

Report for the JCC on the Safer Neighbourhood Board 30/11/2015

How Safe Do You Feel in Merton?

Merton Safer Neighbourhood Board is the primary borough-level mechanism for local engagement and is funded by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime. Part of the SNB programme is to reduce key neighbourhood crimes by 20%, boost public confidence by 20% and cut costs by 20% from 2013 – 2016.

These are: violence with injury, robbery, burglary, theft from person, theft of motor vehicle, theft from motor/vandalism and criminal damage offence. Known as MOPAC 7

According to the Borough Commander, Stuart Macleod we are hovering at the 20% reduction mark whilst the overall MET is struggling to achieve 19%.

Comparing 2013/2014 to 2014/2015

Criminal damage has increased by 25.3%, robbery down by -6.8%, violence with injury up by 22.6%, burglary up by 0.7%, theft from person down -9.7%, theft of motor vehicle up by 12.5% and theft from motor vehicle offences down by -14.1% k

Public confidence in the Borough's policing stands at 67% which is above the MPS average of 66%, whilst the top of the 32 Boroughs is Kensington & Chelsea of 79%, followed by Richmond upon Thames 78%, City of Westminster and Bromley 74% Kingston upon Thames, Sutton on 67%. The lowest being Haringey with 55% with the others hovering around slightly above 64%.

In terms of public satisfaction Merton stands at 81%, which is above MPS average of 80% Greenwich 83% followed Richmond upon Thames, Bexley and Ealing with 82%

Breaking the satisfaction level between BAME and White in Merton, there is an 11 point gap in satisfaction, White 86% and BAME 75%

Overall, Merton is not doing badly against the MOPAC 7. We are overreaching in 3 areas (minuses) but the other 5 areas remain a challenge (increases) The Borough Commander has promised to put more police in Merton and Morden as an attempt based on the 20/20/20.

My personal worry has always been about the benefits of having MOPAC 7 and whether having these as priorities had been at the expense of other crimes. There are about 21 other crimes listed and 16 are year on year increase.

The Borough Commander has promised this will not be the case, as all crimes are treated seriously and would like to see reporting of crimes on the increase. In summary, there are pockets of crime that if didn't happen would make people safer, better, increase confidence and satisfaction.

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