

CABINET MEMBER FOR SAFER CROYDON & COMMUNITIES: SCRUTINY

Councillor Hamida Ali
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Safer Croydon & Communities - Overview

- Wide ranging portfolio
- Critical contribution to our Corporate Plan and quality of life for residents
 - Everyone feels safer in their street, neighbourhood and home
 - Community safety / Safer Croydon Partnership
 - Community Safety Strategy priorities and delivery
 - Family Justice Centre / Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWG)
 - Development of a Violence Reduction Network
 - Prevent and Counter Extremism
 - Regulatory services
 - People live long, healthy, happy and independent lives
 - Voluntary and community sector relationship, strategy, funding and support
 - Community empowerment and devolution
 - Croydon Resilience
 - Financial inclusion
 - Our children and young people thrive and reach their full potential
 - LSP youth Plan
 - Community Safety Strategy
 - Equality and diversity



Community Safety

- **30 partner agencies** delivering work to tackle SYV and knife crime, with reduction in level of crime;
- National Trading Standards pilot of online test purchases of knives
- Drive project: national pilot to disrupt domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Increase referrals from Children's Social Care to the FJC **by 45%**;
- Partnership with national **FGM** centre / multi-agency funded FGM specialist social worker
- More than **200 Prevent training** sessions have been carried out.



Communities

- **VCS strategy** under development for March Cabinet;
- Successful bid for GLA's Good Growth Fund – **£2.4 million**;
- Stonewall and ENEI recognition for equality and diversity;
- Strong and well respected resilience team.

WEAKNESSES



Across the portfolio

- Government funding reductions
 - Undermines Council and partner activities

Community safety

- Where funding is provided:
 - **Short term** nature undermines sustainability
 - Promotes **competition rather than collaboration**
- Coordination of large number of **stakeholders** has been challenging.

Communities

- Availability of affordable community space

OPPORTUNITIES



- Working towards LGA ELFG accreditation (equality and diversity);
- Continued expansion of the Credit Union (financial inclusion);
- **CCTV investment** for smart city applications (community safety)
- **Best bar none** competition planned for 2019/20 (community safety)
- Second phase of **community empowerment and devolution** planned for 2019/20;
- VCS Networking (Communities).

THREATS

- **Police Basic Command Unit changes** result in fewer senior resources, impacting local engagement;
- Large **volumes of activity**, with multiple funding streams that sit outside of the partnership's governance structure;
- ICO has announced a **second investigation** into partners that receive police information.



Safer Croydon & Communities - Budget

- 2019/20 Budget assumptions
 - Resource growth to support Violence Reduction Network
 - Investment in CCTV ~ £2m
 - Maintenance of VCS funding
 - £1.9m Community fund
 - £100k Community grants
 - £560k Community Ward Budgets
 - Review of Rental Grant Subsidy and Discretionary Rate Relief
 - We will continue to bid for additional funding from Government