



**SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL 2 – 2018/2019**  
**KNIFE CRIME AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT**

***DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE***

## INTRODUCTION

The membership of the Panel was agreed at the Council meeting of 22 May 2018.

The work of this Panel would assist the Council in meeting the commitments of the Community Strategy and Corporate Plan including its strategic goals of making Ealing a healthy and great place by working with the police to reduce crime and maintaining the excellence of the parks, open spaces and the streets in the borough.

## MEMBERSHIP

The nine appointed Members on the Panel are as follows:

Cllr Aysha Raza (Chair)  
Cllr Seema Kumar (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Praveen Anand  
Cllr Jon Ball  
Cllr Carlo Lusuardi  
Cllr Tariq Mahmood  
Cllr Rajinder Mann  
Cllr Chris Summers  
Cllr Simon Woodroofe

### **Co-optees**

The Panel may choose to co-opt additional non-voting advisory members from relevant external organisations in accordance with Scrutiny's framework for the nomination, appointment and retention of non-voting advisory members to Ealing Scrutiny Panels.

This will be done at the first meeting of the Panel.

## SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The Panel has five meetings scheduled in the year and the dates for these are as follows:

Wednesday 11 July 2018  
Tuesday 18 September 2018  
Wednesday 14 November 2018  
Wednesday 6 February 2019  
Thursday 04 April 2019

All meetings will commence at 7.00pm and be held in the Ealing Town Hall complex unless a special site visit has been arranged. The Panel is expected to complete its work by the end of April 2019.

## SCOPE

The main ***purpose*** of the Scrutiny Panel is to review the knife crime and youth engagement in the borough.

The ***scope*** of the Scrutiny Panel, which was drawn up by Councillors at the Annual Scrutiny Conference on 24 May 2018, is to consider the following key issues in respect of knife crime and youth engagement in the borough:

- Baseline of Ealing's position, the national picture, how we compare London-wide, lessons learnt elsewhere (e.g. recommendations of the London Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), local knife summits, etc.)
- Community safety aspect including hearing from the police, courts, prison service
- Public and mental health aspects including child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS), Redthread, etc.
- Partners and community aspect including hearing from the key partners and various community groups about their roles in the prevention and the support provided (e.g. young people, youth workers, Somali Advice and Development Centre (SADC), Brentford Football Club, Ealing Community and Voluntary Service, etc.)
- Social media (e.g. snapchat, drill music, etc.)
- Regeneration aspect including the planning of new housing estates

The Panel will:

- ensure that the views of all the major stakeholders are incorporated in the review (e.g. young people, youth workers, Ealing Police, national health service, court service, community groups, etc.);
- not duplicate the work of other Panels or Committees looking at any related issues; and
- not widen its remit without the express agreement of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## OUTCOMES

The key ***expected outcomes*** are:

- to ensure that the Council's services and processes are robust in safeguarding the young people of the borough against knife crime;
- to ensure that the Council and the relevant partners are working effectively in handling knife crime in the borough; and
- to make recommendations for the reduction in knife crime and increased engagement of the borough's young people in beneficial activities.

## TASKS

The Panel will undertake the following ***key tasks***:

- consider the current position on knife crime in the borough and how this compares with the London and national pictures.
- review the existing partnership working arrangements with the different partners (e.g. Metropolitan Police Service, national health service, Greater London Authority, etc.)

- identify and evaluate best practice arrangements within and outside the borough for innovative solutions.
- identify the problems and solutions for further improvements in tackling knife crime and youth engagement.

#### **Other**

- seek to engage and obtain the views of all the major stakeholders (e.g. young people, youth workers, Metropolitan Police Service, NHS, etc.);
- identify and evaluate perceptions on the problems;
- identify the best ways in which any changes can be communicated effectively across the borough; and
- comment to officers/Portfolio Holder(s) and make written recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the outcomes.

## **METHODOLOGY**

The Panel will take a strategic approach in undertaking policy review and development work by adopting a deliberative, investigative and evidence-based methodology and in reaching its conclusions the Panel will have due regard to value for money considerations.

The Panel will strive to be proactive, responsive, flexible and willing to shape its own agendas and workloads. This will involve working in an open, transparent, accountable and inclusive manner through an outward looking focus involving partners and the public. The Panel will ensure that its approach to such working is inclusive of the views of Ealing's diverse communities.

The specific methods to be applied by the Panel will be agreed at the first meeting.

## **EXTERNAL INVOLVEMENT**

The Panel will decide how it will undertake external engagement in accordance with Scrutiny's Communications Strategy.

The Panel can choose to co-opt relevant non-voting advisory members from the local community on it and actively seek views of the private and voluntary sectors, residents and other interested organisations on specific matters.

The Panel will maintain a close connection with the Wards and accept referrals from the public.

## **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Panel is responsible for devising its own Work Programme including work to be undertaken between meetings e.g. training sessions, site visits, focus groups, mystery shopping, research, working groups, etc.

The Work Programme is a forward plan that identifies issues to be addressed at each meeting. It is a rolling programme of work that will be amended throughout the period. Items can be addressed as and when they arise or come to the attention of the Panel. The agenda for the subsequent meeting will be agreed at each meeting.

## FUNDING

Unless otherwise arranged, any proposed expenditure (other than staff time) must be contained within the budget for Legal and Democratic Services, for which the Director is the budget-holder. The Scrutiny Unit does not have its own dedicated budget.

## RELATIONSHIP TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Panel is also a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Panel will have its Terms of Reference agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Chair may report the Panel's progress at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings and will present a final report. The Panel will also make recommendations for future work programmes. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will do an overall annual scrutiny report to the Council.

## KEY INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

### ***Portfolio Holders***

Councillor Yvonne Johnson (Deputy Leader plus Schools and Children's Services)  
Councillor Joanna Camadoo (Community Safety and Inclusion)  
Councillor Binda Rai (Health and Adults' Services)

### ***Shadow Portfolio Holders***

Councillor Seema Kumar (Council Services and Safer Communities)  
Councillor David Millican (Chief Whip & Children and Education)  
Councillor Joy Morrissey (Health and Wellbeing & Housing)  
Councillor Alexander Stafford (Business, Communities, Prosperity and Employment)

### ***Service Officers***

Mark Wiltshire (Director of Safer Communities and Housing)  
Jess Murray (Head of Community Safety, Tenancies and Regulatory Operations)  
Paul Murphy (Safer Communities Team Leader)  
Carolyn Fair (Director, Children and Families)  
Marcella Phelan (Assistant Director, Children's Services)  
Ian Jenkins (Head of Integrated Youth Service)  
Charles Barnard (Assistant Director Integrated Early Years, Preventative and Youth Services)  
Vaishnavee Madden (Consultant in Public Health Medicine)  
Lucy Taylor (Director of Regeneration and Planning)  
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