

Overview and Scrutiny Committee 26 July 2021	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of Ann Corbett Divisional Director, Community Safety	Classification: Unrestricted
Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels Action Plan	

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Wards affected	All wards

Summary

This report submits an update on the eleven recommendations of the scrutiny challenge session on Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels in Tower Hamlets. The original challenge session focussed on how resident engagement (seldom heard) can be improved and provides an action plan for implementation.

The Mayor's Office for Police and Crime (MOPAC) has a statutory responsibility for making arrangements and for obtaining the views of the community and victims of crime on matters concerning policing in London. The Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels are not Council, but Police led, and they are independently run by residents with the Safer Neighbourhood Police Teams (SNTs). The Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB) is funded by MOPAC and plays a key part in the Police and Crime Plan (PCP) 2017-2021 agenda. This commits MOPAC to support the work of SNBs and provides funding for those (Community led and decision making) structures that hold local policing to account.

This cover report accompanies the presentation slide deck: Review of Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels Action Plan and includes (Appendix

The contents of the slide deck include:

- Background information pertaining to the eleven recommendations set out by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- The changes in the way that the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) approach ward panels and how priorities are set since the Ward Panel Action Plan was agreed.
- Notification of a new Ward Panel Members Handbook being issued providing comprehensive guidance as to what a ward panel is and how a ward panel should operate
- An update on the work delivered to improve resident's access to ward panels,

ward panel inclusivity and representation of the local community and the impact of COVID-19 on the delivery of the action plan

Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

1. Review the accompanying presentation, discuss, and note progress on delivery of the eleven recommendations

Appendices:

- Appendix 1: Scrutiny Challenge Session Report: Working in genuine partnership with seldom-heard residents to make our communities safer
- Appendix 2: Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel Action Plan
- Appendix 3: Met Police Ward Panel Handbook