

## **REPORT TO: STANDING CRIME SCRUTINY PANEL**

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**REPORT TITLE: Enfield Safer Neighbourhood Board**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT: To provide an update on the work of the Enfield Safer Neighbourhood Board**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Enfield Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB) has been in place since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014. This was a result of the London Mayor's Strategy and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) which required a change to the way in which community engagement on crime and policing issues occurred in London.
- 1.2 Each London borough has its own Safer Neighbourhood Board.
- 1.3 The role of the 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
  - Scrutinise the Neighbourhood Panels
- 1.4 The SNB holds four public meetings a year including an Annual General meeting. This report provides a further update since the last report to scrutiny in March 2015.
- 1.5 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 be made up of between 12-20 members. The current membership of the Safer Neighbourhood Board is attached as Appendix 1. The SNB will also be attended by 1-2 Senior Officers from Metropolitan Police.

- 1.6 At the meeting in July 2015, the Board agreed its priorities for the projects for which it wished to obtain MOPAC funding. These were:
- Serious Youth Violence;
  - Domestic Violence (to include that relating to drug and alcohol misuse).
- 1.7 In addition to the three successful bids outlined in the last update, the Safer Neighbourhood Board has also had an additional two bids for project funding accepted; brief details of the projects are below:

### **EIYCT & Oasis Hub Enfield – Youth Outreach**

- 1.8 This project will target young people in known gang areas via street based outreach and youth centre outreach. Young people will be engaged via mentoring and one to one support in order to divert them away from potential involvement in gangs and antisocial behaviour or crime. Young people would be offered alternative positive activities to participate in such as sporting activities and youth clubs or help provided to find employment or further training, develop interview and CV skills or be supported with substance misuse.

### **LYRC Crises Action Team**

- 1.9 The LYRC (Life Youth Resource Centre) will create a Crises Action Team (CAT) to go into schools, pupil referral units, community centres and churches to prevent and steer away the most vulnerable teenagers from anti-social behaviour. The team will also coach parents and leaders on the early warning signals of young people at risk.
- 1.10 The CAT team will be a quick response team with members who have come from the same environment as the young people they wish to engage and will be based at the LYRC offices in Edmonton. They will also be trained to act as an 'appropriate adult' in an arrest and statement scenario (where an appropriate adult is not readily available).
- 1.11 The CAT will engage directly with young people at risk of gang affiliation or specifically involved at various levels of gun, drugs, knife and gang lifestyles, offering personal support and counselling to assist them in choosing positive life options.
- 1.12 They will also then train those who have been engaged into becoming peer mentors themselves.
- 1.13 Since the start of the project, LYRC have found a film company who will be offering acting and vocal training to participants. Queens Park Rangers FC have also agreed to fully support the programme, offering incentives to CAT members such as tickets to games and coaching facilities.

## **Funding Bids Agreed by the Safer Neighbourhood Board in 2014/15**

2. As detailed at the last update, three projects received funding from MOPAC for 2014/15. These were:

- (a) St Giles Trust SOS Knife Project and Leaflet;
- (b) Parenting Workshops; and
- (c) Visits to Ben Kinsella Exhibition.

The following is an additional update on these projects:

### **St Giles Trust SOS Knife Project and Leaflet**

2.1 There are plans to offer this to both secondary and junior schools in the Borough and also to use the leaflets already produced to hand out to young people presenting at A&E.

### **Parenting Workshops**

2.2 This project has been completed, with two workshops delivered as part of the ongoing Gang Call-In process. The parents of young people invited were targeted and sessions either side of the Call-In have been delivered.

### **Ben Kinsella Exhibition**

2.3 To date, 6 educational establishments have attended the exhibition.

2.4 The youth group Ignite visited the exhibition in November.

2.5 There has been a meeting with the Safer Schools Police Sergeant and officers will be used to repeat the offer to all schools and any youth organisations. In addition, Police Cadets will be visiting the exhibition during the February half term.

## **Board Meetings**

2.6 At each Board meeting it is planned to receive a presentation on a current issue regarding policing or community safety. This ongoing process will enable the Board to be better informed and more able to input in policing issues. Planned items are:

- (a) Hate crime;
- (b) Gangs
- (c) Domestic Violence;
- (d) Integrated Offender Management; and
- (e) Drugs & Alcohol (misuse)

2.7 Members of the Enfield Youth Parliament attended the meeting in November 2015 and were able to provide the Board with a good insight into issues of crime and safety from a young person's perspective. This meeting was also attended by a MOPAC representative who provided the following very positive feedback: *'The SNB in Enfield is well run, well chaired, with productive discussions and all those attending encouraged to speak'*.

2.8 At the meeting in February 2016, the Board received an introduction to how the Community Payback Scheme was managed in Enfield, and how the Board could nominate projects (one of its functions). Board Members were interested to hear how the London Rehabilitation Company, which has managed the Scheme since February 2015, works closely with the local authority in identifying and managing suitable placements for offenders.

The Board also discussed the issue of improving Public Confidence in the Police, and useful feedback was given to Acting CI Andy Port to take forward. A member of the Enfield Youth Parliament was again in attendance at this meeting to provide a young person's view on this issue.

2.9 In addition, six Board Members have formed an Executive Committee (including the Chair) which has assisted in taking forward the work of the Board. In order to do this, Members within the Committee have been given particular roles; for example, monitoring and dealing with all incoming and outgoing communications or (for two Members) co-ordinating funding bids. Board Members also to continue to be involved in other activities/groups related to issues of crime and community safety, for example:

- Board Members have attended a number of Gold Group meetings (these were multi-agency liaison meetings set up to monitor community issues in light of any major incidents occurring in the Borough);
- Board Members have acted as representatives on other Groups (for example, the Independent Advisory Group);
- Board Members will also be volunteering for CCTV Monitoring Scrutiny Teams (currently being set up by the Community Safety Team) which will visit and monitor the activity of the CCTV Centre at Claverings.
- Board Members have attended training sessions provided by MOPAC

2.10 In summary, the Board has now established itself more fully and continues to effectively monitor issues of crime and community safety.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

To note the contents of this report.