

# Adults, Health & Public Protection Policy & Scrutiny Committee

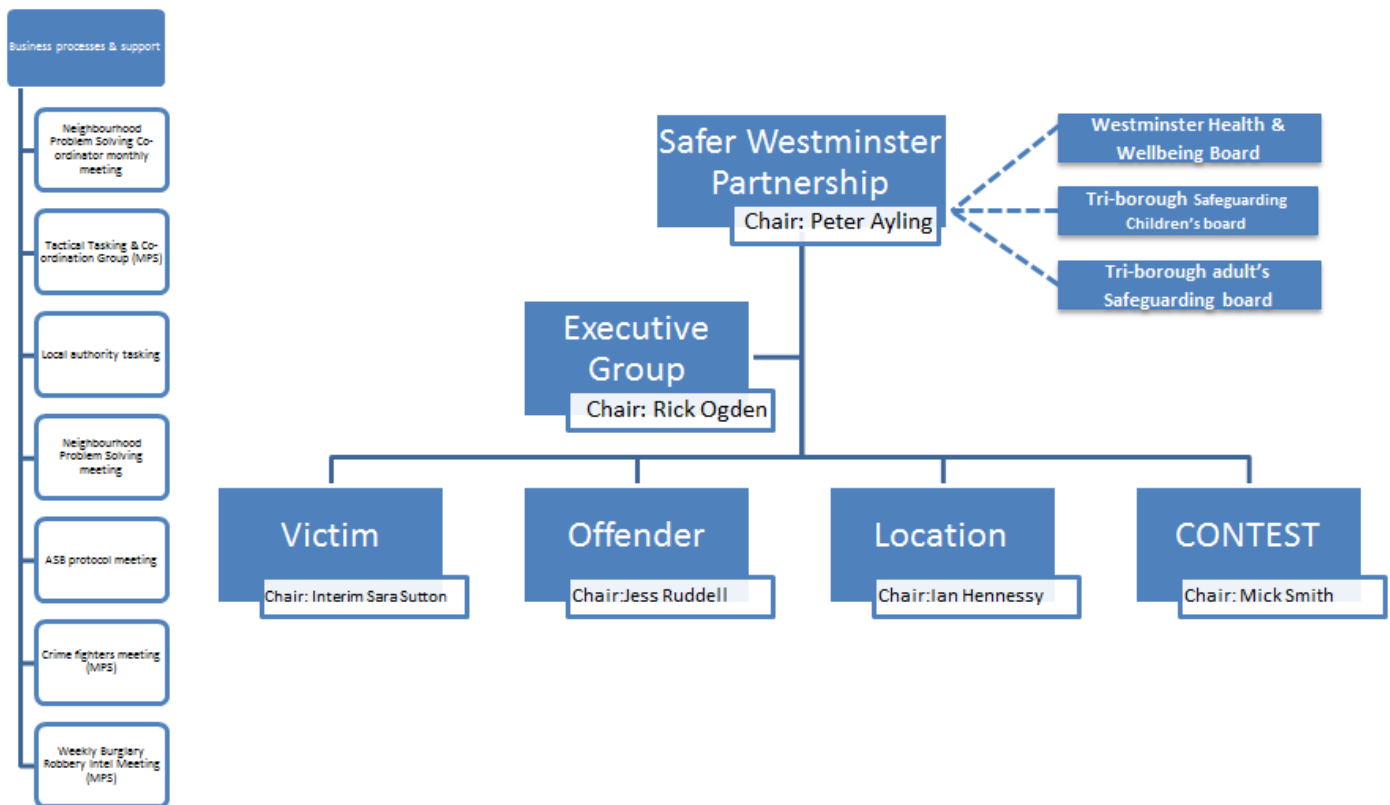
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## 1. Safer Westminster Partnership Structure

- 1.1 The Safer Westminster Partnership (SWP) has refreshed its governance arrangements to move to a more problem oriented approach. Part of this revamp saw the introduction of an Executive Group to ensure delivery against the SWP Strategy and agreed priorities. The new structure can be seen overleaf.
- 1.2 The new structure has now been implemented and meetings have taken place for each of the boards with a particular focus on developing a terms of reference and action plan for each board.
- 1.3 Adopting a problem oriented approach has seen the creation of Victim, Offender and Location boards. The work of these boards will focus upon evidenced based priorities identified from the annual partnership Strategic Assessment to reduce victimisation and offending and to target resources in problem crime locations.
- 1.4 The structure provides a more streamlined problem oriented approach to enable cross cutting themes such as employment and mental health to be discussed in relation to all victims or offenders rather than separate cohort groups. CONTEST focuses on Counter Terrorism work and although much of

this work is confidential, links will be made with the other project boards where necessary.

- 1.5 The introduction of an Executive Board has been created to drive and challenge performance across the boards and to identify synergies and any new emerging risks or issues. The Executive Board is chaired by the Borough Commander of the Fire Service and is made up of the Chairs of the Victim, Offender, Location and CONTEST boards.
- 1.6 The SWP will have closer links into the Health and Wellbeing Board and Adult and Children’s Safeguarding boards.
- 1.7 The Business processes and support on the left hand side of the diagram show the partnership tasking and problem solving meetings which feed into each of the boards and are important in identifying and escalating any new or emerging trends and issues.



## 2 Safer Westminster Partnership Vision and priorities

- 2.1 A strategic assessment was produced in October 2016 drawing from a range of data across the partnership and this evidence base was used to develop the vision, goals and priorities for the SWP.

- 2.2 The vision for the SWP is:- 'Making Westminster safer by working in partnership to reduce the risk and harm of crime and ASB, focusing on protecting the most vulnerable within our communities'.
- 2.3 This vision highlights the priority of the SWP to focus resources towards protecting the most vulnerable within Westminster, in line with the MOPAC London Policing Plan. Often, vulnerability, crime and deprivation can come together creating a cycle of offending and victimisation. The SWP wants to work together to break that cycle.
- 2.4 Underpinning this vision are two cross cutting principles that apply to the Victim, Offender, Location and CONTEST groups that drive delivery of the SWP priorities.
- > *Intervening early with families and young people to reduce their risk of victimisation and prevent offending.*
  - > *Working in collaboration with partners to focus on the key contributing factors that reduce victimisation and offending.*
- 2.5 Each of the boards has a key aim and objectives driven by the findings of the Strategic Assessment they are:-

## 2.6 **Victim**

Aim:-

- Identify and work with repeat victims to reduce their vulnerability.

Objectives:-

- Improving co-ordination across the partnership to identify all repeat victims and ensure they have access to appropriate services;
- Provide bespoke support to those most at risk of domestic violence to reduce high levels of repeat victimisation;
- Provide bespoke support to vulnerable young victims i.e. those aged under 25 who are at risk of serious youth violence;
- Gain a greater understanding of the level and quality of pan London provision for victims in Westminster;
- Review the SWPs compliance with the victims code of practice;
- Early intervention to prevent victimisation.

## 2.7 **Offender**

Aim:-

- Working the most prolific offenders to reduce their re-offending.

Objectives:-

- Ensure adequate commissioned services for the most prolific and vulnerable offenders to address their criminogenic needs, in particular around substance misuse and accommodation;
- Provide bespoke support to vulnerable young offenders, i.e. those aged under 25 who are at risk of committing serious youth violence;

- Improve offender cohort co-ordination to ensure clarity of partners roles and responsibilities and gain a greater understanding of what works;
- Explore and tackle the issue of cross border and foreign national offending in Westminster, utilising every possible funding opportunity;
- Intervening early with young offenders at risk or in the criminal justice system to prevent future criminality;

## 2.8 Location

Aim:-

- Reducing high harm crime in Queens Park and Church Street wards and the West End.

Objectives:-

- Develop a joint area action plan for Church Street, Queen's Park ward and the West End to reduce high harm crimes and reduce vulnerability in this area driven by business intelligence.

## 2.9 CONTEST

Aim:-

- Enhancing the partnership response to countering terrorism.

## 3 Next steps

- 3.1 Multi agency partnership workshops have been held for each of the new boards to develop action plans around these objectives
- 3.2 These draft plans will be presented to the SWP on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 3.3 The development of a Strategy for the SWP for the next three years is in the process of being drafted and will also be presented to the SWP in June.
- 3.4 Quarter one performance data will be sent to the Scrutiny Panel once finalised.
- 3.5 The next strategic assessment and half year performance data will be presented to Scrutiny at the November meeting.

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