

Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment 2011-2012 and Public Consultation

Introduction

As part of the statutory requirement for the Community Safety Partnership (CSP), there is a requirement complete a Strategic Assessment (SA) to assist refreshing the Partnership Plan/Strategy. The Home Office guidance suggests that the SA must include:

- Analysis of the level and patterns of crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending;
- Changes in the levels and patterns of crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending since the last strategic assessment;
- Analysis of why these changes have occurred; and
- Assessment of the extent to which last year's plan has been implemented.

The SA will include input from all partner agencies to contribute data and commentary totalling no more than four A4 sides per agency.

Views from the community, via a public consultation, also need to be collected and these should also feed into the SA.

This paper is to inform the Community Safety Partnership Board on the SA as per the parameters set out on page 2.

Many stakeholder groups and non-CSP members, for example the Hate Crime Prevention Forum, request crime and disorder data to supplement their own policy and strategic documents. The Crime and Disorder Audit, which was published last year, has been referenced in other strategies such as the Hounslow Homes Equalities Policy and it is envisaged that the Strategic Assessment would provide analysis that can be shared.

The objective is to complete and evaluate the Strategic Assessment by mid-February, and to source this information to inform and refresh the Community Safety Partnership Plan/Strategy for the Community Safety Partnership Board at the meeting in May.

Parameters of the Strategic Assessment

The level of detail would be the same as the Strategic Assessment (SA) we completed two years ago

▶ Date Parameters for the SA

The Crime & Disorder Audit covered the period April 2007 to March 2010. It is proposed that the Strategic Assessment picks up from this date, April 2010, and looks at data ending October 2011 giving a full 18 month period for analysis.

▶ Sections within the SA

↘ Analysis on each item for the previous 18 months. Items can reference the Crime & Disorder Audit including:

- All Total Notifiable Offences/Victim Based Crime;
- Motor Vehicle Crime;
- Domestic Burglary;
- Personal Robbery;
- Violent Crime;
- Domestic Violence;
- Hate Crime;
- Anti Social Behaviour;
- Safeguarding Vulnerable People;
- Cohesive Communities;
- Youth Offences;
- Drugs and Alcohol related crime (Substance Misuse); and
- Reoffending;

↘ Descriptions on specific projects and initiatives helping in the reduction of victim based crime;

↘ Projections until the end of the financial year, if possible;

↘ Emerging risks and priorities identified as a result of acquired intelligence and from the data analysis.

▶ Review of the SA

↘ Evaluation including recommendations for priority areas and focus for 2012-2013 Community Safety Strategy Refresh.

▶ Public Consultation

The statutory requirement for the Community Safety Partnership to engage in public consultation remains. A short period of Public Consultation will be opened in January 2012 and closed in February 2012. The previously developed questionnaire could be re-launched on the Council web site, and disseminated at events organised by the Community Safety Team and through service providers. The Safer Neighbourhood Teams would also be requested to distribute the questionnaire along side the KIN Surveys.

Additionally hard to reach and vulnerable groups will be contacted to complete a Community Safety questionnaire to delve deeper into issues that may be affecting those particular groups.

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