

## Safer Neighbourhood Board Meeting

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 – 7.00 p.m.

### Attendees

David Millar (DM - H&F NHWA, SNB Chair), Ifeoma Williams (IW - Victim Support), Amanda Lloyd-Harris (ALH - Palace Riverside Ward Panel), Nick Wood (NW - Shepherds Bush Ward Panel), Sarah Chambers (SCh - Fulham Broadway Ward Panel), Fay Llewellyn (FL - Ravenscourt Park Ward Panel), Rebecca Lane (RL - Shepherds Bush Ward Panel; Only Connect), Marie Thomas (MT - HAFFTRA), Superintendent Mike Hill (MH - H&F Police), Claire Rai (CR - LBH&F), Pat Cosgrave (PC - LBH&F).

### Apologies

Councillor Mike Cartwright (MC – Deputy Leader LBH&F), Paul McNulty (PM - HAFFTRA), Matthew John (Hammersmith BID), Gideon Springer (GS - H&F Police), Simon Causer (SCa – H&F Police).

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendance and apologies were recorded.

The minutes of the meeting and the action tracker from 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were agreed.

### 2. Chair's update

DM reported to the meeting his SNB related activity since the June meeting.

A meeting of SNB Chairs was held at City Hall in July. Most if not all London Boroughs have now convened their SNB. They are at different stages of development and there are a range of approaches to the SNBs works depending on various boroughs' needs.

DM has also been invited to a meeting for SNB chairs organised by the London Communities Policing Partnership. DM will attend their next meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September and report back to the Board.

There has started to be a wider interest in the work that the SNB is undertaking. DM reiterated what he has said from the outset about wanting the SNB to be a dynamic meeting and where there were individuals who were representatives of organisations who could usefully contribute to the work of the SNB that we should look to co-opt these people onto the Board. It was discussed and agreed that DM, CR and the police would consider the merits of any organisations who could add to the work of the Board and invite them to send a representative as appropriate.

**Action – DM, CR, SCa.**

DM reported that he and PC had met with Louise Gaule of LBH&F Children's Services who is involved with various council mandated youth engagement

initiatives such as the youth parliament. This could possibly be a useful engagement mechanism for the SNB, although the board will also be looking at bespoke youth engagement projects (see later item in minutes).

DM reported that he and PC had also met with Nicola Cain who is the borough lead for Independent Custody Visiting (see later item in minutes).

Several groups, often police based, have begun to invite SNB members to a number of events and conferences. It was discussed and agreed that PC and DM would filter and condense these varied offers and forward onto the SNB who may wish to take advantage of these opportunities. **Action – PC**

DM mentioned the upcoming SNB roadshows and that he would like the events to be more interactive and less presentation focussed than the previous ward based shows (see later item in minutes).

### **3. Police Update**

Mike Hill attended the meeting in place of Gideon Springer.

MH was asked for an update on the operation of the SNT ward panels. MH replied that no ward had an acting Sergeant any longer (i.e. the substantive posts have been filled) and the majority of the borough had functioning ward panels. There are issues on 2 wards (College Park & Old Oak and Wormholt & White City) where there is no effective ward panel currently but the Sergeants will be addressing this.

MH reported that meetings of the Stop & Search monitoring group convened by Inspector David Healy had commenced but there have been difficulties in engaging young people to advise on the group. FL, who teaches 6<sup>th</sup> form, asked whether the police would attend her school to discuss Stop & Search with students. MH said he would be happy to attend himself or send another appropriate officer. FL agreed to liaise with MH about the visit and to canvass amongst her students for potential members of the monitoring group. **Action – MH, FL.**

In MCs absence, DM asked CR whether there was any update on the council's proposed neighbourhood panels, which were a manifesto commitment of the new administration. CR reported that officers were still developing proposals to put before members about how these might work. From CR's department the key issue is how these new panels, which will have a wider remit than solely crime and will look at a range of issues affecting the public realm, will be able to coexist with existing initiatives such as police ward panels and the SNB itself. DM asked that the SNB be kept abreast of developments as the decisions about the new panels approached. CR agreed. **Action - CR.**

ALH raised a concerns about what the expectations would be for the new panels, and felt that there was a danger of duplication of meetings, of content and of the people who would be likely to be involved. CR responded that officers were putting

together proposals for councillors to approve and as part of that process such concerns as these are flagged up.

#### **4. MOPAC monitoring data**

SCa and PC had produced an executive summary/précis of the main points of the data pack (attached). Members of the SNB found the summary useful and so it will be repeated for future meetings. **Action SCa, PC.**



Data headlines SNB  
September 2014.doc

MH gave some further borough context to the data.

TNOs are currently showing a 3.3% reduction for the rolling year, slightly short of the MPS reduction of 5%. There has been an increase in “state” TNOs; those where there is no victim. An example of such an offence would be where drugs are detected on a person as a result of stop and search. There have been 16,465 victim crimes in the borough in the rolling year, against a total of 17,237 against the 12 months previous.

MH reported that there are current concerns around the levels of Violence with Injury. There has been a 6% increase in the rolling year against the previous period, from 1374 to 1456 offences.

FL asked about the figures for domestic violence. MH responded that there was a 7.5% increase in the rolling year (460 offences vs. 423 for the previous period). However, he added that the increase or decrease in reported DV was not always the primary concern when dealing with this particular issue. The key issues with DV are the quality of the service offered to the victim, the quality of the investigation and the case outcome, rather than chasing a reduction in raw figures.

MH summarised the borough position thus. There have been several years of reductions in crime to the point where the borough last year recorded its lowest crime figures. It is difficult to sustain constant reductions and some offence levels have plateaued or begun to rise. The main concerns are currently around VWI and residential burglary, but the police are confident that in partnership with the local authority they are in a strong place to tackle these concerns.

#### **5. Funded projects**

The meeting was briefly updated on the progress of funded projects.

The crime roadshows will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> October (Hammersmith), 16<sup>th</sup> October (Fulham) and 21<sup>st</sup> October (Shepherds Bush). PC is expecting the proofs for the advertising back on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Once these have been agreed the area

community safety officers will publicise the events whilst DM will liaise with the police on the content of the events. PC asked the Board to note that of the £9600 total budget for this strand of work, £4500 (£1500 per area), has been set aside to help pay for any projects that might arise from community concerns raised at the events.

The site for the bike workshop is currently being fitted. DM has visited the site and informed the meeting that he is confident that this project will be an excellent channel for youth engagement.

PC reported that of the £24163 allocation to H&F SNB, there was £6503 remaining to be bid for.

DM asked members if anyone would like to volunteer to be part of an informal funding and finance sub group of the SNB who will monitor the spend on projects and oversee any further bids PC prepares for MOPAC. NW and MT agreed to undertake the role. **Action – PC, NW, MT**

## **6. Victim Support Update**

IW reported that VS have a new data system which produces victim data on a divisional basis (her division covers seven boroughs) so H&F data has to be identified and extracted. In order to provide the meeting with meaningful and useful data it was decided that IW, DM and PC would liaise outside the meeting about what victim data sets would be required to assist the SNB in the discharge of its duties. PC also suggested that IW could prepare some case studies to give the SNB a greater understanding of the complexities of the service and the support that service users typically require.

IW shared some headline figures with the meeting. 1000 referrals were made to VS from H&F in the last quarter. Approximately 700 of these were eligible for VS services and approximately 400 of these accepted the service offer. One of the performance measures for the service is an increase in people's confidence to report crime to the police and their satisfaction with how they are dealt with by VS. Locally this measure has increased to plus 90%.

IW finished by reminding the SNB that VS were always looking for volunteers to assist with their service. This will be advertised at the upcoming roadshows.

## **7. Youth Update**

RL informed the meeting that she and PC have had informal discussions about the development of a youth sub group that could work on youth issues in the borough and report back to the SNB. RL is keen to involve front line youth workers in developing a pilot youth engagement panel, initially on White City estate. DM asked how long it would take to set up this pilot. RL felt that it could be achieved in the next quarter with the necessary support. It was discussed and agreed that RL and

PC will work on the proposals for the pilot, including any funding requirement and sight the SNB on the proposals with a view to commencing the pilot by December 2014/January 2015. **Action PC/RL.**

### **8. Cluster level meetings**

DM suggested that the upcoming roadshows would be the best opportunity to gauge interest in membership of the cluster panels.

### **9. Community Payback Update**

PC updated the meeting on information he had received from Serco about the operation of Community Payback in the borough. The number of hours delivered in LBH&F so far this year is shown in the table below:

Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	<b>Total</b>
813.02	785.7667	1302.633	1123.2	1047.06	1108.96	1139.9	<b>7320.54</b>

Payback projects currently running in LBH&F include St Johns Church (North End Road), Nubian Life (Eilersie Road), St Michael & St George Church (White City), All Saints Church (Bishops Park) and Bayonne Estate. There is a further planned project on Wormwood Scrubs.

### **10. Stop & Search Monitoring Group**

Covered under item 3.

### **11. Independent Custody Visiting**

DM and PC met with Nicola Cain who manages the system of ICV in the borough. The visits are unannounced and are basically welfare checks on those in custody. The main visiting areas are the custody suite at Hammersmith Police station and the BTP custody suite also in Hammersmith. The visitors check on the welfare of the persons in custody as well as ensuring the general conditions of the custody area are up to standard. Attached is a copy of the form the visitors use.



ICV Report Form  
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### **12. AOB**

DM pointed out that we already had youth as a theme for the work of the SNB. He suggested that the Board might also like to focus on ASB. This would look at the ASB data that comes into council and other sources as well as the police. It was

agreed that DM and PC would produce some more concrete proposals for the next meeting. **Action – DM, PC.**

ALH asked about the possibility of light refreshments being offered at future SNB meetings, considering the time at which the meetings are held. **Action – PC**

There was a brief discussion about the new powers the police will have under the new ASB, Crime and Policing Act. PC will provide a briefing note to the Board members on the powers in the Act prior to it commencing. **Action – PC**

The meeting concluded at 8.55 p.m.

### **Date of next meeting**

Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> 2014. Venue to be confirmed but likely to be in Fulham.

