



Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee

Report title: Introduction to the Safer Communities Service and the council's statutory role on crime and disorder

Date: 16 June 2022

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Director of Communities, Partnerships and Leisure

Outline and recommendations

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee with an introduction to the Safer Communities Service and the council's statutory role on crime and disorder.

Members of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee are recommended to consider, note and comment on the presentation.

1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this item is to provide the Safer, Stronger Communities Select Committee with an introduction to the Safer Communities Service and the council's statutory role on crime and disorder.
- 1.2. Members are asked to consider the presentation and document attached at **Appendix A and B** and ask questions to the officers in attendance at Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Members of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee are recommended to consider, comment on and note the presentation.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. The Council's *Corporate Strategy 2018-2022* outlined the Council's vision to deliver for residents over the previous four years and includes the following priorities relevant to this item:

[Open Lewisham](#) - Lewisham is a welcoming place of safety for all, where we celebrate the diversity that strengthens us.

[Building safer communities](#) - Every resident feels safe and secure living here as we work together towards a borough free from the fear of crime.

3.2. The Corporate Strategy for the next four years is currently in development and the Safer Lewisham Plan will be updated by the end of 2022 for the new financial year.

3.3. The Council's *Covid-19 recovery plan*, **Future Lewisham**, includes the following priority relevant to this item:

A future we all have a part in

We work together as one borough, within our communities and identities, to harness the power of volunteering and community spirit that has helped get us through the last year.

We will work alongside our strongest asset – our community – to strengthen and enhance our borough for everyone. We achieve more together and being connected and taking an active role in our borough benefits us all. Our year as Borough of Culture 2022 will be Lewisham's best year yet, celebrating our fantastic part of London and providing opportunities for everyone to connect and get involved in our local community.

4. Financial implications

4.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5. Legal implications

5.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

6. Equalities implications

6.1. One of the major planks of the Public Health approach to violence reduction is the reduction of disproportionality as set out in the presentation. The Committee will consider wider Equalities matters when reviewing the report and when making any recommendations.

7. Climate change and environmental implications

7.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from this report.

8. Crime and disorder implications

8.1. The purpose of the presentation is to set out the strategic approach to reducing violence – particularly amongst young people.

9. Health and wellbeing implications

9.1. The overall purpose of the Public Health approach is to improve the overall health and wellbeing of all residents in the borough.

10. Report contact

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Appendix A – Presentation - Introduction to the Safer Communities Service and the

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council's statutory role on crime and disorder

Appendix B – Tackling Disproportionality – London Councils' Good Practice Case Study on Lewisham

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