

Minutes of High Street Ward SNT Meeting

Held on 10th February 2016

At the Mall – Walthamstow

Present:	Apologies:
Philip Herlihy – Chair (PH) Sergeant Jay Champion (JC) PC Matt Fletcher (MF) Councillor Mahmood Hussain (MH) Sandra de Costa (SdC) Andre Henry (AH) Tommy Anderson (TA) Nelia Cetin (NC) Jena Musa (LBWF Community Safety) (JM) Brian Ellick (LBWF Neighbourhood Officer) (BE) Themis Kyprianou (LBWF Housing Officer) (TK) Katie P	Frances Shoemith Jeff Fernandez

	Details	Action
1.	Remembering the Passing of Bob Wheatley PH asked the Panel to stand and observe a Minute's Silence as a mark of respect for Bob Wheatley who passed away in December. PH also read out an article written by Councillor Claire Coghill as a tribute for his ongoing commitment and work for his local community.	
2.	Prevent (JM) JM outlined the work that is currently being carried out within LBWF in respect of PREVENT programme. She explained that the Community Safety Team oversee all PREVENT projects in the Borough and the Home Office oversee PREVENT nationally.	

The borough was a pilot for Prevent and programmes have been delivered for the last seven years. The aim of the Prevent Strategy is to reduce the threat of extremism.

The PREVENT strategy has three tiers locally:

Early Intervention - working in secondary schools looking at dangers, internet, child exploitation, radicalisation.

Targeted Prevention – CHANNEL (Multi Agency Support)

Cases referred to Channel for support need consensual agreement before a plan of action and support is provided. Cases such Radicalisation and Extremism are discussed at pre criminal stages.

Focused Enforcement Work – Use of Public Spaces

MH Raised concerns on impact of PREVENT on the Muslim community and said that more needs to be done to avoid division within the community.

JM Media/press articles initially misleading but changes have been made and new duty has come in and LBWF is looking at Community at large.

SdC raised concerns that she was not aware of the programme and also that many people in the community might not be aware of it either.

JM assured the panel that the team were looking at a wider communications strategy.

AH asked what success rate did the programme have and how many schools are involved and who is funding it.

JM The programme has delivered in 22 Secondary Schools across the Borough. The work has been well received but unable to provide information on success rates due to lack of an outcomes framework.

BE asked whether engagement with parents has been explored

JM Currently looking into options of engaging with parents.

KP Who delivers the programme at schools and how is it received by students

JM Very positive feedback from students. They are very

	<p>interested in current issues.</p> <p>PH raised a few points. Why isn't PREVENT leafleting in public places to raise awareness? Is there a presence on You Tube? What Support is being given by Mosques?</p> <p>JM reported that there is limited online presence but working with Home Office in regards to this. Mosques were involved initially challenges exist in the current climate. Mosques actively challenge extremism within their communities.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Updates</p> <p>TA asked for an update on CCTV in St. James.</p> <p>JC reported that funding has been agreed and they are currently looking for suitable position.</p> <p>TA raised concerns that Councillors' attendance at these meetings is very poor. Councillor LA has portfolio for Community Safety and should attend as a rep for this ward.</p> <p>PH explained that all Councillors work together and is always desirable that at least one Councillor attends to report on behalf of others.</p> <p>SdC Seconded TA's concerns and stated that out of courtesy they should provide the panel with information on issues that were asked of them.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chair should write to the Councillor team to convey the panel's disappointment at councillors' apparent neglect of actions they had apparently willingly undertaken.</p> <p>AH asked who was responsible for setting up ward panels</p> <p>PH stated that they were police led</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Police Update</p> <p>JC reported that theft still an issue on the High Street Ward. CCTV images not always conclusive. Increased Patrols around the Mall/Charity shops to target "hot spot areas". There are currently 10 Pcs working out from the market office; no new constables but 8 will arrive in April. There were 78 arrests in the last 12 weeks, 30 of which were undertaken by the Safer Neighbourhood Team. SNT also arrested four school boys with knives, 2 women arrested for stealing a phone on the bus. The team uncovered two cannabis factories on two dwellings.</p>	

	<p>A man was arrested in St. James who had 20 bags of cannabis on him. Police are still concentrating on St. James strip and a lot of work is still being carried out around this area but very little results - criminals are getting very smart about the way they operate.</p> <p>However, zero tolerance is applied on other breaches such as litter, cycling on pavements and police work with other agencies to tackle anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Police are also working with local businesses whose business is affected by youths. They issue Section 35 Dispersal Orders which bans perpetrators from an area for 48 hours.</p> <p>Youth crime around St James difficult to prove hence convictions not always possible without any evidence. This is very frustrating for the police but they will continue to tackle this problem.</p> <p>BE reported that diary sheets have been given to local business to monitor activity and can use their ASB powers to arrest if pattern of behaviour persists. One key individual has been identified . Will continue to pursue others.</p> <p>PH reported that the panel is behind the SNT team and has confidence in its work.</p> <p>TA reported that a lot of youngsters hang around Crest Charity Shop and often leave their paraphernalia behind.</p>	
5	<p>AOB</p> <p>PH reported that at a recent incident in the High Street Ward he saw as many as 10 officers. Concern that we are sending out the wrong signal.</p> <p>JC Incident was GBH - someone had got stabbed so manpower necessary for such cases.</p> <p>MH stated that police cars are often parked inappropriately when attending emergencies causing inconvenience to public.</p> <p>JC Whilst every care is taken not to disadvantage general public when attending emergencies, this is not always possible and sometimes cars are parked inappropriately but comments taken.</p> <p>AH reported that Mini Holland very disruptive around the Borough. Road closures too severe and over the top not sure who benefits from this.</p> <p>PH stated that Mini Holland was initiated by the Mayors office to promote bicycle riding and reduce vehicle movement, but that</p>	

	further discussion was outside the scope of the present meeting.	
6.	Date of Next Meeting TBA	