Dear Member,

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MEMBERSHIP:
Chair: Councillor Khevyn Limbajee
Vice Chair: Councillor Shabana Qadir
Councillors: Councillor Shameem Highfield, Councillor Roy Berg, Councillor Jemma Hemsted

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Members are required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in any matter, which is to be considered at this meeting.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – REQUESTS TO SPEAK AT THE SUB-COMMITTEE

4. MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-committee held on Wednesday 13th July are attached for confirmation. (attached)

5. CIVIL DISORDER
A report looking at the impact of recent events on local residents and businesses and lessons learned to date. (report attached)
6. **PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM**
   An update on key local achievements and to learn more about the outcome of the Home Office review of the Prevent Agenda.

7. **UPDATE FROM SAFETYNET EXECUTIVE** *(verbal item)*

8. **DIVERSITY & EQUALITIES**
   For the Membership to reflect if any of the above topics address the diversity and equalities agenda.

9. **ANNUAL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12** *(attached)*
   Responses to actions from the last meeting will also be covered under this item.
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW AND 
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (DRAFT)

WEDNESDAY 13th JULY 2011

Present:

Subcommittee Members:
Councillor Khevyn Limbajee (Chair)
Councillor Shabana Qadir (Vice Chair)
Councillor Jemma Hemsted
Councillor Alan Siggers

Other Councillors:
None

Officers present:
Supt Ellie O’Connor Metropolitan Police Service
Paul Langford LBWF, Director of Housing & Safe and Strong Communities
Paul Rogers LBWF, Head of Scrutiny
Alastair Macorkindale LBWF, Head of Community Safety
Angela Lambillion LBWF, Senior Community Safety Officer
Tony Lane LBWF, Policy Officer (Scrutiny)
Matthew Smith LBWF, Senior Committee Officer

1. Apologies for absence and substitute members
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Shameem Highfield and Councillor Roy Berg – Councillor Alan Siggers deputising. The Chair, Cllr Limbajee, welcomed everyone to the meeting – especially Cllr Hemsted, who was attending for the first time as a member, and Cllr Qadir who had been elected as Vice Chair.

2. Declarations of interest
No declarations of interest were made.

3. Public Participation – Requests to speak at the Sub-Committee
There were no requests.

4. Minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-committee held on 27th April 2011
The minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

5. CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE – PERFORMANCE OF THE SAFETYNET PARTNERSHIP
The report was presented by Angela Lambillion who stressed the changes to SafetyNet based on a new focus around ‘risky people risky places’. Supt Ellie
O’Connor shared some latest figures indicating a downward trend for various crime types including Violence with Injury, Gun Crime and Personal Robbery.

Cllr KL I’d like to take Councillors’ questions in two sections. First I’d like to take any questions relating to the gangs programme and, secondly, any other issues.

Cllr SQ I’d like more information about the people and places approach. Where are the places that are being focused on?
AL Two areas around Walthamstow Town Centre, plus Leyton Mills and Valley Ward.
Cllr SQ I would have thought the well-known estates have higher level of crime.
AL In fact, the estates have lower levels than these four areas.

Cllr JH I’m surprised Valley Ward is included.
EO A major factor is the BP petrol garage. Lots of drive outs take place there.
Cllr JH Why doesn’t the garage install pre-pay?
EO The police have been talking to the industry about this for over twenty years. They’re reluctant because they make a profit from sales at the kiosk. It’s a national problem.
AM We’re trying to address both the crimes that do significant harm and the overall crime rate. If we want to address the overall crime rate we have to address the low-level high-volume crimes as well as more serious offences.

Cllr AS How do drive outs from petrol stations impinge on gang-related crime? In the past we have had shootings and knifings in Valley Ward. I’m told that there are a few gangs there, especially around the Chingford Hall Estate. I’m wondering if we’re looking at the right things. I’m more interested to know why violent crime is down.
AM We’re tasked as a Partnership with reducing overall crime and antisocial behaviour, as well as finding solutions to the gang problem. We’ve had to target high-volume crime types. This doesn’t mean we’re not paying attention to gang members in Valley Ward. The Chingford Hall Gang does continue to be active. The gangs programme starts from a list of about 90 named individuals. These people are being cross-referenced on a monthly basis by a panel to grade the risk and tackle those most of concern. Some of these individuals are connected to the Chingford Hall Gang. Programmes that target individuals have a short-term effect only, so we need to support the families and neighbourhoods. A newly-formed community conference panel are meeting and talking. It’s very early days to say why things seem to be working. There have been a number of successful police operations – including the one in the last twenty-four hours. We’re working with twenty-five to thirty families; we’re offering intensive support. We can’t simply enforce our way out of this problem but targeted individuals know that if they continue with their behaviour – whether or not they’re engaging with the programme – they will be arrested. It was a big operation today with fourteen arrests. Some of those arrested were on our list, some were engaging, some we hadn’t yet reached. The word is out. We’ve moved some people out of the area. We’ve been approached by some gang members who want an exit. We are just now on the cusp of recruiting an evaluation partner. A benefit of the scheme is
that it involves a more integrated approach between partners – the Met, the local police, the local authority and housing associations. The local community have experienced work to tackle gangs before, but I think community members involved in supporting the gang programme would say that there is something qualitatively and positively different about what's happening now.

**EO** We recruited an intervention officer to run two workshops per week with funding from the Prisoners’ Property Fund and these sessions are proving very helpful. I've seen a marked change in what is happening in this part of the borough. Some gang members are going into Essex to operate because they feel under pressure in the borough. We've just arrested fourteen people as part of a major operation and most will be charged tonight. The residents of that community want this to happen. The programme is intensive. Some juvenile victims have had their entire families relocated. When I ask for mediation help I get it.

**Cllr AS** It's accepted that prevention is better than cure. A couple of years back we had an event in the Council Chamber where we invited young people to talk about gangs. What came across to me is that there are lots of young people that are brought into the gang culture through peer pressure, a desire to belong, a lack of other options as they see it. How do you de-glamourise the lifestyle?

**AM** I was involved with the establishment of the Youth Independent Advisory Group (YIAG). Most of the young people on that group have had contact with the care system or the youth justice system. The purpose was to introduce a youth element in advising the police. What came up again and again was “Why is it that young people are only encouraged to aspire to be sports stars or musicians?” “Why doesn't anyone bring a black lawyer from the City to talk about being a lawyer?” they would say. We need to open up a range of role models. It's about broadening people's horizons. We need to raise the aspiration of communities. There’s a programme of work that we want to do through the community partnership. Young people know being in a gang means a life of ceaseless risk.

**PL** I do believe there is enough evidence now to suggest the beginning of a trend. We have had consecutive periods of reducing youth violence. Our approach was developed with partners. We’ve had excellent scrutiny of our approach from the enforcement angle and from practitioners. There may be more to do around health admittedly. We have got a unique approach in how we have involved the community. Early intervention is essential; the gangs are young. Some schools have been excellent. We need the other schools to follow suit. We need to be ready for anything. Someone could get shot tomorrow. It’s not a three-year programme designed to just buy us time; we need to turn families around. There are family members who need concentrated therapy over a six-month period. We’re awaiting confirmation of additional funding. We'll be the first to use this particular model of intervention exclusively in relation to gangs work. We could get a spike in criminality at some point. If we do, we mustn’t jump to conclusions and throw it all away.

**EO** The support worker is currently being supported with funding from the Prisoners’ Property Fund. It was not so many months ago that we had five shootings in ten days. Things are so much better now. Yesterday's operation was just one of many. We’re learning all the time. Let’s hold our nerve. The school holidays are a high risk time. We’re also planning for the usual spike
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in crime when kids go back to school.

**Cllr SQ** Could this sub-committee observe the work of the community group?

**KL** Alternatively we could invite the chair and vice chair to attend one of our meetings.

**Cllr SQ** Regarding addressing the culture, I think there needs to be more education at school level. Secondly, are you looking elsewhere to find out what works?

**AM** We launched an educational resource for primary schools in March. There has been one for secondary schools for a while. We want three types of involvement from schools. At the apex we want the strongest engagement from those schools that have our target young people, or siblings of the young people we are targeting; these schools are working closely with our team. At the bottom level, we are seeking to have a basic awareness-raising programme for all schools. In the middle are schools which may not have designated individuals whom we are targeting but which draw pupils from the high risk catchment areas. We’re looking to achieve engagement with schools through Leora Cruddas’ team in Children and Young People Services. Julian Lee is leading on work with the Behaviour and Attendance Strategy Group which has recently started meeting. In terms of learning, our programme is based on the most up-to-date national and international literature, and informed by Karyn McCluskey, this country’s foremost expert in the field. Karyn has come to the borough to advise us on a number of occasions.

**Cllr SQ** There are lots of positive role models in the BME community. Schools need to stop pupils wanting to become singers only. How do we inspire young people in a positive way?

**AM** The conversation should develop through the Behaviour and Attendance Group. Operationally, we’ve begun to take small steps with the gang members. Two years ago we piloted a new way of trying to work with people with drug and alcohol problems to get them ready for the world of work. We piloted a new approach, taking some risks. This is a different way of providing advice – helping to build therapeutic relationships to consider what other options may exist apart from crime. The success of that scheme shows that you can help people achieve things that they didn’t think would be possible. It’s this same approach that we’re trying out with gang members. The hope would be to be able to use the first successful cohort as role models.

**PL** We are in early discussions with the Chief Executive about introducing a revamped mentoring scheme. We had a scheme in Leeds where I worked and it was very successful.

**Cllr JH** I think this is very important. It wouldn’t occur to lots of these kids to try to achieve more if their lives are so insular. It’s disturbing that 61% of the borough’s offenders are unemployed. Are they unemployable?

**AM** No, I don’t think so.

**Cllr KL** We need to nurture an alternative vision for pupils. Does the gangs programme make use of ex-gang members?

**AM** Being an ex-member is not enough. You’ve got to have skills. We’re working with a number of agencies and this may increase – for example,
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providing education programmes for girls. The programme is delivered by young women with the skills to empathise, and to deliver valid educational content.

Cllr KL The 3.7% increase in serious youth violence indicated in paragraph 3.9 of the report seems quite a lot. Is this a quirk in the statistics?
AM That figure was for the year to April 2011. For the first two quarters of that year the figures were very worrying. However, youth violence was slowing by the year end. As Ellie mentioned in the most recent figures she quoted, there is a now a clear downward trend.
EO Since early summer we have had a dedicated team – two sergeants and two officers – focused on the most serious violence. We’re seeing the dividend from this.

Cllr KL Now looking at the subject of crime in general, is it increasing or decreasing?
AL In 2010-2011 there was an overall 1% increase.
PL The trend now is downward.
EO We have a data report every week showing comparisons with last year.

Cllr SQ The Residents’ First Directorate are producing community profiles. Will it include crime hotspots?
AL No, the data comes from the Met.

Cllr KL Paragraph 4.6 of the report highlights actions to prevent crime – including putting white lines around ATMs. What else can be highlighted?
EO We need to get out the message about people not making their mobile phones conspicuous. Also, those who walk around the streets listening to earphones make themselves vulnerable. Every mobile has a unique identity number. Owners need to write the number down somewhere, then we can block phones that have been stolen. Iphones have tracking devices if they have the right app downloaded. There is a need to educate people.

Cllr SQ There is also a problem at supermarkets with customers coming too close when you are entering your PIN.
EO As a suggestion, you can often remove the machine and bring it closer to you.
AM We have regular community-facing events where we give advice. A crime prevention van is present at all major outdoor borough events. We need to keep reminding people. For example, the way that most burglars enter is through unlocked doors.

Cllr KL Paragraph 4.11 highlights that just three incident categories were responsible for 75% of all ASB incidents. That seems a lot. Is this typical of elsewhere?
AL We have an ongoing problem with hoax calls and malicious calls. The figures for the other two categories listed are typical.

Cllr KL The percentage of offenders who are unemployed could presumably get worse – not least if less well-off people are moving here from central London. Should we anticipate rising crime due to increased worklessness?
EO Yes, potentially. There are lots of homeless people. Also we will see
people who have been working on the Olympic site with nothing to do.

Cllr KL  To summarise, we’re saying that we’re now seeing a drop in crime for particular crime types. Also, we’ve noted that there are simple things that can be done to discourage and prevent crime; white lines around ATMs is an example, as is better education for the public around use of mobile phones. We’re concerned that there is the potential for rising crime due to worklessness. On the gangs programme, we’re heartened by the approach and the effect it seems to be having. It's apparent that the scheme has taken on lessons from elsewhere. There’s a focus on working intensively with families, using the full force of the law where necessary. Residents would be pleased by the overall approach. The community are in favour. I’d like to see us make something happen around young people’s aspirations. We should bring in professionals to work with young people, so that there are role models that can build that link with young people. We should encourage professionals – especially from ethnic minorities – who could mentor young people, offering them their support.

EO  You can encourage participation by, for example giving them points on a smart card for attendance.

AM  The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, held a community forum in the borough in January. He has a mentoring scheme. There was huge interest and the Waltham Forest event was the best attended of his sessions. Some who were there said that they’d like to be involved in a borough rather than a GLA initiative.

Cllr KL  Is there a mechanism to bring this about?
AM  There’s the Better Way Partnership, which is chaired by a resident. We’ll look to see whether a local structure is possible.

Cllr AS  There’s also the issue of the victim support worker. We want to make sure there is continued funding.
Cllr JH  Definitely. £7,500 isn’t a large amount.
AM  We will be inviting the community and voluntary sectors to put forward proposals for projects. That’s where a proposal could fit.
Cllr KL  We can record that we support this scheme.
AM  It’s best not to specify a particular provider – instead just recommend that the initiative should be continued.

Cllr SQ  Could the Better Way Partnership be asked to meet with this committee at some time?
AM  Yes, certainly.

Cllr JH  This committee needs regular updates on the gangs programme.
Cllr KL  Yes, we need to carry on monitoring and revisit it. I will discuss with the Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Subcommittee the possibility of some joint working on this.

The sub-committee then unanimously resolved to make the following recommendations to the Council’s Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, Community Safety Unit and the SafetyNet Partnership:

1) That support be given to the creation of a network of professionals that
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...can act as role models for young people in the borough, that Councillors should be involved with this scheme and that links should be made with the Young Advisers’ scheme.

2) That funding of £7,500 be made available to support the continued work of an intervention officer for the gangs programme.

3) That representatives of the Better Way Partnership be invited to attend a future meeting of the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

6. **Update on Street Drinking**
   In view of the late circulation of the report which in turn was due to Cabinet’s schedule for consideration of this item having slipped, it was agreed to defer discussion of this item to the September meeting on the basis that the date of the meeting is changed and moved forward to some time in the first week of September.

7. **Diversity and Equalities Issues**
   It was felt that diversity and equalities issues had been adequately addressed in the previous discussions.

8. **Annual Forward Work Programme 2011/2012**
   The Chair requested that an earlier date be found in September for the next meeting because of the clash with the Labour Party Conference.

   The Chair expressed thanks to Farzana Zia for all her work with the Sub-Committee as she was now going on maternity leave. He expressed a welcome to Tony Lane who would be taking on her responsibilities.

   The meeting finished at 9.20 pm.
1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report outlines the impact of the recent episode of civil disorder on local residents and businesses and lessons learned to date.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The recent episode of civil disorder was sparked by the death of Mark Duggan, who was fatally shot by Police Officers in Tottenham on Thursday August 4th 2011. That incident is presently under investigation by the Independent Police Complaints Commission. The disorder itself began in Tottenham on the evening of Saturday 6th August.

2.2 When the disorder began in London, special powers to stop and search under section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 were in place in four boroughs including Waltham Forest. One week later those powers had been instigated in some twenty-six boroughs across the capital.

2.3 At the time of writing, 2006 people had been arrested across London and this had resulted in 1135 charges. A total of 3345 crimes across London were linked to the disorder and of these the most common were: commercial burglary (1172), criminal damage to a motor vehicle (403), personal robbery (310); there were 162 reports of arson. Forensic and crime scene examiners worked on more than 1200 crime scenes.

2.4 Initial estimates across London indicated that 40% of those arrested had gang affiliations; as investigations have continued this estimate has been revised down to 20%.
3. LOCAL RESPONSE

3.1 A local Gold Group structure was established by the Police and Council on Monday 9th August and met daily thereafter at 8am. That structure included the Leader of the Council, the Chief Executive, the Executive Director (Environment and Regeneration), the Director of Housing and Safe & Strong Communities, the Head of Community Safety and the Head of Strategy and Public Affairs. The Police were represented by the Borough Commander.

3.2 The Gold Group agreed its aim was to provide clear community leadership and reassurance to residents. Key objectives included maintaining business as usual where possible, clearing and repairing damage quickly and efficiently, and providing clear and timely information to residents. The strategy adopted to the disorder focused on:

- Managing information and control rumours;
- Managing the environment; and
- Mobilising community networks.

3.3 Within the first 24 hours the Council established a single point of contact (SPOC) to liaise directly with the Police borough intelligence unit and check information coming in from services and community members.

3.4 A system of twice-daily briefings was agreed through which information was conveyed to key stakeholders and resident groups for the duration of the emergency.

3.5 Within the first 24 hours the Leader had convened meetings with Cabinet, full Council, and Senior Managers. The Leader and the Chief Executive also convened a meeting of the multi-faith forum.

3.6 Businesses in those areas most affected were visited by senior Council staff and elected Members. This was then followed up with a meeting to which all affected businesses were invited.

3.7 Community reassurance events were held on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of that week in those areas most affected: Leyton Mills, Chingford Mount and Walthamstow Town Centre. Those events were led by the Community Safety team but included staff from a number of partner agencies (Police, Victim Support etc), as well as officers from other divisions in Environment & Regeneration and Children & Young People Services.

3.8 A meeting was held with the chief officers of the main housing providers in the borough to discuss and agree a shared approach to tenancy enforcement against those tenants involved in the disorder. That meeting was well attended and extremely constructive.

4. IMPACT OF THE DISORDER ON THE BOROUGH

4.1 At the time of writing 134 crimes were reported in Waltham Forest related to the disorder. Of these the most common were commercial burglary (42), criminal damage (23) attempted commercial burglary (10) and personal robbery (10).
4.2 Approximately half of those charged with offences in Waltham Forest live in another borough and four fifths of those charged are adults (aged 18 or over). We believe that only one in three has any connection with social housing. We also believe that only one of those arrested in Waltham Forest had any affiliation to local gangs.

4.3 The disorder took place primarily in 3 areas: Chingford (Mount and Cork Tree retail park); Leyton (Mills and Bakers Arms); and Walthamstow Town Centre

5. LESSONS LEARNED
5.1 The local strategy has been seen as a successful one. Incidences of disorder were kept to a minimum in comparison with neighbouring areas. The feedback from community members was that our communication plan worked; specifically our twice-daily website updates received positive comment.

5.2 The SPOC arrangements were effective and enabled the Council to maintain business as usual across the board. The one exception was the decision taken to suspend evening youth bus provision to ensure that no mixed messages were sent to parents about the need to keep young people off the streets.

5.3 The absence of local gang members from the cohort of those arrested and charged, and the contrast with other areas of London remains to be explained. The Chief Executive was, however, invited to give evidence to an inter-Ministerial Group on ending gang violence. That meeting, chaired by the Home Secretary, took place on 5th September.

6. IMPLICATION PARAGRAPHS
6.1 Financial Implications:
Officers are in the process of calculating the cost to residents and businesses of the civil disorder. The Council’s Economic Development service is working with businesses to ensure they are able to draw down funding made available by central Government.

6.2 Legal Implications:
There are no specific legal implications in relation to the content of the report.

6.3 Human Resources Implications:
There are no specific human resource implications in relation to the content of the report.

6.4 Health Impact Implications
There are no specific health implications in relation to the content of the report.

6.5 Equalities Impact Implications:
A detailed analysis of the demographic characteristics of those arrested and charged is in the process of being produced by the Police and is not yet available.

7. CONCLUSION
7.1 By common consent, whilst the damage to the borough was significant it was not on the scale that one might have expected and that took place elsewhere. It is believed that actions taken by local partners contributed significantly to this outcome.
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## Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee: Work Programme 2011/12

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**STANDING ITEMS**

### Items for Review or Investigation

1. **Impact of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill**
   - **Lead Dept:** Alastair Macorkindale
   - **Chair’s Comments/Progress/Action to be Taken:** The sub-committee intends to receive an update on the “Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill 2010-11” and an update on the police accountability structures in London.
   - **Deadline for Reports:** 30th Jun 2011
   - **Comments:** ITEM DEFERRED – bill defeated in the House of Lords. Watching brief on future developments.

2. **Crime & Disorder Committee**
   - **Areas to cover:** Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy for 2011/12.
   - **Background reading:** A guide for councillors on these new powers has been produced by the LGA: Crimewatch: Effective scrutiny of police and crime. [http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/aic/4484435](http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/aic/4484435)
   - **Lead Dept:** Alastair Macorkindale & Borough Commander Steve Wisbey
   - **Chair’s Comments/Progress/Action to be Taken:** An update on the Bill plus a report on how the SafetyNet partnership is delivering substantive outcomes relating to crime and disorder matters – to look at crime performance figures and narrative on how the borough is delivering the key objectives/priorities.
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   - **Chair:** Members are requested to review the annual forward work programme for the sub-committee.
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## Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee:
### Work Programme 2011/12

**Tuesday, 14th September at 7.30 p.m. Committee Room 2, Waltham Forest Town Hall**

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<td>Civil Disorder</td>
<td>Alastair Macorkindale</td>
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**September / October 2011**

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**Wednesday 23rd November 2011 at 7.30 p.m. Council Chamber, Waltham Forest Town Hall**

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<td>Review of the Council’s Anti-social behaviour policy</td>
<td>Alastair Macorkindale</td>
<td>The Council has considered bringing the ASB teams in the Police, Council and Ascham Homes under one umbrella and therefore scrutiny may wish to examine the proposals and question the how this will work in practice.</td>
<td>10 Nov 2011</td>
<td>Possible invitation to Housing sub-committee. Item suggested by service. ITEM MOVED FROM SEPT MEETING FOLLOWING EVENTS IN AUG 2011.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Update on Street Drinking</td>
<td>Alastair Macorkindale</td>
<td>Update report received from Mario Demetriou – 21st Mar 2011, around merit in introducing a borough wide ban (DPPO) in Waltham Forest. He reported “Contrary to any advice received by the legal department, it is not recommended to proceed with a Borough-wide DPPO at this time.”</td>
<td>10 Nov 2011</td>
<td>A feasibility study was conducted by the Community Safety Unit and reported to Portfolio Lead in June 2011. ITEM MOVED FROM SEPT MEETING FOLLOWING EVENTS IN AUG 2011.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>The local media’s role in reducing the fear of crime and enhancing community cohesion.</td>
<td>Alastair Macorkindale</td>
<td>An opportunity to review the dissertation report of a graduate trainee and explore with the service how this may feed into local strategy.</td>
<td>10 Nov 2011</td>
<td>From the findings of the ‘Your opinion Counts’ campaign, where residents helped to set council priorities, it is clear residents want to feel safer.</td>
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<td><strong>Gangs Prevention Programme</strong></td>
<td>Alastair Macorkindale</td>
<td>The Sub-committee to receive an update on the Gangs Prevention programme and the progress being made to tackle the gang and knife crime culture.</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td><strong>Reducing Youth Offending</strong></td>
<td>Alastair Macorkindale</td>
<td>Linked to the Gangs Prevention Programme, what the Council’s Youth Offending Team has done in reducing youth offending – i.e. the strategic development of this policy.</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td><strong>Human Trafficking and Prostitution in Waltham Forest.</strong></td>
<td>Alastair Macorkindale/BC Steve Wisbey/DS Ellie O’Connor</td>
<td>An update on the recommendations made by the sub-committee, to be reported back in six months (Sept/Oct 2011).</td>
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## THEMED MEETING: PREPARATIONS FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES

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<td>1.</td>
<td>The 2012 Olympics and the heightened risk of criminal activity in Waltham Forest</td>
<td>BC Steve Wisbey / Alastair Macorkindale / WF 2012 Team</td>
<td>Members would benefit from learning what provision has been made in our borough with regard to the negative criminal impacts the Games may bring to the borough – e.g. petty crime, pickpocket gangs, fraud scams, personal robbery, missing persons &amp; other criminal activity.</td>
<td>19 Jan 2012</td>
<td>Item suggested by the Chair Cllr Limbajee as a possible topic for the Community Safety sub-committee to examine in the new municipal year 2011/12.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Civil Contingency Planning</td>
<td>Roger Brett</td>
<td>What is the borough doing in planning for emergencies? How does it advice the general public and what preparation has been made in the run up to the Olympics games. How does Waltham Forest work with key stakeholders to ensure a co-ordinated response to emergency situations? <strong>Areas to cover:</strong> Preparing for emergencies, plans and protocols, business continuity, and assisting tourists. <strong>Background info:</strong> <a href="http://www.londonprepared.gov.uk">http://www.londonprepared.gov.uk</a> <strong>External Witnesses:</strong> London Resilience Team – based at City</td>
<td>19 Jan 2012</td>
<td>Prior to this meeting – perhaps in Sept/Oct 2011 arrange a round-table meeting with all the key stakeholders Find out if there is a contingency planning exercise that Members can attend prior to this coming to scrutiny in Feb 2012. Will give everyone a better sense of what is involved. Alastair Macorkindale to investigate further with Keith Hanshaw – Assistant Director for</td>
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| 3. | **Fire and Rescue Services in Waltham Forest**  
Suggestion to also include London Ambulance Service in this themed meeting | To find out more about:  
- The implications of the spending cuts on Fire and Rescue Authorities  
- Approaches to delivery of Fire and Rescue services  
- Gain a better understanding of staffing issues, including flexible staffing arrangements; shared services/back office functions; sharing chief officers and other senior staff; improved sickness management; voluntary organisations. | 19 Jan 2012 | Interlinked with the above item - an opportunity for the sub-committee to meet with local Fire and Rescue Chiefs and establish a better working relationship with scrutiny. |

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| 4. | **Diversity and Equalities Agenda** | Chair | For the Membership to reflect if any of the above topics address the diversity and equalities agenda. | 19 Jan 2012 |

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| 1.       | Substance Misuse in Waltham Forest. | Amanda Middleton, Louise Harvey, Mary Neilson and James Gould. | This item could look to focus on:  
- Tobacco, Drug and Alcohol Misuse  
- Health Impacts – admissions to hospital, cost of treatment – demographics of communities affected.  
- Substance misuse by Children and Young People | 8 Mar 2012 | This item was referred by the CYP sub-committee and is an opportunity to invite CYP and HAOP members to contribute.  
The CYP aspect could look at the outcomes of the Young People’s specialist substance misuse treatment plan 2009/10 and could also include input from the specially convened cyp project team. |

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| 2. | Update from LSP SafetyNet | Alastair Macorkindale | For the sub-committee to receive an update on the current trends in crime and highlight issues of concern for the borough. | 8 Mar 2012 |  |
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<td>Last scrutinised by the sub-committee 16th February 2011. The sub-committee to receive an update on the new structures for SNT teams, following the London-wide review.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Focus on Hate Crime - Domestic Violence and Homophobic Crime</td>
<td>How successful have initiatives been to reduce domestic violence and homophobic crime – what are the current levels of reported crime, which have resulted in successful convictions. How does Waltham Forest compare with other London boroughs / other parts of the country? What more needs to be done to support victims of this type of crime. How do different agencies work together, especially when competing for funding and with limited resources?</td>
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<td>Consumer Protection Services</td>
<td>The sub-committee receive a report on how the consumer protection service in Waltham Forest operates and how it engages with other stakeholders to enforce and protect citizens. In particular the role and responsibilities of Trading Standards in tackling anti-counterfeiting crime such as illegal sale of DVD’s and protecting vulnerable people from scams. Has this type of crime increased in the austerity era? Referred by the Environment Scrutiny sub-committee and Chair of Management Committee in April 2011.</td>
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#### SOME SUGGESTED ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED FOR INCLUSION (LONG LIST)*:

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