

Briefing for Overview and Scrutiny Crime and Disorder Spotlight Session (29-02-16)

DATE: Monday 29th February

The O&S Committee have requested the following information to be provided for discussion to take place on the 29th February for the Crime and Disorder Spotlight Session. The session will be attended by Met Police Lead (tbc); Andy Bamber (Service Head for Community Safety) and Trevor Kennett (Head of Enforcement and Markets).

1. ASB OPERATIONAL GROUP

- **Who attends? Various agencies?**
- **Are there papers/minutes of the meeting (would like minutes from the last two meetings)?**
- **Does the meeting feedback to councilors? Why not?**
- **Does the meeting feedback to residents? Why not?**

ASB Operations Group

The ASB Operations group meet fortnightly to review and monitor priority ASB locations. At each meeting the group review the neighbourhood priorities, current ASB issues and any emerging issues identified through intelligence. The group allocates tasking resources currently under management of the Police and Council such as PTF, SNT, THEOs, Licensing, Trading Standards and Clean & Green.

Neighbourhood Priorities

Neighbourhood priorities are set at quarterly partnership meetings by each SNT Cluster (West, Central and East). The meetings are attended by the Police, Council, RSLs and Ward Panel Chairs. The priorities set at the meetings are long term issues which need a partnership approach to deal with. The priorities are set based on an intelligence product and feedback from partners and residents.

The priorities are then reviewed fortnightly at the ASB Operations Group. The group monitor progress and determine if there is a need for extra resources or powers to be used. All partners involved provide updates on activity from previous two weeks and the group looks at the number ASB calls received for each of priority locations.

Current issues

The group also review a fortnightly ASB product which highlights ASB hotspot locations from the previous two weeks based on ASB and drug calls to the Police. The ASB product also includes issues identified through members and partners. The group review the hotspot locations identified and allocate resources accordingly. At the following meeting partners provide updates on taskings that were allocated to them. Based on the updates and ASB data collated on each of the tasking location the group assess and evaluates taskings and where necessary allocates additional resources or closes issue.

ASB Product

The ASB product is based on 101 calls to the police on ASB and drug issues. Hotspots are identified by volume of calls to each location. The data set looks at reports received for two week period before each ASB operation meeting. The ASB product also includes volume of calls for all the neighbourhood priority location and current issues the group are dealing with.

Any issues that are raised by Member enquires are also addressed in the meeting with relevant responses then fed back to Members. Ward panel meetings, Safer Neighbourhood Board meetings and the Community Trigger Panel also enable an opportunity to feedback to residents in regards to specific issues and ASB in wards. Attached in Appendix A is an agenda from an ASB Group meeting

Current Membership

Council

Andy Bamber, Service Head – Safer Communities
Trevor Kennett, Head of Street Enforcement & Response
David Tolley, Head of Trading Standards and Environmental Health
Anwar Miah, Criminal Justice Manager - Drug & Alcohol Action Team
Maria Kaustrater, Community Engagement Manager – Rapid Response Team
Phil Gospage, THEO Team Leader – Enforcement Team
Kridos Pavlou, ASB Team Manager - Enforcement Team
Wesley Dean – Information Analyst - Enforcement Team
Abdul Mumin – Operations Coordinator – Community Safety Team
Liz Nelson, Interim Head of Clean Green and Highways – Public Realm
Lilian Ajose, Senior Lawyer- Legal Service
Viviene Walker, Senior Prosecution Lawyer – Legal Service

Police

Mark Long, Chief Inspector - Neighbourhood Policing (Chair)*

Paul Crosby, Inspector – SNT West
Chris Heflin Scott, Inspector – SNT Central
Chris Parkin, Inspector – SNT East
Mark Perry, Police Constable – Licencing

Tower Hamlets Homes

Yvette Homes, ASB Manager – THH

Poplar Harca

Jamie Lock, Head of ASB – Poplar Harca
Joe William, ASB Manager – Poplar Harca

2. NEW COUNCIL FUNDED POLICE OFFICERS

- **The contract (provide a copy)**
- **Progress so far**

The Police Task Force 2 which consisted of 19 officers came to an end on the 17th December 2015. Due to a reduced budget a smaller team is now being purchased. The

smaller PTF3 team consists of 1 sergeant and 5 constables and will continue to focus on prioritising ASB, including street prostitution and drugs. The officers will continue to work closely with Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officers and other local authority officers in order to maximise their impact and effectiveness. Some marked changes to the PTF3 also include;

- The Police officers will be collocated with the manager of our street enforcement team in Mulberry Place. This closer working relationship with the council will ensure that the powers of the police are used effectively to support council officers and improve the council's response to incidents of anti-social behaviour.
- The Officers will be subject to joint tasking through the ASB Operations Group which meets fortnightly. Verbal feedback will be provided on activity at each ASB Ops meeting along with a monitoring return each quarter in regards to activity and action as noted in the service specification. Case studies with outcomes will also be provided each quarter. An annual review of performance will also be carried out each year.
- The officers will be ring fenced to the borough and will not be used by the Metropolitan Police for any other policing duties on the borough or across London. There are 3 specific exceptions to this ring-fenced commitment. The officer may be required to work at Notting Hill Carnival, New Year's Eve celebrations, and during any Civil Emergency that may occur in London.

An Individual Mayoral Agreement to approve PTF3 was completed and following call in period, contracts returned to the Police on the 21st January. Police made further comments to the contract and these have been reviewed by LBTH Legal with the contract returned for approval to Met Police. Following Police sign off the contract before is then returned to MOPAC. The PTF team is in place and the expected start date is the 22nd February 2016. Appendix C provides details of the Service Specification which forms one of the schedules supporting the contract for the PTF.

3. FINANCE COMMENTS

There are no financial implications arising from the contents of this briefing note.

4. LEGAL COMMENTS

There are no immediate legal implications arising from this briefing note.