

**REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	9 April 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2019
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director, Strategic Commissioning
<b>Scrutiny Lead Member area:</b>	Cllr Ghazanfar Ali– Community, Health and Wellbeing Policy Lead Cllr Jean Lammiman – Community, Health and Wellbeing Performance Lead
<b>Exempt:</b>	No
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All
<b>Enclosures:</b>	Annual Strategic Assessment 2018

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

The Strategic Assessment is an annual review of the patterns of crime and anti-social behaviour, fulfilling partnership responsibility under Sections 5, 6, and 7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to conduct an annual review of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder in Harrow & Greater London.

The findings of the Strategic Assessment will help inform the annual refresh of Harrow's Community Safety and Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy.

### **Recommendations:**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the findings of the Strategic Assessment and provide comments to officers to be fed into the review of the Community Safety and Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy.

## **Section 2 – Report**

All Community Safety Partnerships are required by law to conduct an annual assessment of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within the Borough. This is known as the Strategic Assessment. The Strategic Assessment is then used to produce the partnership's Community Safety Strategy. The last version of the strategy was published in 2018 and took into account changes in priorities from the Mayor's Office, in favour of a thematic approach which gives local areas greater control of local police priorities. The strategy is currently being reviewed and updated.

The 2019 Strategic Assessment focuses on high volume priority crime areas that have been announced by The Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC):

1. *Burglary*
2. *Non-domestic violence with injury*
3. *Anti-social behaviour*

The Strategic Assessment also considers important issues around violence, vulnerability and exploitation in the Borough. This is also in line with the current Mayor's priorities, with a continued focus on tackling high harm crime in the following areas:

1. *Violence and weapons based crime (including gangs, child sexual exploitation)*
2. *Domestic and sexual abuse*
3. *Drug crime*
4. *Extremism and hate crime*

As a result of the Strategic Assessment, we believe the priorities should remain the same. However, the Delivery Plan will be updated accordingly following the review of the strategy.

## **Legal Implications**

This Strategic Assessment is to be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform the Community Safety Strategy. The Strategy will be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet, with ultimate approval reserved to Council, as set out in the Council's Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009 requires that the Partnership be set up, and the formulation of the strategy is required under s6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

The plan, formulated with the relevant partner agencies, must address

- (a) a strategy for the reduction of re-offending, crime and disorder and for combating substance misuse in the area
- (b) the priorities identified in the strategy for the previous year
- (c) steps necessary for responsible authorities to implement the strategy and meet priorities
- (d) how resources should be allocated to implement the strategy and meet priorities
- (e) steps for each responsible authority to take to measure its success to implement strategies and meet priorities
- (f) steps the strategy group proposes to comply with community engagement obligations, considering the extent that people in the area can assist in reducing re-offending, crime and disorder and substance misuse, and publicising that partnership plan.

Section 17 of the Act imposes a duty on the Council when exercising its functions to have due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to prevent, crime and disorder, misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances and re-offending.

The draft Community Safety and Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy is scheduled to be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

## **Financial Implications**

All Councils have received funding under MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) to tackle priorities in the new London Police and Crime Plan. Harrow was allocated £452,000 over 2 years for 2017-19 and we have been allocated £420,000 for 2019-21. As part of this, the service has approved funding aimed at a programme of projects to reduce Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation, which will help us respond to the gangs peer review, and the rise in youth violence that we are seeing in the borough. Detail of this will be provided alongside the Strategy. There will be no impact upon existing service budgets.

## Performance Issues

The Strategic Assessment provides a wide range of crime measures that will shape the Strategy through the Safer Harrow Partnership. Key crime measures are reported quarterly via the Corporate Scorecard and are also monitored through Safer Harrow.

## Environmental Impact

There are no specific environmental issues associated with this report at this stage.

## Risk Management Implications

There are none specific to this report.

Risk included on Directorate risk register? N/A  
Separate risk register in place? N/A

## Equalities implications

Equalities implications arising from the Strategic Assessment will be considered in the development of the strategy.

## Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

### Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

This Strategy relates to the following corporate priority:

- Protect the most vulnerable and support families

## Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Sharon Daniels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 26 March 2019		
Name: Isha Price	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 28 March 2019		

**Ward Councillors notified:**

**N/A – affects all wards.**

## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

**Background Papers:** None

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