

DRAFT SAVINGS PROPOSAL

London Borough of Tower Hamlets
Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021-24

Proposal Title:	Decommissioning of the Community Safety Response Team (CSRT)		
Reference:	SAV / HAC 006 / 21-22	Savings Type:	Reduction in provision
Directorate:	Health, Adults & Community	Savings Service Area:	Cultural and related services
Directorate Service:	Community Safety Division	Strategic Priority Outcome:	7. People live in safer neighbourhoods and anti-social behaviour is tackled
Lead Officer and Post:	Ann Corbett, Divisional Director, Community Safety and Substance Misuse	Lead Member and Portfolio:	Cllr Asma Begum, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Youth and Equalities

Financial Impact:	Current Budget 2020-21	Savings/Income 2021-22	Savings/Income 2022-23	Savings/Income 2023-24	Total Savings/Income
Budget (£000)	512	(512)	-	-	(512)

Staffing Impact (if applicable):	Current 2020-21	FTE Reductions 2021-22	FTE Reductions 2022-23	FTE Reductions 2023-24	Total FTE Reductions
Employees (FTE) or state N/A	11	(11)	-	-	(11)

Proposal Summary:

This proposal is for the decommissioning of the Community Safety Response Team . The service provides an on-street youth and young adult outreach service, response to critical incidents and community reassurance activity. The aim of the Service is to divert young people and marginalised young adults away from crime and ASB into positive activities.

Whilst the service has a strong safeguarding element, provision of this type of service model is non statutory. There is an element of duplication of some service provision as the Youth Service is undergoing a redesign and developing a new operating model that will provide on-street youth outreach work. This may be in the form of universal youth provision rather than specialist and targeted.

The CSRT service and staff have recently undergone a reorganisation and a new target operating model was developed over the last 2 years. Due to timing of the new service go live date and the impacts from Covid, this new service has not had the opportunity to demonstrate value for money and impact on outcomes.

This proposal also includes a saving on transport costs of £37,285 as mobile provision for the Community Safety Response Team will not be required.

There will be a reduction of 16 staff (11 FTE). Full consultation and Managing Organisational Change policy will be required to stop and decommission this Service.

Revised Provision:

The Youth Service are re-designing their operating model during 2020/21 and will be extending it to include detached on-street youth work this will ensure some element of provision for young people who are at risk of getting involved with crime or ASB and provides an element of revised provision.

No other borough has a CSRT equivalent, so this was unique to LBTH.

There may be an option to reinvest £100k in the development of the new detached youth outreach model in the Youth Service and opportunities to mitigate the impact on the CSRT staff and service provision. This would have to be agreed as part of the MTFS process.

Risk and Mitigations:

The new Youth Service and operating model filling this space on detached youth work.

Resources and Implementation:

Timing is reliant on the Youth Service re-structure and new operating model being implemented.

SAVINGS PROPOSAL – BUDGET EQUALITY ANALYSIS SCREENING TOOL

Trigger Questions	Yes / No	If Yes – please provide a brief summary of how this impacts on each protected characteristic as identified in the Equalities Act 2010. This will need to be expanded in a full Equality Analysis at full Business Case stage.
Does the change reduce resources available to address inequality?	Yes	There are a disproportionate number of BAME young men in the criminal justice system and caught up in violent offending and drug related crime.
Does the change reduce resources available to support vulnerable residents?	Yes	Young people and young adults who are vulnerable to victimisation, violence and drugs.
Does the change involve direct impact on front line services?	Yes	The CSRT is a front-line service, but it is not statutory.
Changes to a Service		
Does the change alter who is eligible for the service?	No	
Does the change alter access to the service?	No	
Changes to Staffing		
Does the change involve a reduction in staff?	Yes	There are 18 members of staff (11 FTE) who will be directly impacted.
Does the change involve a redesign of the roles of staff?	No	

Summary:

To be completed at the end of completing the Screening Tool.

Based on the Screening Tool, will a full EA will be required?

Yes

Additional Information and Comments:

Full EIA