

Agenda item 6

Safer Neighbourhood Board Meeting, 2nd February 2017

London Crime and Policing Plan, Consultation

To assist a discussion at the SNB some suggested responses to the MOPAC Policing and Crime Plan are listed below, to be submitted, if agreed on behalf of Enfield's Safer Neighbourhood Board.

The Mayor of London is required by law to produce a plan that explains how the police, community safety partners and other criminal justice agencies will work together to reduce crime. The resulting plan is now offered for consultation by MOPAC.

Members of the public along with partner organisations are offered the opportunity to respond to the document individually or, as in this case to contribute to a partnership response.

This paper sets out the main points in each section and provides a suggested answer to each point. Members of the Enfield Safer Neighbourhood Board are invited to add to the comments/ responses proposed or respond individually at <https://londonvoice.org.uk/policeandcrimeplan>

The formal consultation period on the Plan will **conclude on the 23rd February 2017**. The resulting Plan is likely to be published at the end of March.

The consultation suggests that the following paraphrased considerations be at the heart of the response:

- Will it work?
- Are the priorities suggested the right ones?
- Is it clear and easy to understand?
- Do you agree with the approach and have any other ideas about measures of success?
- What do you think it will achieve?
- What would you like more emphasis on?
- Is there anything else?

In her introduction the Deputy Mayor Sophie Lindon says;

“Rather than setting arbitrary crime reduction targets for London as a whole, we propose to work with local authorities and the Metropolitan Police Service to set priorities that are relevant to local communities whilst ensuring that the highest harm crimes are prevented and the most vulnerable people are protected.”

Suggested comments/ questions in response to the consultation are listed below for discussion and agreement.

- 1) *The priorities proposed in the plan seem in line with what we might expect locally in Enfield, pending the completion of the Strategic Assessment.*
- 2) *The “vulnerable localities” reference is welcomed as Enfield has historically suffered from under resourcing based on figures on demographics and crime which are now outdated and do not currently allow for some of the greatest challenges in London.*

- 3) *Agree that the Capital Cities Grant should be paid in full given that Local Authorities in London will face up to 63% cuts by 2020*
- 4) *Pleasing that the policing levels are to be maintained, however the “additional Ward Officers” in the most vulnerable wards must surely be drawn from existing Borough resources this is not helpful as Enfield is currently under resourced in terms of officers.*
- 5) *Police BCUs “pilot” areas seem to herald the widespread introduction of clustered Boroughs with a single Borough Commander which is believed to be likely to the detriment of the partnership in Enfield. Concerns have been raised that a merged area BCU might be too weighted in favour of Haringey.*
- 6) *Welcome the plan to put Victims at the heart of local policing. Will the services commissioned from Victim Support and other front line services be reviewed in light of this new focus? Will the Independent Victims Commissioner Role be linked with existing third sector providers?*
- 7) *Welcome the extra 100 officers commissioned from BTP to support the Night Tube introduction.*
- 8) *The plan looks at Criminal Justice and the consultation runs in parallel with the David Lammy MP report on the treatment of Black and Minority Ethnic Groups in the CJS due to be published in 2017. Will the Mayors Plan incorporate agreed recommendations?*
- 9) *Amid the general redevelopment of some prison buildings and courts closures, how will victims and witnesses be supported to travel further to contribute to a court case?*
- 10) *While we welcome any pan London provision of IDVAs and ISVAs in London we would request that the allocation decisions about placing new resources does not penalise boroughs where they have invested already in tackling VAWG from local area funds.*
- 11) *Also welcome the sustaining of rape crisis centres and SARCs.*
- 12) *In relation to Tackling Hate Crime and Extremism there are of course Prevent Engagement Officers already in place. How will these officers fit with the proposed “enhanced ward engagement”?*
- 13) *Welcome the development of a Hate Crime Advocate and look forward to the results of the pilots at Westminster and Hackney.*

Individual responses are invited to be submitted directly to MOPAC until 23rd February 2017.

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/mopac-consultations/your-views-policing-and-crime>