

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

REPORT OF THE MAYOR IN CABINET

04 JULY 2012

To receive the report of the Cabinet at its meeting held on Wednesday **04 July 2012**.

Mayor and Councillors in attendance at the meeting: -

Cabinet:

Mayor Lutfur Rahman	(Mayor)
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	(Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Rofique U Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Regeneration)
Councillor Shahed Ali	(Cabinet Member for Environment)
Councillor Abdul Asad	(Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing)
Councillor Alibor Choudhury	(Cabinet Member for Resources)
Councillor Shafiqul Haque	(Cabinet Member for Jobs and Skills)
Councillor Rabina Khan	(Cabinet Member for Housing)
Councillor Rania Khan	(Cabinet Member for Culture)
Councillor Oliur Rahman	(Cabinet Member for Children's Services)

Other Councillors:

Councillor Kabir Ahmed	(Executive Advisor to the Mayor and Cabinet)
Councillor Stephanie Eaton	
Councillor Peter Golds	(Leader of the Conservative Group)
Councillor Ann Jackson	(Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee)
Councillor Md. Maium Miah	(Executive Advisor to the Mayor and Cabinet on Third Sector and Community Engagement)
Councillor Gulam Robbani	(Executive Advisor to the Mayor and Cabinet on Adult Social Care)

1. Community Safety Plan 2012-13: Reference from the Council meeting, 18th June 2012 (CAB 015/123)

The report (attached as Appendix 1 to this council report) informed the Mayor and Cabinet that: -

- The full Council, at an extraordinary meeting held on 18th June 2012, received the draft Community Safety Plan 2012-13 as proposed by the Executive [Mayor in Cabinet 04 April 2012] for adoption.
- The full Council agreed a number of amendments to the draft plan and these were set out at section 6 of the report before the Mayor/ Cabinet, and now referred back to the Executive for consideration.

- The Development and Consultation Plan and Equalities Analysis in respect of the draft plan; and the Membership of the Community Safety Partnership and Delivery Structure, were as previously reported to the Cabinet and Council and no amendments were proposed to those documents.
- The Mayor in Cabinet was recommended to:
 - Reconsider the draft Community Safety Plan and decide whether or not to revise the draft plan by including some or all of the amendments agreed by the Council on 18th June 2012.
 - Resubmit the draft plan, revised as necessary and with reasons for any disagreement with the Council's amendments, to the Council on 11th July 2012 for adoption.
- The reason for the recommended decisions, was in order to comply with the requirements of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules at Part 4.3 of the Council's Constitution, and the statutory rules regarding the development and adoption of the Authority's Policy Framework.
- It summarised the relevant Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules at section 8 including:
 - The Mayor, on behalf of the Executive must reconsider the draft Plan and either submit a revised plan to the full Council, or alternatively inform the full Council of any disagreement that the Executive has with the proposed amendments and the reasons for this.
 - That the full Council must then consider the revised plan of the Executive and any reasons given by the Executive for any disagreement with the full Council's amendments before adopting the plan. If at this stage the full Council still wishes to insist on any of its amendment(s) that the Executive has not accepted, a two-thirds majority of those present and voting is required for the amendment to succeed.

Councillor Ohid Ahmed, Deputy Mayor, in introducing the report before the Mayor/ Cabinet, summarised the key points contained therein, commenting as follows:-

- The Authority had had successes over the past financial year, but where there had been increases in levels of crime and disorder, Community Safety Partnership (CSP) resources had been targeted to address this in line with the priorities in the Community Safety Plan (the Plan). This had lead to significant decreases in the levels of serious youth violence, robbery, burglary and gun crime in 2012.
- The proposed Plan identified 10 key priorities for the CSP, the drivers of crime and disorder and the governance structure through which the CSP aimed to address these priorities in 2012/ 13.
- Each sub-group within the CSP produced a delivery plan against the relevant Plan priorities. Performance against these delivery plans was monitored on a bi-monthly basis by the CSP to ensure action was being taken against each priority.

- It was a statutory responsibility under the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) for Community Safety Partnerships to produce a Community Safety Plan.
- The previous and proposed decision of the Mayor/ Cabinet on this matter, along with the priorities within the Plan were based on the findings of the Strategic Review 2011, consultation with partner agencies (through the CSP) and the community through the Police and Community Safety Board public meetings.
- The proposed Plan had been thoroughly discussed at various panels and boards and already been through a rigorous approval process, both internal to the Authority, external with the CSP and the Police and Community Safety Board Executive.
- Given that the public and partners (both Statutory and Third Sector) were overwhelmingly in support of the proposed Plan and its priorities, both he and the Mayor considered that the originally proposed CSP 2012/13 was robust and it should be endorsed unrevised by the Mayor and Cabinet, with onward recommendation for adoption by full Council. Accordingly Councillor Ahmed **proposed an alternative option** in relation to recommended decisions 2.1 and 2.2 for the Mayor's consideration [see Decisions 1 to 3 below].

The Service Head Strategy & Resources & Olympic Impact, Mr Beattie, at the request of the Chair, commented on the reference before the Mayor/ Cabinet that:

- The proposed amendments to the Plan from the full Council appeared to be based on the premise that the Plan did not refer to targets on crime or an associated performance management process. Whilst this concern was understandable it was based on a misconception as to the function of the Plan which was a high level document. Underneath the Plan sat targets for each CSP sub group which referenced the overarching priorities of the Plan, and which in turn informed the target setting. Performance against the targets was monitored by the CSP Executive. The CSP strategy was also defined by statute. He could therefore give an assurance that there were targets and structured performance management underpinning these.

A short discussion followed which focused on the following points:-

- Their were targets associated with the originally proposed Community Safety Plan 2012/13. It was not appropriate for the targets to be set by the Authority alone as it was one element of the Community Safety Partnership and the concept of partnership working was that such matters were agreed together. Performance on crime was a matter for the Metropolitan Police not the Authority. Consideration therefore that the proposed amendments would add little value to the Plan and therefore the Plan that had been proposed by the Executive in April 2012 should continue to be supported.

The **Mayor**, having considered the contents of the report before him, the recommended decisions set out therein and the alternative option proposed by

Councillor Ohid Ahmed, agreed the proposed alternative option and consequently **agreed** the following:

Decision

1. That the proposed amendments to the draft Community Safety Plan 2012/13 which the extraordinary full Council, held on 18th June 2012, requested that the Mayor in Cabinet should consider and agree, be noted.
2. That the decision of the Mayor in Cabinet, made on 4th April 2012, in relation to draft Community Safety Plan 2012/13 be reaffirmed, and that full Council be recommended to adopt the Plan, as contained in Appendix A to the April Cabinet report (CAB 102/112); and
3. That it be agreed that the draft Community Safety Plan 2012/13 be submitted unrevised to full Council together with the Mayor's reasons for disagreement with the full Council's proposed amendments.

The Executive's reasons for disagreement with the full Council's proposed amendments to the Plan are set out above in the deliberations but could be summarised as follows:

- The Executive had been advised that the proposed Community Safety Plan (the Plan) identified 10 key priorities for the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). CSP Sub-Groups produced a delivery plan against the relevant Plan priorities. Performance against these delivery plans was monitored on a bi-monthly basis by the CSP Executive. Officers had also assured the Mayor that there were targets for crime associated with the Plan and structured performance management underpinning these.
- The decision of the Mayor to recommend adoption of the Plan, along with the priorities within the Plan, were based on the findings of the Strategic Review 2011 and extensive consultation with partner agencies and the community. The approval process for the proposed Plan had been rigorous both within the Authority and externally with the CSP and Police and Community Safety Board. Given that the public and partners (both Statutory and Third Sector) were overwhelmingly in support of the Plan and its priorities, the Executive considered it was robust and should be adopted by full Council without further revision.
- Where there had been increases in levels of crime and disorder, CSP resources had been targeted to address this in line with the priorities in the Plan leading to significant decreases in crime levels. The CSP was therefore focused on addressing public concerns about crime in Tower Hamlets.

Council is therefore recommended to: -

Adopt the draft Community Safety Plan 2012 - 13, as contained in Appendix A to the 04 April 2012 Cabinet report (CAB 102/112) and Appendix A to the 04 July Cabinet report (CAB 015/123) **(the latter attached at Appendix 1 to this Council report).**

**Lutfur Rahman
Mayor**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 100D (AS AMENDED)
LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Brief description of "background paper" number of holder	Tick if copy supplied	If not supplied, name and telephone
Draft Cabinet minutes 04/07/12		Angus Taylor 020 7364 4333