

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CRIME SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON THURSDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

MEMBERS: Councillors Lee David-Sanders, Kate Anolue (Deputy Mayor), Chris Dey, Rick Jewell, Bernadette Lappage and Mahtab Uddin

Officers: Andrea Clemons (Head of Community Safety), Paul Sutton (Assistant Director, Service Development & Youth Services), Graham Jimpson (Project Manager, Enfield Youth Development Unit), Rafique Ullah (Enfield Youth Development Worker), Susan O'Connell (Governance & Scrutiny Officer), Stacey Gilmour (Governance & Scrutiny Secretary)

Also Attending: Superintendent (Neighbourhoods) Nigel Brooke, Askin Erozkal (Parent Engagement Panel), 2 members of the Enfield Youth Parliament, 3 members of the public.

742. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting. An apology for absence was received from Councillor Claire Stewart.

743. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

744. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

AGREED to appoint Councillor Mahtab Uddin as Vice Chair for the 2018/19 municipal year.

745. UPDATE ON THE EXTRA SUMMER YOUTH DIVERSIONARY ACTIVITIES

RECEIVED a report from Graham Jimpson, Project Manager, Enfield Youth Development unit, on the Extra Summer Youth Diversionary Activities.

NOTED:

- (i) In June 2018 Enfield's administration authorised £100,000 (of the £150,000 that was pledged in the 2018 Labour manifesto to help tackle

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- youth violence) to be spent on a programme of summer youth activities. A proposed programme of summer activities was then drawn up and formally agreed on July 2017.
- (ii) The young people involved in the programme had expressed their thanks to the Panel for this wonderful opportunity which had delivered fantastic results.
 - (iii) The Youth Development unit took the lead in planning and implementing the programme and it was centred on three aims:
 - To deliver a programme of positive activities designed to reinforce the progress that young people at risk of offending/gang activity/anti-social behaviour were making at school or within education;
 - To ensure those under the Youth Offending Unit (YOU) supervision had more opportunities during the summer to engage in positive activities that could augment the work they were doing with the YOU.
 - To demonstrate to the community (young people and adults) that Enfield Council is committed to ensuring more opportunities for young people to engage in positive activities and to reducing youth crime.
 - (iv) A key aspect of the programme was to ensure that the most disadvantaged young people were referred to it. Recruitment to the proposed programme was therefore targeted at the YOU, the Schools Behaviour Support Team, the Pupil Referral Units (PRUs), SPOE, Gangs Partnership Group as well as through Detached Youth Work in the areas of highest need.
 - (v) Programmes were then produced, and information advertised on the website and other methods e.g. a public meeting, were also used to ensure that the public were fully aware of the programme.
 - (vi) Another key aspect of the Summer Programme was partnership work: whilst the programme was planned and implemented by Enfield's internal YDU much of the programme was delivered by partners.
 - (vii) The programme included activities such as Boxercise provided by Edmonton Eagles as well as other activities provided by partners such as VIPS, Oasis and Enfield Children & Young People's Service (ECYPS).
 - (viii) Other activities on offer included cookery, athletics, football, basketball, street dance, art, BBQs, picnics, music (instruments and production), bike project and various others. Details of the full activities on offer are included with the report.
 - (ix) Graham went on to talk about the risk and challenges faced in delivering the programme. The funding was announced at very short notice therefore creating, advertising and implementing a programme involving partners was naturally challenging in itself but the task was still very manageable, and any disadvantages were far outweighed by the advantage of having such a sum to invest in summer activities for young people.
 - (x) To ensure the programme went meetings were held every Monday to de-brief regarding the previous week's activities, deploy staff where

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- they were needed, to review and revise the programme being offered and to share intelligence regarding potential issues and problems.
- (xi) Police feedback/intelligence was key to this programme. Enfield's Community Safety unit co-ordinated police intelligence regarding potential 'crime hotspots' with almost daily updates.
 - (xii) All delivery, except the outreach and offsite activities, was conducted via 4 of Enfield's 5 Local Authority Youth Centres and the Enfield Island Village Youth Centre.
 - (xiii) Further detailed information was provided on the range of delivery at each centre: Pullinger Youth Centre, Craig Park Youth Centre, Croyland Youth Centre and Ponders End Youth Centre.
 - (xiv) Tables were also included in the report detailing the attendance data for the summer programme as well as a financial summary showing the actual expenditure.
 - (xv) As part of the summer programme the Youth Development United recruited, from its bank of experienced sessional youth workers, a small Detached and Outreach Youth Work team to deliver detached and outreach sessions in areas of the borough where youth violence and criminal/anti-social behaviour were causing concern. The aim of this work was to reduce crime and ASB.
 - (xvi) The objective was to engage the young people in these areas to ensure they were aware of what provision was being delivered and where and to try and get these young people into the positive activities on offer to achieve this aim.
 - (xvii) With regards to the next steps, the funding that is committed but unspent is being used to enable the tapering off from the summer programme and particularly to build on some of the good work done over the summer, especially regarding the transition back into education after the summer for young people in the PRU.
 - (xviii) The use of some of this funding is still awaiting agreement. Regarding the unspent funding discussions will be held regarding how best this can be utilised over the coming year e.g. Christmas holidays etc.
 - (xix) Whilst the summer has been very successful it is recommended that if a decision is taken to fund summer activities for summer 2019 then to achieve optimum outcomes then funding should ideally be agreed by the end of May 2019 to enable more detailed planning to ensure a more comprehensive offer.
 - (xx) In conclusion Paul Sutton, Assistant Director, Service Development & Youth Services thanked Graham and Rafique for pulling this whole programme together in a very short space of time. It had taken a great deal of time and effort and huge credit should be given to Graham and Rafique. Much of the success could be attributed to the wide range of contacts that Graham and Rafique have and their ability to engage with young people and the community.

Following Graham's update, the following questions/comments were made:

- Q. How do you measure value for money?
- A. This will hopefully become evident when looking at young people who otherwise may not have remained in education etc. As part of the

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programme we took young people to look at jobs in the music industry at Westfield, Stratford. If you take young people out of their known environment inevitably they will like it and it will broaden their horizons which is the ultimate aim.

Q. Looking at Crime Rates what difference did the summer programme make to these figures?

A. The summer programme was not a magic wand but do think that anecdotally neighbourhoods and communities had a different/improved feel about them.

Q. Looking at the data provided it would seem that it was mostly males who took part in the programme. Is there a reason for this?

A. The data will be revisited to clarify that this is correct. It should be remembered however that the majority of exclusions, PRU attendees etc are male so naturally there would have been more male referrals to the summer programme. We do however need to focus more on what young women want to ensure gender equality and we do need to weight the programme to suit all.

Q. There appears to have been no representation on the programme from areas such as N13/EN2. Why is this?

A. We need to rebuild provision in the Eastern Corridor. There is a lot of work to be done on encouraging young people to move out of their specific postcodes.

Q. Has there been any feedback from the young people themselves?

A. Just a thank you from young people is often enough. However further feedback will be provided when it becomes available.

Q. Councillor Dey echoed the congratulations already expressed. He referred to the young people in the EN2 and N21 areas where considerable voluntary work is taking place and asked how we can rebuild links between the Council and the Voluntary Sector.

A. We have made a start on this work and currently probably engage with approximately 25% of the Voluntary Sector. We now need to build on this work and we are open to working with anyone.

Paul concluded by advising Members that Enfield have taken an approach which other boroughs maybe haven't, which is that we have gone out and engaged the public. This has given us about 80% of our attendance at our Youth Centres. We do and will continue to build on this.

The Chair thanked Graham, Paul and Rafique for attending the meeting to provide this very encouraging report.

746. BURGLARY REPORT

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NOTED that this item was covered under Item 5 on the agenda: SSCB Performance Management -Monitoring Update. A Burglary update was provided as part of this report.

747. SSCB PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT- MONITORING UPDATE

Andrea Clemons Head of Community Safety presented this report and highlighted the following:

- i) Andrea thanked the Committee for the opportunity to provide the performance update and reminded Members that it is framed to support Enfield's Partnership Plan (4 years – 2017-2021).
- ii) The report analyses the five priorities identified in the borough of Enfield and discusses the performance compared to other London boroughs.
- iii) The measures reflect the priorities in our own Partnership Plan which are:
 - Reducing burglary and keeping people safe at home;
 - Tackling violent crime – in all its forms
 - Keeping young people safe and reducing their risks from crime;
 - Promoting cohesion and tackling hate crime;
 - Dealing with anti-social behaviour.
- iv) The report demonstrates progress in crime figures against the five bulleted priorities above.
- v) Total Notifiable Offences in Enfield have increased by 10.6% in the year ending August 2018. In London there has been a smaller increase of 3.1% in the same period.
- vi) Residential burglaries in Enfield have increased by 29.5% in the year ending August 2018
- vii) Serious Youth Violence has increased in the last year in Enfield by 2.1% and London has experienced a similar increase of 2% in the same period.
- viii) Although the rate of Serious Youth Violence victims is higher than this time last year, there has been a small reduction in Enfield month by month since April 2018.
- ix) Of the 32 London boroughs, Enfield is currently 3rd for Serious Youth Violence in the year ending August 2018, compared to 5th the previous year.
- x) Knife Crime in Enfield has increased by 19.4% in the year to August 2018 compared to the previous year. London has experienced a smaller increase in Knife Crime of 9.3%.
- xi) Just under half of all Non-Domestic Knife Crime injury victims in the last year were under the age of 24, accounting for 49.4%. Gun Crime offences overall in Enfield have seen a decrease of 2.7% in the last year.

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- xii) There were 2404 Residential Burglaries in Enfield in the year ending August 2018, compared to 1856 in the previous year, an increase of 29.5%. In London there was a smaller increase of 21.3% in Residential Burglaries.
- xiii) Although there is still a significant increase in Residential Burglaries compared to last year, there has been a continuous reduction in Residential Burglaries in Enfield between April 2018 and July 2018. However Residential Burglaries saw a sharp increase in August 2018, this pattern was also mirrored in London.
- xiv) Enfield has the 6th highest rate of Residential Burglaries of the 32 London boroughs recording 18.3 residential burglaries per 1000 households. It was however noted at this point that Enfield has a considerably high number of houses therefore the rate per 1000 households brings the figures to a much more improved level
- xv) Year three of MetTrace was rolled out in Enfield on the 14/06/2017 in various Wards across the borough. As of 03/09/2018 there have been 5,108 kits distributed since the start of year three and the project aims to distribute a further 4,153 by the end of 2018.
- xvi) With regards to Residential Burglaries the priority now is to ensure that residents are aware of seasonal fluctuations to burglary, addressed in part through partnership communications campaigns.
- xvii) Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) calls have reduced in Enfield by 7.7% in the year ending August 2018, compared to the same period last year.
- xviii) A table was also included in the report detailing the Order Type, the status of the order, the age range of offenders and the number of orders that are Gang related.
- xix) Andrea then went through each of the further priorities in detail and provided figures, data and the proposed measures for each one.
- xx) With regards to Issues and Challenges it was noted that Serious Youth Violence is the highest priority currently and a workshop and public event have taken place to engage with communities to discuss solutions.
- xxi) Extra Policing and the focus of the task force is proving to have a positive impact since its introduction.

The following questions and comments were raised:

- Q. Councillor Dey referred to the increase of 10.6% in Total Notifiable Offences and asked why this figure was so out of kilter with the rest of London. How is this being addressed?
- A. Total Notifiable Offences can be anything, for example Burglary is an area where positive outcomes can be achieved through our preventative work. For example, the clocks going back results in an increase in burglaries. We can make a difference by engaging with householders and offering help and support around crime prevention. The Safer Houses Campaign is also a targeted programme which is also used.
- Q. Councillor Uddin said that last year Asian households had been specifically targeted for Gold. Are these targeted burglaries continuing?

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- A. It was not clear whether these targeted burglaries had stopped completely but incidences hadn't been heard of recently.
- Q. The London Borough of Newham has seen a large decrease in Serious Youth Crime. What can Enfield learn from this?
- A. At the end of 2017 Newham experienced a high number of murders, which resulted in them receiving extra resources, the outcome of which has seen Serious Youth Violence decrease considerably in Newham. Enfield has since become a recipient of a similar resource via the Violent Crime Task Force and, as a result of this, Enfield had a substantial reduction in SYV during the summer, as did Haringey. If we can continue to receive this support, we are confident that we can further reduce this figure.
- Q. What is the detected rate for Residential Burglaries?
- A. There is a 3.1% detection rate for Residential Burglaries.
- Q. What is the strategy for Burglary? How can Councillors assure residents what we are doing to address this issue?
- A. MetTrace continues as does the scheme to provide locks and bolts to vulnerable people. A Communications Campaign around crime prevention/burglary is being delivered via the papers and digitally. It was also noted at the start of the year there were 352 Community Safety Cameras in the borough.

The Chair thanked Andrea for her informative update and Superintendent Brookes for his valuable contributions.

748. SSCB PARTNERSHIP PLAN AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Andrea Clemons Head of Community Safety presented an update and highlighted the following:

- i) The Mayor's Office for Policing & Crime (MOPAC) has now published the new Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021 for London which sets out the priorities for the safety of London.
- ii) Enfield's Partnership Plan will be recirculated to the Committee and Members were encouraged to read it and forward any questions or comments they have to Andrea.

Action: Andrea Clemons/Susan O'Connell

- iii) In terms of digging into the priorities it would seem that most of the crimes have something to do with illegal drugs, so the plan is to do some further investigating into this, e.g. the cost of local drug markets etc.
- iv) In terms of future priorities, the general sense at the moment is to revisit vehicle crime, for instance is the increase in moped thefts in order to commit other crimes?

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749. UPDATE ON POLICE NUMBERS

RECEIVED an update from Superintendent (Neighbourhoods) Nigel Brookes on police numbers in the borough.

NOTED:

- (i) Enfield are now in the transition of becoming one unit (North Area Basic Crime Unit) with Haringey so this would be the last report of this type. Future reports to the committee will look very different and will be more complex and not Enfield specific.
- (ii) The figures in the report on page 21 of the agenda which detailed a more accurate picture of operational officers on the Borough, including abstractions, vacancies and acting up posts.
- (iii) The overall BWT target is 545 full time employees (minus 5 original SLT0).
- (iv) There are currently 490.54 police officers in post which leaves 54.46 vacancies.
- (v) Of these numbers 1 officer is officially on attachment and another 13 are currently at training school and street duties on the borough.
- (vi) The shortfall in Detectives across the borough. The MET are looking at more creative ways to attract and retain Detectives, one of which is the Direct Entry Scheme which is proving very positive.
- (vii) A shortfall in uniformed Sergeant posts, but this will hopefully be addressed by January 2019.
- (viii) To join the MET now you must have lived in London for three of the last six years and this residency requirement is set to continue.
- (ix) Lots of work is taking place to address the shortfall in Officers, for example engaging with the harder to reach communities. Another example is that visible tattoos will now be permitted as part of the recruitment criteria.
- (x) Further information was provided regarding the Basic Crime Unit and discussions took place as to how the transition to one unit would affect Enfield.
- (xi) Following the transition Police numbers will not reduce. It will also result in enhanced numbers of Officers in School and Youth engagement work
- (xii) Some very exciting possibilities with the transition to the BCU, coupled however with some risks and challenges.

The following comments/questions were raised:

- Q. What is the realistic time scale for the MET to be fully recruited?
A. It will take a prolonged period for the MET to reach full strength, especially given the high turn-over rate of Officers.
- Q. How many PCSOs are there in the borough?

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A. One per Ward and these are managed centrally in terms of recruitment and training.

Q. How many Specials do we currently have in the borough?

A. I will check these figures and feedback at the next meeting. It should also be remembered that the working hours of our Specials vary greatly.

We also have a fantastic Police Cadet Programme in Enfield.

Action: Superintendent Nigel Brookes

Q. Will Enfield Police Station stay where it is?

A. Yes, it will and will also be refurbished.

Q. What is being done to improve retention rates?

A. One new scheme currently be offered is that Officers who have retired can come back but still retain some of their benefits

The Chair thanked Superintendent Brookes for his interesting update.

750. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2018

AGREED the minutes of the meeting held on the 22 March 2018.

751. WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

NOTED the Work Programme for 2018/19.

752. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTED the dates of future meetings as follows:

Thursday 10 January 2019

Thursday 28 March 2019