



Community Leadership and Libraries Committee

7th February 2023

Title	Community Safety Mid-Year Interim report Qtr 1 and Qtr 2 2022/23 including an update on the delivery of the Community Safety Strategy and Community Safety Hubs and Ward Walks.
Report of	Community Leadership and Libraries Committee Chair
Wards	N/A
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix A – Community Safety Mid-Year Interim report Appendix B – Ward Walks & Community Safety Hubs Implementation and Review
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Summary

This report demonstrates the work undertaken by the Community Safety Team during the period April 2022 – September 2022 and provides an update on the delivery of the five priorities of the Community Safety Strategy. The report also includes the implementation and review of the Community Safety Hubs and Ward Walk projects between October – December 2022 as part of the work of Community Safety Team.

Officers Recommendations

1. That the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee note and comment on the Community Safety Team interim report.
2. That the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee note and comment on the progress being made against the five priorities set out in the Community Safety Strategy.

3. That the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee note and comment on the implementation and review of the Community Safety Hubs and Ward Walks report.

1. Why this report is needed

- 1.1 There is a need to inform the Community, Leadership and Libraries Committee of the work undertaken by the Community safety Team (CST) between April 2022 – September 2022.
- 1.2 This report provides the Committee with the opportunity to acknowledge and comment on the work carried out by the Assurance Community Safety Team during April 2022 – September 2022.
- 1.3 This report provides the Committee with the opportunity to acknowledge and comment on the progress made with delivering the priorities of the Community Safety Strategy.
- 1.4 This report provides the committee with an update on the implementation and review of the Community Safety Hubs and Ward Walks projects for note and comment.

2. Reasons for recommendations

- 2.1 The Labour administration has made several priorities, one of which is a 'Safer Barnet'. The ongoing work of the Community Safety Team supports the various commitments including:
 - Provide Community Safety Hubs
 - Develop a programme of 'street safe audits'
 - Working with member agencies of the SCPB to deliver the Community Safety Strategy 2022 – 2027

3. Alternative options considered and not recommended

- 3.1 Not relevant in relation to this report

4. Post decision implementation

- 4.1 Not relevant in relation to this report

5. Implications of decision

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The interim report demonstrates how the Community Safety Team have contributed to the delivery of the council's priorities.

5.1.2 Following the May 2022 elections, the council has a new Labour administration. The new administration has made several commitments, one of which is 'safer streets across the borough, with a strong focus on tackling crime and anti-social behaviour'. The interim report demonstrates the delivery of this commitment from the Community Safety Team.

5.2 **Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

5.2.1 None in the context of this report

5.3 **Legal and Constitutional References**

5.3.1 Article 7 of the Council's constitution sets out the responsibility for functions of the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee, which states "To act as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the Police and Justice Act 2006 (Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny Regulations) 2009).

5.4 **Insight**

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 **Social Value**

The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2013 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic, and environmental benefits. While there are no Social Value implications for this report, Social Value will be considered in work programmes. All programmes will be developed in a manner that is consistent with the Council's Social Value policy (December 2021)

5.6 **Risk Management**

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

5.7 **Equalities and Diversity**

5.7.1 Pursuant to section 149 of the Equality Act, 2010, the Council has a public-sector duty to have due regard to eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act; advancing equality of opportunity between those with a protected characteristic and those without; promoting good relations between those with a protected characteristic and those without. The, relevant, 'protected characteristics' are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. It also covers marriage and civil partnership with regard to elimination discrimination.

5.7.2 Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:

- a) Remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;

- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

5.8 Corporate Parenting

- 5.8.1 In line with Children and Social Work Act 2017, the council has a duty to consider Corporate Parenting Principles in decision-making across the council. There are no implications for Corporate Parenting in relation to this report.

5.9 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.9.1 N/A

5.10 Environmental Impact

- 5.10.1 There are no direct environmental implications from noting the recommendations. Implementing the recommendations in the report will lead to a positive impact on the Council's carbon and ecology impact, or at least it is neutral.

6. Background papers

- 6.1 None

