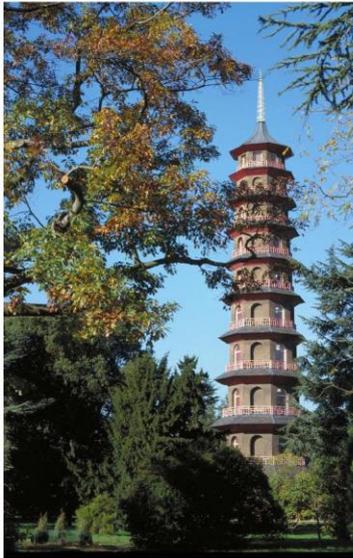


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Year Three

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Introduction

This Plan presents the Community Safety Partnership's priorities for 2016-17 (year three) of the three year Plan 2014-17. Our priorities have been informed through the analysis of crime and anti-social behaviour in the borough, through local consultation and through the requirement to tackle a number of national priorities. The plan describes how these priorities will be taken forward and defines how we will measure progress against them. Our vision is for Richmond upon Thames to be the safest borough in London.

Richmond has seen no real change in the level of total notifiable offences between April 2015 and February 2016 with current figures showing a 0% increase on last year, down from a 1% increase for the period April 2015 to January 2016. Residential burglary offences have reduced by 9% down (52 crimes), placing Richmond as the best performing London borough for residential burglary. There has been a 20% increase in violent crime during this period with similar rises being seen across other London boroughs. This rise is due to a Home Office reclassification of violent crime and an increase in recorded offences of domestic violence. Despite this rise, Richmond is the safest borough in London for violent crime and is fourth safest London borough for total notifiable offences. .

We are continuing to focus on what matters to the local people of Richmond and encouraged residents to become involved and take more responsibility in shaping priorities. Village Planning, the community led approach to identifying the priorities for each village area, including how crime and anti-social behaviour can be tackled and reduced. Part of the Village Plans are Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), now being developed for each village area to help maintain and enhance the built environment. This can have a positive impact on Community Safety and help to reduce crime. Residents' surveys conducted over recent years have helped the Partnership to understand residents' perceptions of their local areas. These surveys have identified road safety and congestion as a concern in some areas and that it should be a priority for the Council moving forward

The Council is currently working towards the creation of the Shared Staffing Arrangement with Wandsworth Borough Council. This new initiative, starting in October 2016 will deliver savings of £10m for each Council and help to preserve frontline services. Moving forward, the Council and the Police will work across borough organisational boundaries to find efficiencies through innovative ways of working, whilst continuing to preserve high quality services for residents.

The Council's strategic direction identifies community leadership, building community capacity and acting as a strategic commissioner as its key roles, focussing less on directly delivering services itself. The Community Safety Partnership reflects this strategic direction in its plan. As well as considering the most effective and efficient way to commission services, through a range of providers, the Partnership also recognises the important part that communities play in reducing crime and works with a number of community groups to promote crime prevention.

New legislation has had an impact on a number of areas relating to community safety over the last few years. The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and in particular the revised Prevent Duty Guidance issued in July 2015 has created a general duty on specified authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. This revised guidance places this duty on agencies within the community safety partnership including AfC, Universities and Colleges The Community Safety Partnership leads on the development of Richmond's prevent strategy and the delivery of the prevent action plan.

Counter-terrorism is a priority for all London Boroughs, including Richmond with our iconic locations, including sites of national importance and one of the largest capacity stadia in

Europe, Twickenham Stadium - which hosted the 2015 Rugby World Cup. The Borough Commander continues to report to the Community Safety Partnership on any counter terrorism work conducted in the borough.

New anti-social behaviour legislation came into effect in October 2014. The new legislation streamlined measures in order to provide more responsive and effective tools. These new measures will better protect communities from the serious harm caused by criminal and anti-social behaviour and assist the borough in successfully reducing anti-social behaviour.

Safeguarding children from sexual exploitation (CSE) is a key priority for all Councils. The Community Safety Partnership supports the Richmond Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy which sets out local multi-agency working arrangements as agreed by the Richmond Local Safeguarding Children's Board. It promotes a coordinated approach to addressing CSE through better information sharing, consistent identification and early intervention. The strategy highlights the shared multi-agency responsibility to improve interventions, to protect those most at risk and ensure that appropriate action is taken against those who sexually exploit children.

The partnership priorities for 2016-17 are:

- town centre crime and night-time economy (includes violence with injury and anti-social behaviour),
- domestic abuse,
- anti-social behaviour,
- burglary,
- integrated offender management and substance misuse,
- theft of and theft from motor vehicles, mopeds, bicycle theft and crime prevention,
- road safety.
- Child Sexual Exploitation.

The focus for the coming year is to keep crime figures low, to use and where appropriate share intelligence and data to target our resources and to increase people's awareness of their own responsibility in helping us to reduce crime.

Background

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act requires the police and local authorities to work together with others to reduce crime and disorder. Further legislation has extended this duty to also cover substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and to reduce reoffending in their areas. Section 17 of the 1998 Act also requires local authorities to do all they reasonably can to reduce crime and disorder in their area.

The Community Safety Partnership is required to produce an annual Strategic Intelligence Assessment which is used to determine the priorities for the Community Safety Partnership Plan. This Plan sets out the priorities for the Partnership in 2016-2017. The Plan is supported by a delivery plan for each priority, progress on which is reported to the Community Safety Partnership on a quarterly basis.

Performance and Strategic Intelligence Assessment 2015-16

The aim of the Strategic Intelligence assessment is to analyse crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and re-offending, in order to identify key issues that affect our communities. It also considers what needs to be achieved to improve community safety and is used to update the Partnership's priorities in the Community Safety Partnership Plan. This process assists the Partnership by measuring performance against targets, adapting priorities to emerging trends and threats, and directs resources appropriately in the financial year ahead. It also identifies intelligence requirements and gaps.

To ensure an integrated partnership approach to the assessment, wherever possible data has been used from all partners as follows:

- London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
- London Fire Brigade
- Metropolitan Police, Richmond upon Thames Borough
- Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB)
- Richmond Council for Voluntary Services
- Richmond Housing Partnership (RHP)
- The Ethnic Minorities Advocacy Group (EMAG)
- National Probation Service (NPS)
- Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC)
- Achieving for Children
- Refuge

This year's Strategic Intelligence Assessment includes more detailed profiles of domestic abuse, anti-social behaviour, hate crime and integrated offender management than in previous years.

http://www.richmond.gov.uk/csp_strategic_intelligence_assessment_2015_16.pdf

The Assessment also includes child sexual exploitation and road safety data for the first time.

In 2015/16 the biggest priorities were:

- Anti-social behaviour (ASB),
- town centre crime and night time economy,
- domestic abuse,
- reducing re-offending including drug misuse,
- burglary
- high volume low level crime awareness and
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

The table below highlights the Community Safety Partnership's achievements on the priorities for 2015/16, compared with figures for 2014/15:

Priorities	Measures/Targets 2014-15	Achievements
To aspire to be London's safest borough	Total notifiable offences for 2015/16 compared to 2014/15	0% (A single crime above last year's total) Currently fourth safest London borough
Town centre crime and night-time economy	Reduction of 6% in violence with injury	Up 11% (81 more crimes)
Anti-social behaviour	Percentage of residents who think anti-social behaviour is a problem in their neighbourhood	3% of Richmond borough residents have a high level of perceived ASB
Burglary	Reduction of 5% in all burglary	19% reduction (298 fewer crimes)
Domestic abuse	80% customer satisfaction with IDVA service (Percentage of stated outcomes achieved)	91% satisfaction (outcomes achieved)
	37.5% feel safer after intervention	42%
	40% reduction in severity of physical abuse	79%
Integrated offender management	An 8% growth in the proportion of drug and alcohol offenders in Richmond who successfully complete treatment, and do not re-present within 6 months of successful completions of drug treatment	Achieved 100% not representing
Low level, high volume crime awareness	Increased media attention	Partly achieved

The Partnership has successfully fully achieved six out of nine of its targets for 2015-16 with a further two having been partly achieved. Richmond is currently the fourth safest London borough. and over the last three months has seen total notifiable offences reduce from a 2% increase on last year's figures at the end of December 2015 (163 crimes) to a 0% increase, (1 crime) up on last year as at the end of February 2016.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) has continued to decline with police recorded ASB reducing for the third year in a row. The prediction for the end of the year 2015-16 is for a 3 to 4%.reduction. Although the number of reports of anti-social behaviour continues to reduce ASB (as an indicator of public confidence) remains a priority for the partnership because of the significant impact it can have on the lives of residents and communities in Richmond upon Thames.

The work on streamlining the case management process for High Risk referrals of anti-social behaviour and improving reporting mechanisms and management of risk has continued with

the borough incorporating the Community MARAC model currently being rolled out across London. In addition to high risk ASB cases the new Community Risk Panel combines the ASB and Community MARAC models to provide multi-agency problem solving and support for risk management with a focus on victims and vulnerability. Central to this model is the participation of the Victim Support and the Tenants Champion in ensuring the voice of victim is heard and at the core of any response

The new anti-social behaviour legislation, which came into force in October 2014 continues to be implemented with training being provided to front line practitioners by our partners. The implementation of the legislation has also seen the nationwide roll out of the Community Trigger. As an original pilot borough for the trigger, Richmond has been acknowledged as a model of best practice by the Home Office and continues to work with partners to ensure residents awareness of this option.

Burglary remains a high priority for the borough, even though offences have been reduced significantly during 2015/16. Both residential and non-residential burglary together has reduced by 17%, with 52 less residential crimes and 165 less non-residential crimes compared to last year. Non-residential burglary has been a focus for the Partnership, with targeted Police work and campaigns to raise awareness of protection and prevention methods against burglary amongst residents and to make sure they secure their sheds and garages; this work will continue during 2016-17.

Supporting and helping to keep victims of domestic abuse and their children safe is a priority for Richmond. Police statistics from April to December 2015 show a 23% rise in domestic abuse compared to the previous year (up from 649 to 798 notifiable offences). Most London boroughs have seen similar rises. A number of factors may have contributed towards this increase, including a change in the classification of violent crime and an increase in confidence in reporting domestic violence crime.

This increased confidence is likely to stem from the work of the national charity Refuge who has been commissioned by the Council to provide an independent advocacy service for victims in Richmond. Referrals to the service have increased by 14% from 321 in 2014-15 to 365 in 2015-16. This service continues to meet all of its key performance targets, three of these being key community safety partnership targets that relate to improving the safety of service users, reducing their risk of physical harm and achieving their desired outcomes. Domestic abuse is often underreported and carries a high risk, so an increase in reports of this type of crime could indicate an increase in public confidence. Even with the increase in reporting of domestic abuse, Richmond still has the lowest number of reported domestic violence cases (down from second lowest in 2014-15) compared to other London Boroughs

The Drug Testing on Arrest Scheme identifies those whose offending behaviour is drug related and then facilitates them receiving treatment. This scheme has informed and improved the Partnership's offender management work. Links between the Offender management scheme and Drug testing are well developed. The scheme has been running for four years now and between April-December 2015 there were 206 arrests of persons who have offended in Richmond of whom 99% were drug tested. The scheme has been successful during 2015-16 in achieving its target of an 8% growth in those who complete the programme and do not re-offend within 6 months. The statistics collected as part of the scheme enables a picture to be drawn of offending habits and to identify the cross borough threat from offenders and so inform the Offender management process.

The Community Safety team is working closely with the council communications team and other partners on developing an integrated Community Safety Communications strategy to ensure there is a structured approach in promoting crime prevention and reduction initiatives with the Community and partners.

April-December 2015 saw an 11% increase in offences of violence with injury. This is against the target for 2015-16 of a reduction of 6% which was the target used as a base line to measure performance on the town centre and night time economy. The 20% increase in violent crime during this period due to the reclassification of violent crime has impacted on the borough not achieving this target.

Theft of motor vehicles also contributes to a significant proportion of total notifiable offences with an increase of (+53 crimes) being reported over the period April 2015 to December 2015. This increase is linked to the theft of a high number of Mopeds and Scooters. Theft from motor vehicle has reduced by 19% (149 less crimes).

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Drug use is a known driver of criminal behaviour, particularly acquisitive crime. Levels of production and supply in Richmond are very low and many suspects arrested for drug offences live outside the borough.

Controlled Drinking Zones and Dispersal Zones have been used in the past to ensure that people visiting our town centres remain safe from alcohol related anti-social behaviour. These powers have been replaced by Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs). Existing zones will continue under the new legislation, but will be extended as PSPOs where required. PSPOs remain in place for a period of three years with the option to extend and can be used to place restrictions on activity within defined areas. Breach of an order is Punishable by a fine of up to £1,000 or £500 for failure to hand over alcohol. PSPOs are also supported by new Police dispersal and seizure powers designed to provide a fast response to ASB by requiring a person to leave an area for 48 hours and to surrender any item in their possession where required

Child Sexual Exploitation is a new area within the Strategic Intelligence Assessment. The Community Safety Partnership will work with all partners to improve their data recording and analysis in order to deepen partners' understanding of child sexual exploitation. This will form part of the annual refresh of the performance dataset produced by Achieving for Children. The Community Safety Partnership will continue to work closely with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and Achieving for Children to ensure that all community safety partners prioritise identifying and tackling Child Sexual Exploitation

Community Engagement and Consultation

The Community Safety Partnership has ongoing community engagement via the Safer Neighbourhood Board and Police Liaison Groups through which the Council and the Police receive feedback on a regular basis which helps to direct our activity. The Village Planning process also gives an opportunity for the Partnership to hear about the community safety issues in specific locations.

The Community Safety Partnership has consulted with residents with regards to the findings of the 2015-2016 Strategic Intelligence Assessment and on setting the priorities for the coming year. The consultation was published online and those who responded were asked to rank the areas of priority in order of importance they believe they should be given. The Strategic Assessment was also considered by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The CSP on-line consultation attracted 255 responses from residents; this is over twice the number compared with last year. Residents felt that burglary, anti-social

behaviour and road safety should be key priorities. The below table shows the results of the consultation ranked in order of priority.

Ranked priorities
1) Burglary
2) Anti-social behaviour
3) Road safety
4) Motor vehicle crime
5) Town centre crime
6) Domestic abuse
7) Child sexual exploitation

Community Safety Partnership Plan 2014-17: Year Three 2016-17 Priorities

The Community Safety Partnership has agreed the following eight priorities, with the overall objective to aspire to be London’s Safest Borough. Each priority will have a delivery plan to drive performance.

Priority 1: Burglary

The focus for the Partnership will be on preventing burglary through targeting offenders and locations more effectively through the use of intelligence.

We will work closely with and involve the community to improve the sharing of information to help raise awareness and encourage residents to follow key security advice and not to leave their property insecure.

Priority 2: Anti-social Behaviour

The focus for the Partnership will be to continue to streamline the process which sits behind the services provided for residents. This is to ensure the council uses its dedicated resources effectively. We will ensure that those experiencing anti-social behaviour are given the right support and advice. Over the next year the council will improve its co-ordination role and continue to develop the new Community Risk Panel and Community MARAC model to ensure effective problem solving and focus on victims and their risk and vulnerability. We will ensure that effective links are made through the Safeguarding Adult’s Board with the recently established Vulnerable Adult Multi-Agency Panel and continue to implement new anti-social behaviour legislation, providing clear guidance to partners and residents.

Priority 3: Road safety

Road safety has been included for the first time within the Strategic Intelligence Assessment as a result of concerns raised through the village planning process and the Safer Neighbourhood Board. Road safety has also been highlighted as of concern to residents through the CSP consultation process. The Police and the Council will work together with other partners including Transport for London, adopting an intelligence led approach to identify and target priority areas and concerns. The Police will continue to target road users who jump red lights, both cars and bicycles and also provide advice to bicycle users who are seen cycling on pavements.

Priority 4: Theft of and from motor vehicles, bicycle theft and crime prevention

The focus of the Partnership is to deliver targeted campaigns to increase residents understanding of how they can help to reduce these types of crime, particularly theft of motor vehicles and mopeds. The Partnership will target hotspot areas as they emerge.

Priority 5: Town centre crime and night-time economy (violence with injury and anti-social behaviour)

The Partnership will continue to target theft and pick pocketing during the day and violence, anti-social behaviour and theft during the evening linked to the consumption of alcohol. Targeted flexible Police patrols will work jointly with the Council's Licensing Team to enhance community confidence and satisfaction.

Priority 6: Domestic Abuse

The focus for the Partnership will be to continue to achieve positive outcomes for adult and child victims of domestic abuse, increase the effectiveness of the multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) and raise practitioner's awareness of the MARAC and its work.

The key areas of focus for the coming year will be the ongoing development of the MARAC process and ensuring the effective performance of the integrated Domestic Abuse service and implementing the domestic homicide review protocol. We will be improving the data and information we have on the nature and extent of domestic abuse in the borough and the services available to help us provide support, focussing our resources where they are most needed. We will continue to widen our data and information collection to include other crimes which fall within the category of violence against women and girls.

The Partnership will continue its work with AfC and Kingston Safer Partnership on the development of the joint Domestic Abuse and MARAC training programme which aims to increase awareness of the MARAC and the effect of domestic abuse on adult and child victims. This will continue to be available to all partners to increase their knowledge and raise practitioners' awareness across both Kingston and Richmond.

Priority 7: Child sexual exploitation

The focus of the partnership will be to improve data collection and the sharing of intelligence in relationship to this crime. We will work with all partners to improve their data recording and analysis in order to deepen partners' understanding of child sexual exploitation. The Community Safety Partnership will continue to work closely with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and Achieving for Children to ensure that all community safety partners prioritise identifying and tackling Child Sexual Exploitation

Priority 8: Reducing re-offending including substance misuse

The Partnership will continue to develop and fully embed an integrated offender management approach. This means that offenders will be dealt with as part of a joined up, staged and risk managed approach to enable resources to be targeted against those offenders causing the most impact in the borough. Richmond has recently commissioned the AIR Sports Network to work with Richmond offenders as part of the integrated approach to

reduce offending and substance misuse. The Partnership will continue the monitoring of drug testing on arrest and the use of data to develop an offending profile. Links have been made with the Strengthening Families Programme to ensure a joined up approach to offender management with Achieving for Children.

Performance Management Framework

The performance of the Community Safety Partnership will be monitored through a performance management framework against agreed targets for each of the eight priorities. The achievement against these targets will determine the Red, Amber or Green status of the delivery plans, outputs and outcomes will be reported to the Community Safety Partnership on a quarterly basis.