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Report of: Corporate Director Stephen Halsey Originating officer(s) Andy Bamber, Head of Community Safety Service		Title: Crime and Drugs Reduction Partnership Plan 2008-11 (CDRP Plan) Wards Affected: All		

1. SUMMARY

The draft Crime and Drugs Reduction Partnership Plan 2008-11 (CDRP Plan) is attached.

1.1 The twin objectives of the document are:-

- To highlight our priorities and guide our work as a partnership
- To meet statutory requirements

1.2 Background:

- The plan is a statutory document for all boroughs under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- The plan is embedded in our strategic framework as a delivery plan for our 2020 Community Plan. Specifically it is the delivery plan for the 'Tackling and Preventing Crime' priority under the Safe and Supportive Community theme.
- The plan is based on the priority and target setting work led by the Living CPAG over the past 10 months.
- Following extensive consultation with partners and residents the plan was agreed by at the Living Safely CPAG on 15th July 2008
- An action plan has also been agreed, reflecting the specific activities underpinning the broader commitments in the plan.
- The documents have been produced in accordance with statutory and best practice guidelines.

1.3 The CDRP Plan forms part of the Budget and Policy framework for the Council under the Council's Constitution.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is recommended to endorse the crime and drugs reduction partnership plan 2008-11 attached at appendix 1 to this report and agree that full council be recommended to approve the plan.

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)
List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

None

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Home Office recently reviewed Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) and embedded new requirements in the Police and Justice Act 2006. The requirement to produce a 3 year Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Plan (CDRP Plan) remained in place. However, rather than this remain static local areas had to refresh the priorities and delivery plan that the document is based on every year.
- 3.2 This annual review was based on the new requirement for Local Strategic Partnerships to produce a **Strategic Assessment** – priorities identified in partnership, through a thorough analysis of data, including consultation data, about crime and anti-social behaviour in the Borough.
- 3.3 The contents of the CDRP Plan were also clarified. It now must include:
- Priorities arising from the Strategic Assessment
 - A performance management framework, illustrating how performance against these priorities will be measured
 - A delivery plan, including partners’ contributions and how they will be resourced
 - Details of how community engagement fed in to the development of the plan
- 3.4 There is a further requirement to produce a summary document, whose content is specified. We are required to publish this by the end of July, in a format that makes it accessible to diverse communities. This requirement has been met by the publication of our Community Safety Booklet.

4. CONTENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

4.1 Content Overview

The main content of the plan, in accordance with statute and Home Office guidance, is: -

- Introduction by CDRP chairs
- Links to the Community Plan and LAA
- Our Approach
- Our Performance (against previous plan)
- Overview of Priorities and Consultation
- Details of each priority with targets
- Partnership Delivery Structure

4.2 Development Process

The Living Safely CPAG has overseen the development of the plan over the past 10 months. The diagram below shows the development process



4.3 Priorities and Cross Cutting Themes

In terms of crime types our priorities for 2008/09 are:

- Acquisitive Crime - particularly robbery, burglary and motor vehicle crime
- Anti-Social Behaviour – including arson, graffiti, and rowdy behaviour
- Class A Drug Supply – enforcement against drug dealing
- Hate crime and incidents – i.e. incidents where the victim is targeted because of their race/ethnicity, religion/belief, gender/gender identity, disability, age, sexual orientation or any other actual or perceived difference
- Resilience and Counter-Terrorism – ensuring our communities are resistant to violent extremism
- Violent Crime - particularly domestic violence, sexual violence and alcohol related violence

In addition to these we have identified a number of cross-cutting themes:

- Criminal justice – ensuring offenders are effectively brought to justice
- Drug use - services for those with drug and alcohol problems
- Reducing reoffending - providing effective services to ex-offenders
- Juvenile crime – aiming to reduce reoffending by young people and the victimisation of young people.

4.4 Consultation and Resident Engagement

Consultation on a draft plan took place between 19th June and 3rd July 2008. This included presentations at all DMTs and CMT, one to one meetings with key partners and extensive distribution to Living Safely CPAG, Programme Boards, key police and voluntary sector partners and CSS staff. Over 50 individual responses were received and the plan has been redrafted to reflect this feedback.

In addition, whilst the plan is going through the approval process it will be placed on the Tower Hamlets website as a draft and residents will be invited to comment.

5. FURTHER WORK

Between August and October 2008 there will be a Governance Review of the Partnership Structure (everything from the CDRP (Living Safely CPAG) downwards) by the Home Office. The new structure will be implemented from April 2009. The next Strategic Assessment, for 2009/10, will be agreed in November 2008. In addition the Partnership is going to develop a Strategic Assessment dedicated to the Olympics – we will be the first of the 5 Boroughs to do this work.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 6.1 There are no specific financial implications emanating from this report (which seeks Cabinet approval to the Crime and Drugs Reduction Partnership Plan 2008-11) as all aspects of the delivery of the plan will be contained from within existing budgets.

7. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL)

- 7.1 The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 (as amended by the Police & Justice Act 2006) provides that each borough should formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder (including anti social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment); and) a strategy for combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area.
- 7.2 Prior to formulating the strategy the responsible authorities must carry out a review of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder in the area, prepare an analysis of the results of that review and publish a report of that analysis.
- 7.3 The strategy should include the objectives of the authorities together with long and short term performance targets for measuring whether the objectives are achieved.
- 7.4 It is a statutory requirement that the strategy is kept under review each 3 year period for the purposes of monitoring its effectiveness and making any necessary changes that are necessary or expedient. This report fulfils the statutory requirements.

8. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The evidence shows that both economically disadvantaged groups and BME communities are disproportionately impacted by crime. The strategy also addresses issues such as hate crime and domestic violence, which impact disproportionately on particular groups. The strategy is therefore expected to make an important contribution to reducing inequality in the borough. Equalities implications of any interventions form a key part of any project planning and associated services regularly carry out Equalities Impact Assessments.

9. ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There is a proven link between poverty and crime, with the poorest in society disproportionately affected both as victims and offenders. Reduction in crime is associated with increasing inward investment and increased prosperity.

10. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 10.1 The strategy includes actions which will improve the local environment and work to ensure more sustainable solutions to designing out crime are incorporated into new developments. The implementation of Better Tower Hamlets Teams is developing strong partnerships between Police, Anti Social Behaviour and Enviro-crime enforcement services which will reduce littering, graffiti, illegal dumping and abandoned cars.

11. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Risks centre around the non-delivery of targets due to reduction in resourcing nationally or locally. There is also the risk that, in the life of the strategy, new crime priorities may emerge. To this end, detailed plans will be agreed annually, based on a review of outcomes, resources and local circumstances.

12. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Plan 2008-11