

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CRIME SCRUTINY STANDING
WORKSTREAM HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH MARCH, 2015**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Krystle Fonyonga, Bernie Lappage, Ahmet Hasan and Eric Jukes

ABSENT Abdul Abdullahi and Lee David-Sanders

CO-OPTEE: Janet Marshall (Absent)

OFFICERS: Andrea Clemons, Head of Community Safety
Stacey Gilmour, Corporate Scrutiny Secretary

Also Attending: Chief Inspector Ian Kibblewhite
Adrian Bishop-Lagget, Chair, Safer Neighbourhood Board
Natalie Sherman, Parent Engagement Panel.

482. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Abdullahi and David-Sanders as well as the Co-opted member, Janet Marshall. Apologies for lateness were received from Chief Inspector Ian Kibblewhite.

It was also noted that Councillor Lappage would be leaving the meeting slightly early.

483. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

484. SSCB PERFORMANCE MONITORING & SSCB PARTNERSHIP PLAN- TO FOLLOW

RECEIVED a report from Andrea Clemons on the SSCB Performance Monitoring and Partnership Plan.

NOTED:

- (i) The Partnership Plan will be presented to the SSCB at its meeting in April for comment and when agreed this can then be presented to Scrutiny. It is likely to reflect the seven priorities identified for London by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC).
- (ii) The report is provided in order to demonstrate how the SSCB has worked in partnership to tackle the crimes that were identified as priorities in the Partnership Plan during the last 12 months.
- (iii) It gives an indication of performance during that period and critically reflects some of the key pieces of work delivered locally, this includes

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- the impact of additional officers who were assigned to the borough during the latter part of the year.
- (iv) The report focuses on three key areas of crime, Burglary, Vehicle Crime and Serious Youth Violence. Andrea provided an update on each of these:
 - (v) Enfield had seen a 14.9% reduction in burglary this year (Mar 14-Feb 15) and is currently meeting the MOPAC target for a 20% reduction by 2016-17. Enfield ranks 14th of the 32 London Boroughs for percentage reduction in burglary this year;
 - (vi) Enfield has climbed 4 places from the 18th largest reduction to 14th largest reduction (during the time period reported), we are currently 6th best improved out of 32 boroughs in London). This had been achieved through a number of ways, one of which being the 'Safe as Houses' initiative. This targeted hotspot locations of burglary through the borough and offers preventative work such as high visibility, prevention advice and SmartWater, which was funded through the Council and distributed for residents to mark their property. (The police will be continuing this property marking approach with the imminent launch of Operation MetTrace)
 - (vii) With regards to Serious Youth Violence, Enfield has seen a 20.9% increase in serious youth violence this year (Mar 14-Feb 15). Enfield ranks 26th of the 32 London boroughs for percentage reduction this year.
 - (viii) It was recognised that Enfield faced a real challenge in this area, and partnership work with groups such as the Parents Engagement Panel (PEP) had done a lot to improve and share understanding of the risk around gang members.
 - (ix) Information was provided on some local initiatives targeting serious youth violence. This included working closely with the PEP, Youth Engagement Panel (YEP) as well as working alongside the Police on Operation Equinox which tackles all violence and is currently focussed in the Edmonton Green area.
 - (x) Targeted events also take place, for example the recent 'Trident' presentation at Aylward Academy which provided information on the risks associated with being involved in gangs. Enfield has also led the way in London with the gangs call-in, where young people are invited to the Magistrates Court for a series of presentations by parents whose children have been harmed or killed by gangs, judges, police officers and council staff offering help and positive choices.
 - (xi) Enfield's Youth Offending Unit has a dedicated gangs worker and training has been provided for those at risk by the 'Street Doctors' paramedics on how to save a life.
 - (xii) At Accident & Emergency Enfield are one of only a few boroughs to receive non-personalised data which helps to target resources as this provides ages and gender of those involved in violent incidents who may not otherwise report the crime but seek medical help.
 - (xiii) Enfield had commissioned a youth worker to provide a contact and advice for young people presenting at hospital and serious youth violence is reflected in the Public Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which informs PH commissioning.

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- (xiv) CCTV is used to monitor hotspots and Enfield has been nominated for seven awards in the first ever partnership CCTV award ceremony where partners' contribution is recognised by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).
- (xv) Enfield's multi-agency response to gang issues is very comprehensive and includes intelligence collation systems, the Enfield Gangs Partnership Group and enforcement options.
- (xvi) Members of the panel recognised the intensity and effort of the work that goes into gangs.
- (xvii) There was a real success story for Vehicle Crime, with Enfield seeing a 31% reduction this year. This was currently surpassing the MOPAC target.
- (xviii) Last year Enfield had seen the second largest increase in vehicle crime whereas this year we have the second largest reduction.
- (xix) Again, various initiatives were in place including Operation Spyder , a Police-led multi agency operation targeting vehicle crime which started in January 2014 and has been ongoing. This provides hotspots with a high visibility of police and crime prevention advice on vehicle security.
- (xx) Enfield has seen an 11.5% reduction in MOPAC7 Crime this year and is currently surpassing the MOPAC target of a 20% reduction by 2016-17.
- (xxi) Enfield has climbed 26 places in the rank table for MOPAC crime from 32 to 6. Enfield is now amongst the 10 best(no 6) performing boroughs in London for MOPAC crime.
- (xxii) Enfield had lobbied successfully for the provision of additional police officers and continued to fund additional PCSOs to supplement the borough strength.
- (xxiii) Early indications from the strategic assessment suggest that Enfield will continue to focus on these crime types during the next 12 months, given that they represent either a high percentage of the crime totals local or a risk of harm.
- (xxiv) Partnership efforts will also continue in respect of tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse and Hate Crimes as part of the continuing partnership work to make Enfield safer.

The following questions were taken:

- Q. Congratulations on the achievements on burglary and motor vehicle crime. How is Enfield doing on Domestic Violence and Abuse and hate crimes?
- A. There had been an increase in the reporting of Domestic Violence which was a good thing if this reflects greater confidence. There appeared to be a greater confidence in reporting this type of crime. There were also other issues to take into consideration such as the recognised age for Domestic Violence being reduced to 16 as well as the re-categorisation from Domestic Violence to Domestic Violence and Abuse so now includes psychological and emotional abuse. There had not been a significant increase in hate crime. However it was important to make sure that honour based violence is treated in

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- a similar way to hate crime as an increase had been seen across London for this sort of crime, often relating to religion etc.
- Q. With the recent issues around radicalisation of young girls in the borough of Newham what work was Enfield undertaking with parents and schools to protect children?
- A. The Government's 'Prevent' initiative is designed to divert young people from extremism and terrorism. As a result of this initiative presentations are carried out in Secondary and Primary schools in Enfield. These detail information on the help and advice available as well as providing a basic reminder of the referral process should schools have any specific concerns. This would be done via the Single Point of Entry (SPOE) through Enfield Schools & Children's Service. There is also a link on the Enfield Council website providing additional information for people who have any fears about radicalisation. The recent OfSTED inspection of Enfield's Schools & Children's Services noted the 'Prevent' and Gang work as areas of good practice.
- Q. Have the Parents Engagement Panel (PEP) had any input with the 'Prevent' work?
- A. PEP was already on the list for Prevent Officers to visit and this would provide a good base to do some awareness raising training.
- Q. There had been a recent incident at Edmonton Green Bus Station involving a group of young school boys being threatened as they left a bus. What procedures were in place to combat this sort of behaviour?
- A. A dedicated team of Safer Transport Officers were funded by the TFL (Transport for London) and were deployed in areas such as Edmonton Green Bus Station to tackle these sort of issues. Any such incidents should always be reported to the police as there is very good quality CCTV in the area that can identify the perpetrators of crime. There are also Help Points at stations as well as community help points in local shops.. The Enfield Council Website link for CHPS information is : http://www.enfield.gov.uk/enfieldlscb/info/2/children_and_young_people/186/community_help_point_scheme

The Chair thanked Andrea for her informative update.

485. UPDATE ON POLICE NUMBERS

RECEIVED an update from Chief Inspector Ian Kibblewhite on Police numbers in the borough.

NOTED:

- (i) Prior to the implementation of the Local Policing Model (LPM) the total of PCs in Safer Neighbourhoods was 63.

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- (ii) There were 42 PC posts in Safer Neighbourhoods, 13 PC posts in Safer Schools, 3 PC posts in Licensing/ASB and a further 5 PC posts in Safer Estates and parks.
- (iii) Under the LPM, the portfolio became Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) and this total rose to 137. The numbers by clusters are:
North - 32, South - 31, West - 33.
- (iv) Of these 137 posts 21 are Dedicated Ward Officers (DWO), 13 Safer Schools, 3 PC posts in Licensing/ASB, 1 PC Faith Officer and a further 5 PC posts in safer Estates and Parks. This leaves 97 PC posts in Neighbourhood policing. At present there are 143 officers posted in NPTs.
- (v) Under LPM Enfield is supposed to have 66 PCSOs but this is actually at 46. There is a decrease in number of posts due to 24 Dedicated Detention Officers (DDO) posts moving to Met Detention.
- (vi) As of 20th February 2015, the target strength for police officers on the borough is 558 and current strength is 566, therefore 8 over strength.
- (vii) A review into the LPM was taking place at present and the findings are due to be published shortly with consultation around the improvements being made and re-allocation of some aspects of the NPT current workload.
- (viii) Police numbers were determined for the introduction of the LPM and the historical link to the 2001 census was not used in calculating the new allocation.
- (ix) The borough increased PC numbers by 85 and along with Waltham Forest was the borough with the biggest benefit from the review of workload, risk and demand.

Following Chief Inspector Kibblewhite's update questions were taken:

- Q. Why are we under strength on Detectives and Super Intendants?
- A. This was generally due to a shortage across the Met. Heavy workloads were also a contributing factor.
- Q. Do we have an Armed Response Unit (ARU) in Enfield?
- A. Yes, there is an ARU patrol for Enfield and Haringey.
- Q. Does Enfield still have a Dog Unit?
- A. Yes we do and this unit was used the week before last at a crime scene in the borough.

In conclusion Chief Inspector Kibblewhite spoke about Operation Spider and thanked the Local Authority and Andrea Clemons and her team for all their support with this as this project was proving to be a dramatic success.

The Chair thanked Chief Inspector Kibblewhite for his interesting and informative update.

486. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

RECEIVED an update from Adrian Bishop-Lagget Chair, Safer Neighbourhood Board.

NOTED:

- (i) The London Mayor's Strategy and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) required a change to the way which community engagement on crime and policing issues occurred in London.
- (ii) A Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB) was required in each London borough. The SNB was to be in place by 1st April 2014.
- (iii) Information was provided on the MOPAC Guidance for the Safer Neighbourhood Board and what the key aims and functions of it were.
- (iv) Adrian spoke about the structure of the CAPEs (Community Action Partnership in Enfield) and the Neighbourhood Panels.
- (v) Scrutiny of the Neighbourhood Panels and the CAPEs falls to the Safer Neighbourhood Board;
- (vi) Within the structure, the role of the Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB) is to:
 - Address local priorities;
 - Hear and monitor complaints;
 - Monitor police performance;
 - Involve the community in problem solving and crime prevention;
 - Feedback to the Community Safety partnership where appropriate;
 - Provide greater police accountability;
- (vii) For the SNB to maintain an effective level of scrutiny as well as being truly representative of the community of Enfield, it was felt that it needed to be made up of between 12-20 members. The SNB will also be attended by 1-2 Senior Officers from the Metropolitan Police.
- (viii) The SNB had now met on three occasions and at each meeting they receive information on the following:
 - Examination of crime statistics received from MOPAC;
 - Police target establishment details;
 - Update on current police operations
- (ix) The SNB had also recently had three bids accepted for the Safer Neighbourhood Board Fund which is available through MOPAC. The agreed projects are: St Giles Trust SOS Knife Project and Leaflet, Parenting Workshops and Visits to Ben Kinsella Exhibition.

Further to Adrian's update the following questions were raised:

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- A. Please tell us about the successes of the SNB as well as any difficulties during the first year. ?
- Q. The difficulties had been tackling what the Board was meant to do as well as the lack of information and guidance from MOPAC. The Board was now arriving at a better understanding of how it 'will' work as opposed to how it is 'supposed' to work. The main achievement was actually getting the Board up and running and this had been greatly supported with help from the Corporate Scrutiny Team as well as Andrea Clemons and her team and the Borough Commander. Adrian was looking forward to the progress of the Board in the coming year.
- Q. How can scrutiny link in effectively with the Board?
- A. Councillor Lappage and Janet Marshall sit on both the Crime Scrutiny Standing Workstream and the SNB so this was a great link.

The Chair thanked Adrian for his interesting update.

487. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NOTED that there was no other business to discuss.

488. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2014

AGREED the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2014 subject to the following amendment:

- (i) The correct spelling of Councillor Eric Jukes.

489. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTED that the dates of future meetings would be agreed at full council on 13 May 2015.

The meeting ended at 8:24pm.

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