

<p style="text-align: center;">London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMUNITY SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT AND RESIDENTS SERVICES POLICY & ADVISORY COMMITTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18 NOVEMBER 2015</p>	
<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2015-16</p>	
<p>Report of the Director for Safer Neighbourhoods</p>	
<p>Open Report</p>	
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2015-16 Strategic Assessment is an evidence based document underpinning the work of the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham (LBHF) Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP).

The Assessment outlines the strategic crime and safety priorities for the coming year. The Assessment uses a range of data sources, analysis and intelligence to recommend the strategic priorities. The Assessment also considers the wider local and national crime and disorder priorities (for example from the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime).

Following this process 7 strategic priorities were identified by the CDRP:

1. Adult and Youth Reoffending
2. Violent Crime. Focus on Violence Against a Person and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)
3. Motor Vehicle Crime
4. Environmental Crime: Focusing on Flytipping
5. Anti-Social Behaviour: Focusing on Noise Nuisance
6. Victims; including Child Sexual Exploitation
7. Problem locations: Focusing on Town Centres

Accompanying these priorities is a list of recommendations for the CDRP which can be viewed in the appendix.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. For the Committee to review and comment on the 7 strategic priorities
- 2.2. For the Committee to understand why the priorities have been chosen, how they will be monitored and what action will be taken to improve performance, outcomes and resident satisfaction in the future.

3. REASONS FOR DECISION

- 3.1. These seven strategic priorities will inform future activities and initiatives to improve local performance, outcomes and resident satisfaction and reassurance over the coming year.

4. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 4.1. The 2015-16 Strategic Assessment sets out the evidence base for the crime and safety priorities for the year. The Assessment includes an analysis of performance over the last year as well as longer term trends, includes emerging trends, and considers local and national themes and policies. The document also includes a horizon scanning section considering future impacts on crime and safety in the Borough (for example, the introduction of night time tubes).
- 4.2. The long term trend for Total Notifiable Offences (TNOs) between 2004-05 and 2014-15 continues to show a downward trend. LBHF has achieved a 21.9% reduction in MOPAC 7 offences since the baseline year (March 2012). However the last year has experienced an increase in the number of TNOs from 18,994 in 2013-14 to 20,220 in 2014-15. This was the fourth highest increase in London and second highest within LBHF's Most Similar Force (MSF) group.
- 4.3. Overall the number of TNOs increased by 6.5% over the last year but this varies across different crime categories. Violence against a Person (26.5%), Criminal Damage (21.1%) and Theft and Handling (3.6%) offences have all experienced an increase between 2013-14 and 2014-15. However Drug (-18.3%), Personal Robbery (-22.0%) and Burglary (-1.5%) offences have all experienced decreases over the same time period.
- 4.4. Due to changes in recording Violence against a Person offences have increased across London not just in Hammersmith and Fulham. Hammersmith and Fulham has a higher criminal damage conversion rate compared to other London Boroughs. This means that more reported incidents of criminal damage are recorded as a crime compared to other Forces.

5. PROPOSAL AND ISSUES

5.1. The following section is a summary of all identified priority areas and why the CDRP have included them. Further details can be accessed in the appendix.

2015-16 Priorities	Why?
Adult and Youth Reoffending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Reoffending rate is the worst in London • Youth Reoffending rate is the second worst in London • Analysis show that a high percentage of crimes are committed by a small percentage of offenders.
Violent Crime Focus on: Violence Against a Person and VAWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence Against a Person has increased by 26.5% since 2013-14 • A high priority for residents across all three areas in LBHF • High volume offences • Part of the MOPAC Police and Crime Plan key offences • A high impact on victims. • Emerging national priority of violence against women and girls • Domestic violence offences reporting has increased
Motor Vehicle Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motor Vehicle Crime has increased by 16.3% since 2013-14 • Some of the worst rates for Motor Vehicle Crime across London • High volume offences • Part of the MOPAC Police and Crime Plan key offences • High priority for residents
Environmental Crime - Focus on: Flytipping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flytipping offences have increase by 36% since 2013-14
Anti Social Behaviour Focus On: Noise Nusiance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high percentage of residents perceive ASB as a problem in their local area. • A high impact on the quality of life for residents. • High volume.
Victims including Child Sexual Explotiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBHF Corporate Plan priority • Impact of crime can have long lasting effects on victims • Vulnerability can increase the risk of becoming a victim of crime • Preventative measures targetted at the population most at risk of becoming a victim of certain crimes can reduce the amount of offences taking place • A Mopac Priority
Problem Locations Focus On: Town Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high volume of LBHF crimes are committed in the three town centres. • Tackling crime in Town Centres is key to driving down TNOs. • Significant economic implications.

6. OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 6.1. A number of working groups will be established with a lead officer for each priority. These groups will take the lead on identifying relevant actions and interventions to ensure improvements in each of the priority areas. These working groups will report back to the CDRP which is chaired by Borough Commander of the Metropolitan Police.

7. CONSULTATION

This Assessment has been produced in partnership with the Police and other partners who sit on the CDRP board.

8. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

Equality impact assessments will be completed as and when required following any further work on the strategic priorities.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

10. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

The Council have agreed to fund 44 additional police officers in the Borough from April 2015 for a period of 3 years. The Hammersmith and Fulham Policing Team (HFPT) will consist of one Police Inspector, two Police Sergeants and 41 Police Constables. This report will help the HFPT to reduce crime and disorder and increase public reassurance.

11. IMPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS

Reducing the rate of crime within town centres will have a positive impact on businesses. The Hammersmith BID Operations manager sits on the CDRP and is also involved in delivering the SA.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT**

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext of holder of file/copy	Department/ Location
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

LIST OF APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 - Community Safety Strategic Assessment Priorities 2015-16