


Cabinet 9 February 2022	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Denise Radley, Corporate Director of Health, Adults, and Communities	Classification: Unrestricted
Delivery Report - Community Safety 2021	

Lead Member	Councillor Sirajul Islam, Cabinet Member for Community Safety
Originating Officer(s)	Jack Kerr, Strategy and Policy Manager
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	No
Reason for Key Decision	This report has been reviewed as not meeting the Key Decision criteria.
Forward Plan Notice Published	21 Dec 2021
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in People feel safer in their neighbourhoods and anti-social behaviour is tackled.

Executive Summary

This report sets out what the Community Safety Service in Tower Hamlets Council has delivered over the past 12 months to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the borough. This activity is set against the challenging backdrop the Covid-19 pandemic has presented and highlights how the service has risen to these challenges while maintaining operational delivery to residents.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet is recommended to

1. Note the contents of this report outlining delivery and achievements across the Community Safety Service in the Council over the past eighteen months.

1 REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 To provide the Mayor and Cabinet with an overview of the wide range of actions undertaken by Community Safety over the last twelve months.

2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 N/A

3 DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 This report provides an overview of our activity to tackle crime and ASB over the last 12 months. In summary, we have:

- Tackled neighbourhood crime and ASB: This includes: the rollout of our neighbourhood management model across the borough; the implementation of our new ASB & enforcement team the 'Neighbourhood Enforcement and Treatment' team; the introduction of a new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to address Nitrous Oxide related ASB; and how the council's CCTV has been utilised to support the police to target criminals while delivering a £3m capital upgrade of our CCTV infrastructure.
- Tackling hate crime, community tensions, and extremism: This includes: a significant number of 'training, outreach, and engagement' activities delivered to different groups to tackle hate crime; Prevent training and projects to protect those at risk from radical/extremist exploitation; and protective security initiatives to implement wider protective security measures around key attractions and places in the borough.
- Reduced reoffending and tackled the drivers of crime: This includes: operations to tackle the supply of drugs; drug and alcohol dependency treatment services to tackle substance misuse; a new targeted intervention 'Addiction, Disruption, Diversion, Enforcement & Recovery' programme to carry out a whole system wide approach to addressing drug misuse and drug related crime; the development of a serious organised crime profile to better target serious organised crime; and the rollout of a refreshed integrated offender management framework.
- Reducing Violence and safeguarding those at risk of violence and exploitation: This includes: a new Community Safety Partnership Plan that prioritises violence reduction through safeguarding those at risk of violence and vulnerability; a refreshed Violence and Vulnerability Reduction action plan; supporting the development of a VCS consortium to deliver place-based interventions to tackle violence on the Isle of Dogs; and a new Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation strategy. We also have a large portfolio of work aimed at addressing violence against women and girls such as a new contract with Solace Women's Aid, the continuation of the

Sanctuary scheme, and the development of a new women's safety programme.

- Planned and responded to civil emergencies in the borough: This includes: enhancing our out of hours capabilities and resilience; responding to 30 civil emergencies in the borough, delivering civil contingency training and exercising; and overseeing all of the council's business continuity plans.

3.2 The PowerPoint presentation report attached as appendix A provides a more detailed overview of these significant pieces of work.

4 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Public Sector Equality Duty (as set out in the Equality Act 2010) aims to embed equality considerations into the day-to-day work of public bodies, so that they tackle discrimination and inequality and contribute to making society fairer.

4.2 As the report is informational by nature, there are no direct implications arising from it. Any new projects or services embarked upon undergo equalities screening as a matter of course.

5 OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.
- Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.

5.2 There are no other statutory implications identified at this stage. The council's work to date and going forward is considered to be commensurate with all its best value, environmental and safeguarding responsibilities.

6 COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1 This report is for noting and therefore there are no direct financial implications relating to this report. The projects and services described have been funded from a range of local and national sources.

7 COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 This report refers to various activities which have been undertaken over the previous year and a half. Where reporting has been required by the council's constitution the legal impact of those activities has been considered as part of those reports. Therefore, there are no direct legal implications arising from this noting report.
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Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None.

Appendices

- Appendix A – presentation slides.

Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

- None.

Officer contact details for documents:

N/A