

Report for the JCC on the Safer Neighbourhood Board 31/05/2016

MOPAC7

At the last meeting held in December 2015, the Borough Commander, Stuart Macleod said Merton is on target to meet the 20/20/20 promise set in 2011/2012. The latest figures show significant increases on violence with injury, theft from person offences and criminal damage offences whilst a modest decreases on robbery, burglary, theft/taking from mv offences and theft from mv offences. These make me doubt when the Borough Commander believes we are on course for the 20/20/20.

I have also been uncomfortable with the MOPAC7 being used as the yardstick of success while other crimes appear to be neglected. There are about 21 crimes that are considered or referred to as other crimes. These other crimes include rape, gun, sexual offences, homicide and racist & religious hate crime. Out of these 21 other crimes only 5 have recorded a modest decrease and 1 constant for the period 2014/2015 – 2015/2016 (recorded in January 2016) I have always been critical about the MOPAC7 believing that other crimes are traded or not much attention invested in them or at their expense to achieve success from MOPAC7.

My advice is simply to encourage people to continue reporting crimes to the police. Any increase in reporting should be seen as positive and as more people feel confident to report, communities that would not have reported would start doing so.

Should you be concerned with hate/race, domestic violence/abuse, religion, bullying, gender identity, disability etc., please report it to either Merton's One Stop Shop, Victim Support, Merton Centre for Independent Living or to me, I can assure you I will get it investigated by the police.

SNB Funding 2016/17

The total amount allocated to the 32 SNB Boroughs for last year 2015/16 was £1 million and the same amount is made available for 2016/17. Merton is allocated £27,256, £5,200 is admin and £22,056 is for funding projects within Merton.

Deadline for submission of application has now passed, though this was meant to be 31st May 2016. Five organisations submitted their bids and two of these put forward two projects each. South London Tamil Welfare Group and Polish Family Association from BAME Organisations and the rest are none BAME

Total bids amounted to £46,454 as against available amount of £22,000. Thorough project analysis would have to be carried out for evaluation.

Though only two BAME Organisations applied but it is a good start and hope to receiving more BAME applications. You can always run through project ideas with either self (Abayeh 0208 417 1960) or Lee, Strategic Priority Lead (0208 545 3622)

Finally, please remember only the following types of projects will receive financial support.

- Crime prevention advice and / or materials in areas where there is evidence they are targeted for a specific types of crime
- Specific pieces of engagement or development work to be conducted by organisations connected to the SNB functions
- Police and public engagement events
- Diversion opportunities to identified groups who may be at risk of committing crimes

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