

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CRIME & SAFETY & STRONG COMMUNITIES  
SCRUTINY PANEL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2012**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT** Michael Rye OBE (Chairman), Ingrid Cranfield, Kate Anolue, Yasemin Brett and Derek Levy

**ABSENT** Jonas Hall, Glynis Vince, Ali Bakir and Simon Maynard

**CO-OPTED** Brian Waters and Caroline Wilmer.

**OFFICERS:** Mike Ahuja (Head of Corporate Scrutiny & Community Outreach), Rodney Bennett (Community Safety Information Manager), Andrea Clemons (Head of Community Safety), Shan Kilby (Domestic Violence Co-ordinator) and Kasey Knight (Corporate Scrutiny & Community Outreach Secretary).

**Also Attending:** Councillor Christine Hamilton (Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing & Health), Simon Prince (Acting Partnerships Superintendent) and 7 members of the public.

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**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bakir, Hall, Maynard Vince and Rasheed Sadegh-Zadeh. An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Brett.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

NOTED no members of the Panel had any interests to declare in respect of items of the agenda.

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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BRIEFING UPDATE**

The Panel received a briefing paper updating members on the work being undertaken across the borough to tackle domestic violence.

NOTED

The update followed on from a series of briefings provided for the Panel, designed to increase awareness around key services involved in addressing crime and safety issues within the borough.

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The briefing was presented by Shan Kilby, Enfield's Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, who highlighted the following developments over the last year designed to improve safety for victims of domestic violence:

- Safe Choices aimed at young women at risk of victimisation or offending by association with gang nominal's/gang membership.
- White Ribbon Day
- TecSOS
- Body Worn Camera's
- International Women's Day

Current consultation by the Home Office on the definition of domestic violence includes consideration for amendments to include coercive control and for the definition to be extended to all 16-17 year olds. The consultation would close on 30 March 2012. The general consensus was that the definition should be extended to all 16-17 year olds.

Domestic Violence figures are currently up 3.9% in Enfield as opposed to a 4.6% fall across London. A figure attributed to increased confidence of victims in the system.

Details were sought on the Safer Choices referral process. Shan Kilby informed the Panel that referrals were made through schools, networks, support agencies or direct referral by the victim.

Victims of domestic violence were given the option of remaining in the Borough. Enfield's Safeguarding Children's Board managed the impact to children involved in domestic violence.

The Youth Offending Service were a key partner in identifying girls who are at risk of or experiencing domestic abuse, intimate partner violence including through gang involvement.

The Enfield multi agency partnership continues to tackle domestic violence, reduce risks to victims and their families and hold perpetrators to account.

### **AGREED**

- (1) to note the activity currently underway;
- (2) to receive further reports on Enfield's Coordinated Community Response to tackle domestic violence.

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### **COUNCIL COMMISSION ON AUGUST 2011 DISTURBANCES IN ENFIELD**

The Panel received a verbal update from Councillor Christine Hamilton, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing and Public Health on the Council Commission on the August 2011 Disturbances in Enfield.

NOTED

The Council established the cross-party Commission to examine the August disturbances in Enfield at its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012.

Its terms of reference were to:

- Examine the causes of the Enfield disturbances and understand why people took part.
- Submit their findings to the national Riots, Communities and Victims Panel
- Report back to Council with their findings and recommendations.

The members of the Commission are: Councillors Christine Hamilton, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing and Public Health (Chair), Michael Rye (Vice Chair), Kate Anolue, Ingrid Cranfield, Denise Headley and Rohini Simbodyal.

The Commission held twelve meetings to consider evidence, including a joint public meeting with the Riots, Communities and Victims Panel. They interviewed key strategic leaders; considered evidence from the meetings held immediately after the events and external reports; examined statistical and demographic data; and commissioned surveys, including surveys of adult and young offenders convicted of offences related to the disturbances.

The Commission had found no one single cause for the riots. There were many underlying issues with those involved.

Whilst there were no easy solutions, there was a need to address the underlying issues, build young peoples self esteem and resilience, address increasing marginalisation and improve early intervention.

The Commission has produced a final report, which details its findings and makes a series of recommendations to prevent similar events happening again. This report was agreed by Full Council at its meeting on 25 January 2012 and has been sent to the Riots, Communities and Victims Panel to inform their final report due to be published in March 2012.

Members of the Commission had visited Pentonville Prison. Three prisoners who took part in the disturbances were interviewed and they were asked why they took part. Many regretted their behaviour and had been 'caught up' in the moment.

The Commission will continue to monitor progress on the implementation of the recommendations and recommends that representations be made to Government for funding to support the recommendations.

The Commission supports the Council and local MPs' continuing campaign against 'grant damping'.

The Commission is due to meet in April and again in six months time to monitor implementation of the recommendations.

Members' highlighted the need to recognise that only a small minority of young people (up to the age of 25 years) had been involved in the disturbances.

Councillor Rye commented that the Police had done the best job that they could in the circumstances.

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**SSCB PARTNERSHIP PLAN & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

The Panel received a presentation from Rod Bennett Community Safety Information Manager on the Enfield Safer and Stronger Communities Board public consultation on the 2012/13 priorities and Partnership Plan.

Copies of the presentation are available on request by contacting the Panel Secretary on 0208 379 4073.

NOTED

The public were being consulted in a number of ways including an online survey, questionnaires in libraries, token boxes in the Civic Centre reception area and leafleting at public events. The consultation would close on 29 February.

A focus group with the Asian community would be held on Thursday 23 February, 10.30 at Community House.

A Face the Public consultation meeting was held on 7 February. The results of the meeting were incorporated into the power point presentation.

In response to a suggestion for the inclusion of safer travel, the Chairman Councillor Rye commented that a significant amount of work had been done on the Panel's review of Safer Travel to and from School. The Panel had previously agreed that the Executive continue to lead on this issue and report back any actions and/or recommendations to the Panel at the conclusion of their work. The Public Transport Consultative Group report any discussions and/or recommendations regarding safer travel to and from School to the Panel. Acting Superintendent Simon Prince concluded that if the Panel were so minded they could invite the Safer Transport Team Sergeant to a future meeting of the Panel to provide an update on the four transport hubs across the Borough.

Andrea Clemons gave a brief update on the recent Peer Challenge on Ending Gangs and Serious Youth Violence. In January 2012 a team of peers, led by the Home Office lead on Ending Gangs and Serious Youth Violence (EGSYV), visited Enfield in order to carry out a review on the work that is being done to tackle Gangs and Serious Youth Violence. The review was a pilot for future reviews the EGSYV team will be carrying out across the country. Recommendations included having an over-arching strategy on

tackling Gangs and Serious Youth Violence. The fundings would be presented to the next meeting for discussion.

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**CRIME AND SAFETY AND STRONG COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL  
WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12 & DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**6.1 Crime & Safety & Strong Communities Scrutiny Panel Work  
Programme**

NOTED

- a) The progress on the Panel's work programme for 2011/12, which had been amended to include a briefing from the Olympic Working Group and an update report on Ending Gangs and Youth Violence Peer Challenge.
- b) Members of the Public Confidence in Open Spaces Working Group had visited Palmers Green, Upper Edmonton and Enfield Town to speak to traders to ascertain their views on community safety and crime in and around their retail outlets.
- c) Councillor Cranfield, Chairman of the Gangs, Young People and Knife Enabled Crime provided an update on the activities of Members of the Group. Including the following;
  - The Chairman had recently attended a meeting of the Gangs Action Group at which representatives of many agencies, including the Police, probation, youth service, youth offending service and others were present.
  - The Chairman and the Leader of the Councillor Council, Councillor Doug Taylor attended the launch of the Metropolitan Police initiative aimed at tackling gang crime.
  - Two of the UK's leading experts in positive psychology were currently working with The Young Foundation and Harrow Police to developing a resilience training programme for young offenders.
  - Several visits to the Youth Offending Service had been undertaken by Members.
  - *Crime of the Century* a play based on a real gang murder, by Chickenshed had already toured Enfield. Councillor Cranfield was in discussions with the Chief Executive Officer for the play to be shown in schools and public venues.
  - Members commended the Gangs Call-in. A formal briefing would be reported to a future meeting of the Panel.
- d) The Corporate Scrutiny and Community Outreach Team continued to assist the SSCB consultation process and had held a number of focus groups with key community groups.
  - Parent Engagement Panel, Wednesday 8 February, Angel Edmonton.
  - Parent Engagement Panel, Thursday 9 February, The Arc Edmonton.
  - Parent Engagement Panel, Monday 20 February, Bush Hill Park

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- Parent Engagement Panel Monday 20 February, Enfield Island Village
- A joint meeting with Enfield Racial Equality would be held at 10.30 Thursday 23 February at Community House.

**6.2 Date of Next Meeting**

NOTED that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 1 May 2012.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2011**

**AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 December 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.

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**SPECIFIC ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no items to be referred to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.