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| 12 July 2016 | | ITEM: 6 |
| Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee | | |
| Report on Thurrock Community Safety Partnership | | |
| Wards and communities affected: All | Key Decision: Non-Key | |
| Report of: Lucy Magill, Chair of Thurrock Community Safety Partnership | | |
| Accountable Head of Service: Lucy Magill, Head of Residents Services | | |
| Accountable Director: Steve Cox, Corporate Director of Environment and Place | | |
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Executive Summary

Performance:

All crime in Thurrock increased by 13.6% for the year 2015/16 when compared against the previous year with 12,443¹ crimes committed. Thurrock still has one of the highest crime rates in Essex, as well as a higher crime rate per 1,000 residents than our comparator community safety partnerships.

There were 5,607 incidents of Anti-social Behaviour in Thurrock in 2015/16 reported to Essex Police; a decrease of 4.7%, 276 fewer incidents, than in the previous year.

Priorities:

The Partnership Plan for 2015/16 identified 3 priorities from the partnership's Strategic Assessment. This allows us to develop and plan our activities to address the priorities outlined in the assessment whilst providing value for money, and an 'intelligence led' approach to community safety.

The priorities for 2015/2016 were:

1. **Reduce youth offending and re-offending of adults & young people**
This will address volumes crimes of: Domestic burglary; Most serious violence; Personal robbery and drug offences
2. **To reduce harm to and safeguard vulnerable victims** from: Domestic abuse; Sexual offences including rape; Child sexual exploitation; Serious Youth Violence; Hate crime; Anti-social behaviour; Cyber bullying; Honour based abuse and Serious Organised Crime encompassing Modern day slavery & Fraud where victims are vulnerable
3. **Violent extremism:** Delivering the Governments counter terrorism strategy – Prevent locally

¹ . These are preliminary Essex Police statistics and not yet confirmed by the Home Office

There are 2 changes to our priorities for 2016/17.

1. Reducing re-offending will address the volume crimes of domestic burglary and violent crime
2. Serious youth violence will be replaced by gang related violence as a priority to reflect the change in nominals we are now managing in Thurrock

Police and Crime Plan:

We have a newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner who will be publishing an updated Police and Crime Plan in October 2016. This will build on Roger Hirst's manifesto pledges of:

- Crack down on anti-social behavior
- Be tough on Domestic Violence
- Reverse the trend in serious violent crime
- Tackle gangs and organized crime
- Make the Police more local, visible and accessible

These priorities are reflected in our own local priorities.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 That Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the performance of the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership for the year 2015/16

1.2 That Overview and Scrutiny Committee support the 3 priorities of the Community Safety Partnership for the year 2016/17, which are:

- 1. Reduce Youth offending and re-offending of adults & young people**
This will address volumes crimes of Domestic burglary and violence;
- 2. To reduce harm to and safeguard vulnerable victims** from: Domestic abuse; Sexual offences including rape; Child Sexual Exploitation, Gang Related Violence; Hate crime; Anti-social behaviour; Cyber bullying; Honour based abuse, Modern day slavery and Fraud where victims are vulnerable
- 3. Violent extremism:** Delivering the Governments counter terrorism strategy – Prevent locally

1.3 That Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the links that have been made to support delivery of the PCC's Priorities

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 This purpose of this report is to:

- i) Update the committee on the of delivery of the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership (TCSP) priorities for 2015/16;
- ii) Highlight the priorities and actions to deliver the priorities in 2016/17 based on the findings of the strategic assessment of 2015;

2.2 Summary of crime performance for 1/4/15 to 31/3/16

| Crime | Total crimes | No. change | % change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| Burglary in dwelling | 699 | -100 | -13.6% |
| Racially / Religiously aggravated | 138 | -17 | -11% |
| Robbery | 116 | +5 | +4.5% |
| Sexual offences | 248 | -1 | -0.4% |
| Vehicle offences | 1687 | +6 | +0.4% |
| Violence against the person | 305 | +665 | +28% |

- 2.3 The priorities for 2015/16 were a change for Thurrock's community safety partnership moving away from traditional core volume crimes to focusing on those more "hidden" crimes which often go unreported but have a huge impact on vulnerable victims and lead to long term health and well-being concerns and ultimately can result in safeguarding procedures. The Partnership also recognised 3 issues which are considered high risk but have insufficient information to fully understand the threat and the subsequent actions required. These are serious youth violence; modern day slavery and child sexual exploitation.

The Partnership has spent the last year gathering more information about these priorities and developing 2 year action plans to address. As all work on these priorities is very much in its infancy the Community Safety Partnership Board has agreed that these priorities should remain as is for the year 2016/17.

The strategic assessment is based on the risk matrix, which considers varying factors such as public concern, seriousness, harm and cost, and has been used to validate and support these priorities continuing.

In addition the TCSP has a statutory duty for re-offending and all partners need to prioritise through the integrated offender management scheme those causing most harm to the community that we live in.

2.3.1 Reduce Re-offending

To support this priority Thurrock Community Safety Partnership will:

- Work with partners to have robust Integrated Offender Management scheme in Thurrock and develop action plan
- Ensure the cohort has priority offenders on it including young people
- Have robust performance monitoring and access to data to identify criminogenic need
- Troubled Families will use and utilise established services to support families, where ASB and offending behaviour has been identified.
- Promote access to restorative justice project
- Continue to develop young people at risk programme to deter young people from offending

2.3.2 Reduce Harm to and Safeguard Vulnerable Victims

To support this priority Thurrock Community Safety Partnership will:

Violence Against Women and Girls

- Work with children's services to embed MARACs into the MASH
- Work to introduce risk avert into our secondary schools
- Troubled Families to work with partners to achieve outcomes, which will improve the delivery of a safer community by reducing costs and time spent on offending behaviour
- Improve support for low and medium risk victims of domestic abuse
- Develop an online training package to raise awareness of honour based abuse to professionals
- Support children and young people's partnership and Barnardo's to engage with the community on the practice of female genital mutilation

Anti-social behaviour

- High risk victims information shared with multi agency partners through locality action groups to enable safeguarding and victim focused outcomes
- Increase referrals to restorative justice
- Promote use of ASB case reviews

Hate Crime

- High risk shared with multi agency partners through locality action groups to enable safeguarding and victim focused outcomes
- TCSP analyst to provide quarterly problem profiles to identify scale of problem and develop ongoing responses
- Build, pride, responsibility and respect within communities, through hosting Tilbury festival
- Continue to develop the hate crime ambassador role and promote hate incident reporting centres
- Engage with communities through the Independent Advisory Group to Essex Police

Gang related Violence

- Conduct analytical review of drugs market
- Implement findings from peer review
- Share intel on those on the gang matrix through red operational group
- Increase awareness of gang related violence and links to CSE and missing persons across departments and agencies
- Raise awareness of "cuckooing" amongst vulnerable communities

Child Sexual Exploitation

- Ensure CSE embedded within gang related violence work
- Work with licensing to increase awareness amongst taxi providers
- Support LSCB with walk on line roadshows and fiercebook

Modern day Slavery

- Implement MDS action plan

- Roll out “stop the trafficking” training to front line professionals

Fraud

- Work with trading standards to raise awareness with vulnerable communities and professionals
- Work with neighbourhood watch to promote strengthening communities project

2.3.3 PREVENT Violent Extremism

To support this priority Thurrock Community Safety Partnership will:

- Continue to raise awareness with the community and professionals and links to safeguarding
- Deliver a conference to raise awareness in education establishments
- Follow Channel processes and refresh in Oct 2016
- Seek to better understand our emerging communities through mapping exercise
- Develop programme to raise awareness amongst youth ambassadors
- Link into virtual schools

2.4 The strategic assessment supports the agreement of the 3 identified priorities for Thurrock, the Community Safety Equality Impact Assessment has highlighted:

1. There is a need to focus on the vulnerable within our communities as they are at greater risk of serious harm
2. Older people are at greater risk of distraction burglary and rogue traders
3. Young people are at greater risk of sexual exploitation, cyber bullying, & gang related violence.
4. There is an under reporting of hate crime within the disabled, transgender, and sexual orientation communities
5. Learning disabled are At risk of being “cuckooed” in relation to gang violence
6. Females are more likely to be a victim of domestic abuse
7. There is a gap around information with regards to same sex domestic abuse victims.
8. Housing safeguarding team only work with council tenure victims leading to inequality in service
9. Hot spot areas remain as Grays, Chadwell St Mary, South Ockendon and Tilbury.

2.5 The structure of the partnership is in line with the priorities to ensure coordinated activity and will be further reviewed as we work with Essex police to develop our community safety partnership hub.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

3.1 Not Applicable

4. Reasons for Recommendation

4.1 The Thurrock Community Safety Partnership remains committed, through its members, to working with the PCC to develop and implement innovative programmes to tackle crime, keep our communities safe and improve support for victims. This will need to be undertaken against an increasingly challenging backdrop of funding and structural changes within our partner organisations.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are recommended to support the priorities for 2016 – 2017, which were identified as a result of a rigorous consultation process, augmenting the research referred to previously, which was designed to capture the concerns of our communities and colleagues in partner agencies and organisation. Each of the Priorities is supported by robust action plans geared up to drive activity which will be carefully monitored to chart progress.

Whilst developing individual action plans on hidden harms impacting young people; specifically gang related violence; CSE; on line safety; and Prevent it is important to recognise that there is a common theme in that the young people impacted by these crimes, sometimes as offenders, are themselves vulnerable due to a variety of factors including substance misuse; school exclusion; going missing from home; and exposure to domestic abuse.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 All partners contributed to the strategic assessment which looks at community concerns and impacts as well as quantitative crime data.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

6.1 The Thurrock Community Safety Partnership is central to delivering Thurrock Council's strategic objective to: Build pride, responsibility and respect

6.2 The CSP action plan links closely to and supports delivery of Essex's domestic abuse commissioning strategy 2015-2020

6.3 The strategic assessment in identifying the 3 priorities took into account community concerns highlighted in the fairness commission and the partnership will take action to support the more vulnerable members of the community.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Laura Last**
Senior Finance Officer

The CSP has a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner of £35,799 and £18,000 contribution from Thurrock Council.

These funds have all been allocated to support delivery of the priorities

There are no financial implications from this report.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Martin Hall**
Housing Solicitor / Team Leader

There are no legal implications arising from this report

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Natalie Warren**
Community Development and Equalities Manager

Our Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been refreshed following the strategic assessment and identified the following:

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This has been taken into consideration within our delivery plans

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

This report will help the Partnership ensure that it is delivering on its commitments to Section 17.

8. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- Partnership Strategic assessment 2015
- Partnership Delivery Plan
<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/community-safety-partnership/thurrock-community-safety-partnership>
- Police and Crime commissioners manifesto
- PCC community safety funding grant application

9. Appendices to the report

- None, please see links above

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