include work in relation to identified serious youth violence, drugs markets, knives, firearms, trafficking, Child Sexual Exploitation, and cyber-crime. Particular focus on contextual violence and risk, harm and vulnerability will be essential.

What will be done?

	Actions	Timeframe	Completed
Awareness raising	<p>A whole borough active stance on a zero tolerance approach to drug dealing in the community.</p> <p>Borough wide campaign – “The Violence STOPS here” - communications strategy for professionals and the wider Lewisham Community.</p>	July 17	✓
Prevention	<p>Universal schools safety programme commissioned to include on line/bullying/ knife crime/ drug use/ healthy relationships.</p> <p>Imbed contextual risk understanding across all agencies and ensure assessments include this aspect</p>	<p>Sept 17</p> <p>Review quarterly</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>
Action / intervention / enforcement	Focused deterrence approach which ensures swift action by all in respect of peer on peer abuse.	Immediate – review quarterly	✓

	<p>Implementation of a trauma informed model across services recognising the strong associations between victims, perpetrators, trauma, childhood conduct disorders, and violent behaviour – increasing the level of people within the children’s workforce economy trained.</p> <p>Delivery against the Youth Justice Inspection Improvement Plan HMIP</p> <p>Continued use of the Serious Youth Violence Prevention Panel and Missing, exploited and trafficked panel to have a multi-agency management of identified cases</p>	<p>March 18</p> <p>Quarterly review YJMB/SLP</p> <p>Review 6 monthly for effectiveness</p>	<p>✓ within YOS and CER</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>
Analytical review	<p>Improved understanding of the drivers and interdependencies across peer on peer abuse</p> <p>Develop the local assessment profile on on-line dangers and associated crime</p> <p>Develop understanding on the drug dealing / drug users / serious violence profile affecting Lewisham</p>	<p>6 month review</p> <p>March 18</p> <p>March 18</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>

All other forms of Violence :

- Examples include:
- aggravated burglary
 - Common assaults
 - Violence with injury
 - Hate crime where violence is a feature

What will be done?

	Actions	Timeframe	Completed
Awareness raising	Use of social media and bespoke communication to raise awareness of the risks and target at risk groups	July 17 – ongoing	√
	Advertising and advocate the use of the Hate crime reporting app	June 17	√
	Promoting the development of the MOPAC hub to tackle online Hate Crime	June 17 – ongoing	√
Prevention	Continued use of smart water in targeted areas	Review 6 monthly	√
	Broadening the remit of the Local Authority funded, Victim Support burglary target hardening initiative, to focus more on target hardening those deemed most vulnerable.	March 18	√
	Deliver on the community cohesion (Counter extremism) programme	Begin June 17	√
Action / intervention / enforcement	Targeted action on prolific offenders in these categories (Integrated Offender Management)	Review IOM – set up Board – weekly operational tasking	√

Analytical review	Through regular assessment, where other crime is identified requiring a different response this will be directed through a Partnership problem solving approach and agreed action	As required	√
	Drivers of violence will be identified and appropriated action taken I.e. alcohol	As required	√
	Development of a Profile of Organised crime as it affects Lewisham	March 18	√
	Assessing the scale of online/cyber-crime affecting Lewisham communities.	March 18	