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WANDSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGENERATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 12TH FEBRUARY

Report by the Director of Technical Services on behalf of the officers on the Strategic Assessment.

SUMMARY

The analytical work for the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership's (CDRP) Strategic Assessment has been completed and the emerging themes have been identified. The findings complement those of the Police's own strategic assessment. The findings are to be used as the basis for consultation at the first 'Face the Public' meeting to be held by the Partnership Strategy Group, which was formally established by the Local Strategic Partnership on 28th January 2008. The 'Face the Public' meeting is to be held on 6th February 2008. Views gathered at the meeting will inform the preparation of the Partnership Plan, which has to be published by 31st March 2008 to meet the statutory requirements for CDRPs.

GLOSSARY

CDRP	–	Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership
NIM	–	National Intelligence Model
SATO	–	Strategic Assessment Team of Officers

1. **Recommendations.** The Regeneration and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to receive this report for information. No decisions are required on it by the Council, the Executive, or the regulatory and other Committees.

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2. However, if the Overview and Scrutiny Committee decide that recommendations on the report need to be made, these will be reported to the Executive and/or the appropriate regulatory and other Committees as necessary for consideration.
3. **Introduction.** Progress on the Strategic Assessment has been reported to the November 2007 and January 2008 meetings of the Committee, (Paper Nos. 07-958 and 08-42 respectively). The analytical work for the Strategic Assessment has been completed, and this report describes the findings on emerging issues and relates them to the findings of the Police's own strategic assessment. It also notes the arrangements for consultation. The report is for information.
4. **Background.** As previously reported (Paper No 07-958), the Council and other partners in the CDRP are required to undertake a Strategic Assessment of crime, drugs and disorder. Guidance from the Home Office recommends that the annual Police strategic assessment should be used as a basis for the wider CDRP assessment.
5. **Police strategic assessment.** In accordance with the National Intelligence Model (NIM), the Police recently undertook their own strategic assessment for Wandsworth and shared the conclusions with partners at a briefing on 15th January. The aim of the Police assessment is to identify draft priority themes to shape their control strategy for 2008/09. The themes identified were:-
 - a) Residential Burglary;
 - b) Robbery;
 - c) Drugs;
 - d) Gangs; and
 - e) Anti-Social Behaviour (cross-cutting).
6. The identified priority themes have been forwarded to New Scotland Yard for agreement.
7. Motor vehicle crime is a major volume crime and, although not identified as a top five priority, it is intended that this crime will be targeted by the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.
8. **CDRP Strategic Assessment.** The CDRP Strategic Assessment has been carried out by the Strategic Team of Officers (SATO). The analytical work has been undertaken by the Partnership Analyst, supported by the Policy Unit and the Police Crime Desks. The collation and presentation of the data have been undertaken, having regard to statutory requirements and guidance for the sharing of information between CDRP partners. The results of the analysis are attached as Appendix 1. The emerging themes identified in the CDRP Strategic Assessment complement the results of the Police strategic assessment and are as follow: -

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- a) **Residential burglary;**
 - b) **Street crime.** Street crime as a category includes robbery and snatch theft. Also, prioritising street crime will result into a wider focus on youth crime and the rising concerns around gang related activity;
 - c) **Motor vehicle crime.** This is a high volume crime and the trend of thefts of motor vehicles is currently rising;
 - d) **Anti-social behaviour around Housing estates areas.** The CDRP Strategic Assessment identified that anti-social behaviour most affect areas around Housing estates. The Battersea area was the main problem area. This area, which is also a problem area for motor vehicle crime, should be targeted specifically; and
 - e) **Tooting Town centre.** Tooting Town Centre has been identified as a hotspot for several types of crime and disorder. Reducing both crime and disorder in that area will impact significantly on the overall figures in the Borough.
9. 'Drugs' has not been identified separately as an emerging theme. However, an on-going focus on drug misusing offenders will impact positively on the level of all acquisitive crimes as well as anti-social behaviour.
10. **Partnership Strategy Group - Consultation.** Following an in-principle report (Paper No 07-770) in September 2007, I reported to the November cycle of the Regeneration and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Paper No 07-958) on proposals to establish a Partnership Strategy Group (PSG) for the CDRP. To comply with new statutory requirements to consult on the Strategic Assessment and hold at least one 'Face the Public' meeting per year, a meeting of the PSG was arranged for 6th February 2008. It is intended that the outcome of the meeting will be reported orally to the Committee. The CDRP Strategic Assessment and the Police draft priority themes are being used as the basis for consultation at the meeting.
11. **Next Steps.** The next stages in the process will be to make the Strategic Assessment available in a user-friendly format that is accessible to the public. A Partnership Plan will then be produced in draft, taking into account views gathered at the public meeting.
12. **Conclusion.** A significant amount of work has been undertaken in a short space of time to produce the CDRP and Police strategic assessments. The proposed arrangements for consultation will enable the Council and its partners in the CDRP to meet the statutory requirements for the Strategic Assessment, consultation, and pave the way for the preparation of the Partnership Plan for publication by 31st March 2008.
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Background Papers

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: -

1. 'Toolkit for undertaking Strategic Assessments'. Home Office October 2007 – available for downloading from the Home Office Crime Reduction website which can be accessed by Google or Yahoo search.

If you wish to inspect any of these papers, please contact Mr R Greaves (Tel 020 8871 6588); email rgreaves@wandsworth.gov.uk

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