

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20 REPORT NO.

MEETING TITLE AND DATE:

REPORT OF:

Director of Law and
Governance

Agenda – Part:1

Item:

Subject: Police S92 Contract

Wards: All

Key Decision No: 4994

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The current Community Policing contract expires at the end of August 2019 and we have been advised that the price will increase compared with the current contract, due to the end of a reduced cost offer by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime across London.
- 1.2 This report seeks authority to increase funding for the provision of 16 police officers to work on Council Housing Estates for a further 2 years. The funding is provided from the Housing Revenue Account and will require approval for an additional budget in year, although this increase will be gradual due to existing vacancies in the team.
- 1.3 This is an important and valued service to residents on the targeted estates and contributes to reduced crime levels and increased feelings of resident safety.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

To approve additional funding from the Housing Revenue Account for 2019/20 for two subsequent years to facilitate the continuation of the policing service on prioritised housing estates.

BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Community Safety Team has delivered a community policing service on 5 high crime council housing estates since September 2016. The current contract allows for the provision of 16 police officers on a “buy one, get one free” basis and expires at the end of August 2019. The funding model is now changing and to secure the same level of resource we need to increase our funding. Following a discussion at EMT it was agreed that the report could be signed by the Director.
- 3.2 Regular contact between the Community Safety Team and the Dedicated Policing Unit has ensured that the team is tasked to high crime areas on council housing estates and provide fortnightly reports to indicate the outcome of those taskings.
- 3.3 The contract has been successful and can demonstrate positive outcomes in the areas where the work has been prioritised. Listed below are some of the key beneficial outcomes from analysis of the current contract to the end of January 2019

Since September 2016, the Safer Estates Team have made **767** arrests in total and have carried out **2132** stop and searches.

The number of crimes in the 5 Priority Estates (The Shires, Ayley Croft, Joyce Avenue and Snells Park, Moree Way and Lytchet) has increased by **11.5%** when comparing the period before and after the Safer Estates contract started. However, in the same period, Enfield on average and including lower crime areas, experienced a greater increase of **14.7%**.

Drug offences have decreased in Enfield by 24.9% but have **increased in the 5 Priority Estates** by 18.2%. **This suggests that the Safer Estates Teams are proactively apprehending more offenders in these areas whilst on patrol.**

Violence against the person offences **decreased in the 5 priority estates by 4.2%**. In the same period, Enfield experienced an increase of 15.6%.

Burglary offences in the 5 priority estates have **decreased by 18.9%** in the length of the project. In Enfield, in the same time burglaries have increased slightly by 1.2%

Criminal Damage offences in the 5 priority estates have **decreased by 10.4%**. In the same period Enfield experienced an increase of 4.6%.

- 3.4 The cost of services to be provided is detailed in the Part 2 of this report
- 3.5 There is no requirement to tender for this contract as the Metropolitan Police via MOPAC are a unique provider of for policing in the Capital.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 Option 1- Do nothing

Crime is major concern in London and there is recognition that the MPS have been forced to make savings by selling buildings etc to protect the front line of services. Even then the demand for police outstrips supply and crime numbers in areas outside where the Council funded teams have been working are increasing, demonstrating the value of the additional Council funded resource.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 To ensure that Enfield Communities feel safer. Through the provision of additional officers, improvements have been made in targeted areas. We know that people value the scheme through direct input at public meetings and other feedback. The team have been able to support other additional support at community events within the limitations of the HRA requirements

6. COMMENTS FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS

6.1 Financial Implications

The cost outlined in the report Part 2 will be managed within the HRA

6.2 Legal Implications

6.3 Property Implications

There are no direct property implications in this report

7. KEY RISKS

8. IMPACT ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES – CREATING A LIFETIME OF OPPORTUNITIES IN ENFIELD

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9. EQUALITIES IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

10. PERFORMANCE AND DATA IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Regular meetings between the Community Safety Manager and the contractor ensure that performance measures and quality work is consistently delivered.

There is an Information Sharing Protocol compliant with GDPR, recently signed off at the Safer and Stronger Community Board.

11. HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12. HR IMPLICATIONS

No HR implications

13. PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Background Papers