

Neighbourhoods and Safer/Stronger Communities Review

1. Its is proposed that, following the review of the above service areas, the activities listed below will continue to be delivered at levels commensurate with the reduced resources available.
2. It should be noted that the continued activities, including Civil Contingencies and work relating to Vulnerable Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence & Hate Crime (which have been classified as regulatory and critical services) may be delivered across other parts of the Council's revised structure.

Co-ordination & Management mechanism for services, community & partners at boroughwide & local level to enable best use of resources to address local priorities, needs and risks

- Exploration of ambition for devolution of services and feasibility for making this happen
- Lead for Area Committees and Area Partnerships
- Development and Implementation of Area Plans at Area Committee & Area Partnership
- Support for spatial planning at neighbourhood level
- ASB – low end - area based activity (e.g. ball games, noise nuisance)

Supporting communities to shape place and influence services

- support to Members for resolving resident concerns, providing information about services operating in the neighbourhoods
- area consultation & engagement (residents, businesses, members - Taking real experience of communities and feeding into corporate intelligence function
- liaison with Parish Councils

Inform & Support commissioning for services delivering against area plans:

- area coordination of voluntary/community and faith sector activities
- developing community based budgeting approaches
- management of are based S106 activities
- management of Area Committee Budgets
- liaison with Community Payback

Protection of Vulnerable Victims & families;

- Risk assessment/management of high risk and potentially high risk victims, including the development, with partners, of appropriate action plans to meet needs
- Assess and address victim vulnerability & ensure & coordinate support package
- Management of 'high risk' cases.
- coordination with partners (YOT/TYS/CAF/FIP) to enable support at earliest stage.

Co-ordination and advice mechanism for ASB services provided by community & partners to ensure best use of resources to address risks;

- Link & influence within borough-wide structure - ASB Governance, DV & Hate Crime MARACs & local partnerships
- Development and management of service user forums and support
- Review and development of relevant strategies, with partners, to address ASB and protect victims.

Integrated/ Intergenerational Offender Management (IOM)

Interrelated services, partnerships & strategies that prevent people entering & remaining in an offending lifestyle to prevent families, children & communities from suffering harm, as well as entering high cost Council Services. Including:-

- Development of policy, strategy & partnerships to support & prevent individuals & families becoming vulnerable and suffering harm
- Identification of the needs and risks, and the development and management of interrelated services and initiatives to provide clear pathways for vulnerable individuals & families
- Development of interventions to preventing young people engaging in ASB & criminal behaviour
- Activity to reduce repeat victimisation e.g. targeted support, physical security, victim support, repeat offender programmes
- Influence the justice system so as to reflect local concerns

Commissioning & Partnerships:

- Inform & Support commissioning for service delivery
- Development and management of service user forums and support
- Developing problem solving process and collective solutions with a focus on early intervention measures to prevent risk and minimise harm and high cost.

3. The services and activities above will be intelligence led and develop and respond accordingly. The service will therefore be supported by the following activities within an Intelligence Function -

- Core boroughwide evidence base and Neighbourhood intelligence, analysis and profiling (as directed by new service) disaggregated to local level to develop Area profiles
- Qualitative & Quantitative data including Customer insight & profiling
- Performance framework, evaluation & analysis in line with service / partnership requirements.
- Repeat victim and offender profiling
- Statutory Annual Safer Communities Strategic Intelligence Assessment
- Provision of policy direction & guidance and dissemination of good practice

4. The following activity will **Stop or significantly Reduce**

Things that will stop

- Participatory budgeting which is amounts allocated to wards which the community decide and vote on how it should be spent – wards covered so far are Ford, Litherland, Manor and Church
- Neighbourhood Budgets which enhanced Area Committee budgets and funded things like alleygates, road safety measures, In Bloom support
- Dedicated Business Crime support for businesses this would mean that no financial assistance for businesses who have been burgled will be available
- Dedicated Business Village support – support for BVPs would now be through area management and participation in Area Partnerships
- Dedicated Business Village Partnership budgets – this means that budgets to support Christmas, events, Farmers Markets will have to be found from elsewhere
- Direct commissioning of WNF – ABG will end as funds have ceased
- Southport Partnership in current form with support mechanism will end - financial savings part of Tourism budget. Southport Partnership as Area Partnership will be supported by new service

- Interim area management arrangements will cease and all posts currently frozen will be deleted
- Work undertaken under the Neighbourhood Crime & Justice programme will cease as the specific funding ceases (the savings for this are not part of this review as it was externally funded)
- Police Crime analysis within the Council will end, this reduces instant availability of data and analysis for community safety and victim profiling
- Dedicated budgets for Area Interventions to address locally identified priorities funded by Safer Stronger Communities Partnership e.g. Environmental crime initiative (*Saturday skips*, graffiti, dog fouling) night-time economy (knife aches, safety campaigns, taxi marshals), alcohol reduction (underage drinking initiatives, litmus testing) reassurance campaigns (local news letters, Christmas presence, etc)
- Dedicated budgets for Boroughwide Interventions to address safer communities outcomes funded by SSCP e.g. joint safety initiatives such as justice seen justice done programme, alcohol crime partnership, crime prevention programmes, personal & home safety
- Dedicated financial support for community payback (delivered through Probation) which enabled a broader programmes of community restoration
- Public reassurance interventions which sought to increase resident confidence and satisfaction with their area and services.

Things that will be reduced / change

- Reduction in management and administration
- ASB legal intervention & prosecutions (mitigated by corporate legal services & Police)
- Reduced ASB interventions to prevent and stop ASB including ceasing services to those in the medium risk category
- Educational training and awareness on community safety and ASB issues
- Partnerships will be consolidated and reduced with assimilation with LSP Operations Board and emerging area Partnerships (e.g. SSCP, NRTG, Southport Partnership)
- Community Safety Area Partnerships will assimilate with Area Partnerships