

SAFE NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM – WARD PANEL MEETING

**HELD ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.00PM - THE MALL OFFICE,
WALTHAMSTOW**

Attendees:

Andre Henry (Chair) - AH
Sergeant Jay Champion - JC
PC Scott DeFreitas - SdF
Councillor Clare Coghlin - CC
Brian Ellick – Central Neighbourhoods Manager - BE
Themis Kyprianou – Central Housing Officer - TK
Philip Herlihy – Local resident - PH
Bell Kok – Local resident – BK
Tommy Anderson – Local Resident - TA
John Greengalgh – Local Resident - JG
Ian Capes – Local Resident - IC
Elizabeth Horn – Local Resident -EH
Sandra DeCosta – Local Resident -SdC

	Comment	Action
1.	<p>CCTV update</p> <p>BE reported that CCTV in Leucha Road is being used for ASB and currently reviewing situation for further units to be installed.</p>	BE
2.	<p>Police Report</p> <p>JC presented figures for the last 12 weeks</p> <p>9 Burglaries 13 Robberies 19 Theft from motor vehicles</p> <p>JC reported that Operation Teague (drugs issues in St. James) is still in progress. There are 6 officers targeting the area every single day. They carry out joint operations with transport police, joint visits with Neighbourhoods. An Environmental Audit has also been carried out.</p> <p>Other police business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Executed drug warrant in an address in Elmsdale	

	<p>Road – 6 arrests were made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 arrests with males with fire arms • 64 arrests made in regards to St. James activity • 164 stop and searches • 5 vehicles ceased • 43 dispersals • Work jointly with Life Line to support Drug and Alcohol dependents <p>EH raised concerns over increased level of ASB activity in her neighbourhood.</p> <p>JC to arrange for police patrol to monitor ASB.</p> <p>TA reported that there is an escalation of ASB activity especially at night around Greenleaf area. Concerns over Twins Newsagents in Hoe Street that stays opened until 1.00am</p> <p>BE to check licence details</p> <p>PH stated that in his opinion the High Street Ward is under resourced and suggested a review needs to be carried out for more resources to tackle crime on the Ward.</p> <p>The Chair took a vote on this suggestion and the panel voted unanimously in favour of the review.</p> <p>TA raised concerns over lack of commitment to this panel from Councillor Liaquat Ali Portfolio Member for Community Safety.</p> <p>JC announced his resignation as a Sergeant for the High Street Ward in Waltham Forest and reported that he will be moving to Barking and Dagenham in the New Year. Panel congratulated JC on his new appointment and thanked him for his commitment and hard work and support over the years.</p>	BE
3.	<p>Harassment towards women from pavement Cafes</p> <p>A long discussion took place about numerous complaints received from local women who have experienced harassment/intimidation from pavement cafes around the Hoe</p>	

	<p>Street/High Street area.</p> <p>JC reported that some approaches have been made with some café owners which have been denied. Plain clothes monitoring has been undertaken but no evidence has been found.</p> <p>BE reported that this issue is being looked at</p> <p>CC stressed that it is absolutely vital to hear women's view on this matter and challenge the situation. It is pivotal that women's voices are heard.</p>	
4.	<p>AOB</p> <p>IC & JG reported escalated aggression of traffic around the Northcote Road causing havoc with local residents resulting in some damage to vehicles and road signs. It has been reported that some residents have been involved in separating drivers involved in road rage. Both IC and JG asked to know what action the council is taking to tackle this problem.</p> <p>SdF to monitor traffic ASB at Northcote and report back at next Panel</p> <p>Priorities going Forward</p> <p>Drugs in St. James to remain a priority</p> <p>Drinking around Cleveland Park/Crescent and Coppermill Lane.</p> <p>London Street Rescue to be invited to next meeting to talk about the work they do with Homeless people.</p>	SdF