

COMMUNITY SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL	DATE 17 September 2020	ITEM NO 7
TITLE Statutory Scrutiny of Safer Greenwich Partnership: The Safer Greenwich Partnership Forum.	WARD (S) All	
CHIEF OFFICER Director of Housing & Safer Communities	CABINET MEMBER Community Safety & Enforcement	
DECISION CLASSIFICATION Non Key	DECISION Information Item	

1. **Decision required**

The Scrutiny Panel is requested to:

- 1.1. Note the report on the role, function and responsibilities of the Safer Greenwich Partnership (SGP).

2. **Links to the Royal Greenwich high level objectives**

- 2.1 This report relates to the Council's agreed high level objectives as follows:

- A Safer Greenwich
- A Great Place to Grow Up
- A Great Place to Be
- A Strong Vibrant and Well-run Borough

3. **Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 3.1 One of the responsibilities of the Community Safety and Environment Scrutiny Panel is the review and/or scrutiny of decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the Council or of the relevant Chief Officer of Police of their crime and disorder functions. In its role as the Crime and Disorder Committee the Panel may co-opt additional people, request information from the Community Safety Partnership (known as the SGP) and require the attendance of representatives from the CSP to give evidence or answer questions at its meetings.
- 3.2 This report provides information on all aspects of the SGP, which is the statutory Community Safety Partnership (CSP) for the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

4. **Introduction & Background**

- 4.1 Community Safety Partnerships (originally called Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships) were introduced as a statutory requirement in each local authority area by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 4.2 The SGP provides the strategic direction and partnership co-ordination of activity to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the Borough and is responsible for meeting the relevant requirements of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998, Police Reform Act 2002, Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003, Police & Justice Act 2006 and Policing & Crime Act 2009, Policing & Social Responsibility Act 2011 and Anti-Social Behaviour Policing & Crime Act 2014.
- 4.3 In addition, the SGP has responsibility to carry out annual Strategic Intelligence Assessments in order to inform a three-year Community Safety Strategy and annual Community Safety Plans. These are detailed under sections 7 and 9.

5. **Statutory duties, functions and responsibilities**

- 5.1 CSPs are responsible for a wide range of activity, however the statutory obligations upon them are currently limited to:
- Set up a strategic group to direct the work of the partnership
 - Set up protocols and systems for sharing information
 - Analyse extensive data, including crime levels and patterns, in order to identify priorities in an annual strategic assessment
 - Set out a partnership plan and monitor progress
 - Facilitate the effective use of the appropriate partnership resources as required.
 - Commission Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) (as necessitated on a case by case basis)
- 5.2 For reference, a DHR is a multi-agency review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by a person they were related to or had been in an intimate relationship or same household as themselves. Since 13 April 2011 there has been a statutory requirement for local areas to conduct a DHR following a domestic homicide that meets the criteria.

5.3 Additionally, where a victim took their own life (suicide) and the circumstances give rise to concern, for example it emerges that there was coercive controlling behaviour in the relationship, a review should be undertaken, even if a suspect is not charged with an offence or they are tried and acquitted. Reviews are not about who is culpable.

6. **Meetings and Membership**

6.1 The SGP meets on a quarterly basis and is Co-Chaired by the Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Enforcement of RBG and the Borough Commander of the Metropolitan Police Service.

6.2 The administrative support for the SGP is provided by the Safer Communities Team.

6.3 The membership of the SGP is of senior level across partner agencies. The membership is made of Statutory and non-Statutory partners. Statutory partners include:

- Royal Borough of Greenwich
- Metropolitan Police Service
- London Fire Brigade
- National Probation Service
- London Community Rehabilitation Company
- NHS Clinical Commissioning Group

6.4 A full list of statutory and non-statutory partners is attached in Appendix A.

6.5 The SGP Executive Group meets monthly, comprising the Co-Chairs, Director of Housing and Safer Communities, Assistant Director of Community Safety and Environment, Safer Communities team managers, Assistant Director of Youth Offending Services and ReSET and a Communications Team officer. The Executive Group plans agendas for the main meetings, monitors crime data, commissions work to respond to emerging issues and monitors progress of key action plans (such as, currently, for burglary and other acquisitive crime).

7. **Strategic Intelligence Assessment & Strategic Priority Setting**

7.1 The SGP is required to produce an annual Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) under The Police & Justice Act 2006.

- 7.2 The purpose of the SIA is to provide the SGP with a clear understanding of community safety problems in the Royal Borough and enable the partnership to set or review priorities.
- 7.3 The SIA is developed by using data and other relevant information from key partner agencies to provide an overview of the community safety issues in the Royal Borough. The focus of the SIA is the Strategic Matrix which ranks the different types of crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) based on a number of different factors.

8. **Current Strategic Priorities and Community Safety Plan**

- 8.1 The SGP uses the information from the Strategic Intelligence Assessment to review and choose its priorities for the year. An annual Community Safety plan is then developed to progress work for each of the priorities, which is attached in Appendix B. A review of performance against the outcomes for the Community Safety Plan is discussed periodically by the SGP.
- 8.2 The Community Safety plan contains a number of actions committed by its members and partners to make sure the SGP delivers against the chosen priorities. The plan is reviewed on a quarterly basis by the SGP Executive Group. If there are concerns regarding performance or completion of actions which the respective action leads cannot address, they will be raised at the full SGP.
- 8.3 There are six priorities for 2020/21:
- Creating and sustaining safer public spaces
 - Ending violence against women and girls
 - Improving our response to modern slavery in all its forms
 - Preventing and reducing serious violence and exploitation
 - Reducing the harms drugs and alcohol cause to individuals and communities
 - Tackling hate crime and supporting repeat and vulnerable victims
- 8.4 The chosen priorities are not only issues that are important but are selected because there is scope or need to further develop the work to address them. This might be in response to new legislation or a national/regional policy. These include taking consideration of the priorities from the Greenwich Strategy and the London Police and Crime Plan. Typically, the priorities set will also be areas necessitating a substantial multi-partner element.

8.5 Other areas of work are also of high importance but are not set as priorities because they do not have the same scope for further development of services or practice. These may previously have been set as priorities by the SGP but have been discontinued when the partnership response becomes established business-as-usual. Example of such areas include burglary and prevention of extremism.

9. **Crime Monitoring**

9.1 A performance report is provided at the SGP which contains crime statistics and trends against key offence types, with a particular focus on those set by MOPAC as priorities for London and for RBG.

9.2 Key areas of focus include Robbery, Burglary, Domestic Abuse and Hate Crime.

10. **SGP Agenda items**

10.1 An example of an SGP Agenda is attached in Appendix C.

11. **Funding**

2.1. There is no funding pot dedicated to the SGP directly and it is not responsible for formal commissioning of services.

12. **SGP Sub-groups**

12.1 There are a several strategic forums that are accountable to the SGP. These are:

- ReSet Project Board
- Hate Crime Strategic Partnership Group
- Integrated Enforcement Strategic & Visionary Board
- Alcohol Strategy Delivery Group
- Violence Against Women and Girls Strategic Partnership Group
- Greenwich Emergency Planning Liaison Group
- Channel Panel
- Modern Slavery Response Group

12.2 In addition to the meetings above directly accountable to the SGP, there are numerous sub-groups and case panels which are accountable to the strategic groups above.

13. **ReSet Project Board**

- 13.1 This forum meets on a monthly basis and is chaired by the Director of Housing and Safer Communities.
- 13.2 The Board oversees the implementation of the Reducing Serious Youth Violence & Exploitation Team (ReSet). The ReSet Team was established in October 2019 with the focus of tackling serious youth violence and exploitation.
- 13.3 Responsibilities of the board include accountability for project delivery, receiving project management updates, reviewing resources, effective communication with stakeholders and evaluation of the unit.

14. **Hate Crime Strategic Partnership Group**

- 14.1 The Hate Crime Strategic Partnership provides strategic direction and partnership co-ordination of activity to tackle hate crime in Royal Greenwich.
- 14.2 The Group convenes quarterly and is chaired by the Head of Safer Communities and Partnership.
- 14.3 Responsibilities include developing and agreeing the Hate Crime strategy and meeting the requirements within the strategy; monitoring progress against the commitments made, monitoring performance against action and performance measures set out in the Community Safety plan, keeping abreast of new/amended legislation and facilitating the effective use of the appropriate partnership resources.
- 14.4 The Hate Crime Case Panel (HCCP) sits under the Hate Crime Strategic Partnership Group; it meets monthly and is chaired by the Safer Communities Team's Senior Community Safety Specialist. It is a multi-agency meeting that considers cases of hate crime in Royal Greenwich that are of a serious or complex nature and sets actions to improve support and safety for victims and intervention and enforcement in respect of perpetrators.

15. **Integrated Enforcement Strategic & Visionary Board**

- 15.1 Integrated Enforcement (IE) is the Council's ambition to strengthen joint working across enforcement teams. The role of the Integrated Enforcement Project Board is to oversee the implementation of the Integrated Enforcement project. The Visionary element provides vision and brings all necessary resources across the Council and partnering organisations in

coherent way to resolve issues faced by communities in specific areas within RBG.

- 15.2 The purpose is to provide joint up direction of all partnering organisations, identify priorities, provide resources and target issues with the view to improve the area and lives of individuals.
- 15.3 Forums that sit under the board include the Integrated Enforcement Love Your Place Meeting, which is the front line delivery component of Integrated Enforcement and where longer term issues or topic areas are discussed. These include hotspot areas in the borough and, for example, progression of works for the Halloween and Fireworks period.

16. **Alcohol Strategy Delivery Group**

- 16.1 The Alcohol Strategy Delivery Group provides strategic direction and partnership co-ordination for the delivery of the Greenwich Alcohol Strategy 2016 – 2020, which aims to reduce the harms that alcohol causes and reduce the amount of alcohol the Greenwich population drinks.
- 16.2 The meeting takes place on a quarterly basis and is chaired by the Head of Royal Borough of Greenwich Public Health Development.
- 16.3 Responsibilities include monitoring progress against the commitments made in the Alcohol strategy, preparing an annual action plan for agreement by the SGP and making recommendations to the SGP of revised/updated strategies, co-ordinating partnership bids for funding and facilitating the effective use of appropriate partnership resources and monitoring performance against the actions set in the Community Safety plan.

17. **Violence Against Women and Girls Strategic Partnership Group**

- 17.1 The Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) Strategic Partnership meets quarterly and is Chaired by the Head of Safer Communities and Partnership. The VAWG Strategic Partnership is responsible for the development and co-ordination of initiatives to tackle all forms of violence against women and girls, including Domestic Abuse.
- 17.2 Responsibilities include facilitating the effective use of the appropriate partnership resources for activity under the remit of the VAWG Strategic Partnership, monitoring progress against commitments made in the VAWG strategy, and monitoring performance against the actions set in the Community Safety plan.

- 17.3 The Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) is a sub group of the VAWG Strategic Partnership Group and meets fortnightly. The MARAC is chaired by a Detective Inspector in the Metropolitan Police Service and deputised by the Safer Communities Team's Senior Community Safety Specialist. The MARAC reviews high risk cases of domestic abuse, drawing up action plans to increase victim safety and intervene with perpetrators.
18. **Greenwich Emergency Planning Liaison Group**
- 18.1 The Greenwich Emergency Planning Liaison Group became the Borough Resilience Forum as defined in the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. The forum enables the sharing and dissemination of information to the members.
- 18.2 The meeting takes place on a quarterly basis and responsibilities include agreeing a 2 year business plan and monitoring progress, considering opportunities for partnership working and considering the RBG risk register.
19. **Channel Panel**
- 19.1 Channel forms a key part of the national Prevent strategy. Channel is an identification and intervention safeguarding multi-agency process, providing support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism.
- 19.2 The Channel panel members meet on a monthly basis and is chaired by the Head of Safer Communities and Partnership.
- 19.3 The Channel panel is the principal decision-making and co-ordinating body for the Channel Programme and the purpose of the panel is to provide tailored action plans for those who have been referred in order to ensure appropriate, proportionate and relevant interventions. Participation in Channel is voluntary on the part of those referred.
20. **Modern Slavery Response Group**
- 20.1 The Modern Slavery Response Group co-ordinates partnership work (information sharing, investigation, enforcement and support for victims) to ensure that the Royal Borough of Greenwich and the London Boroughs of Bexley and Lewisham together with the Metropolitan Police South East Borough Command Unit (BCU) develop good practice and deliver effective responses to suspected cases of Modern Slavery and meet their duty in regard to the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

9. **Consultation Results**

9.1 Not applicable. This report is for information for scrutiny purposes.

10. **Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications**

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	Not applicable – this report is for information only.	N/A
Finance and other resources including procurement implications	Not applicable – this report is for information only.	N/A
Equalities	Not applicable – this information is for information only.	N/A

11. **Report Appendices**

11.1 The following documents are to be published with and form part of the report:

- Membership list Appendix A
- Community Safety Plan 2020/21 Appendix B
- SGP Agenda Sample's Appendix C
- Community Safety Strategy 2020-2023 Appendix D

12. **Background Papers**

None

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