### Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

The ASB Strategy has been in development over the last year and this year the main focus is to ensure an effective approach enabling us to ensure that the voice of the service user is heard regardless of their tenancy. (which has previously been an issue) The strategic priorities have informed the new ASB strategy which is in the final stages of consultation. Residents are seeing greater staff presence and more focused activity in areas of increased ASB. The priorities can be seen in the Strategy’s core outcomes, which are:

- Incidents of anti-social behaviour are reduced
- Residents feel safer
- Improved response and resolution
- Improved customer care and reporting
- Improved communication and engagement
- Residents report ASB when they are affected by it.

### Prevent

The overarching aim is to develop effective multi-agency plans for safe, quality and timely responses to create positive outcomes for individuals who are potentially vulnerable to violent extremist ideologies by enabling identification of risk at the earliest point. This has been achieved by:

- Raising awareness across the partnership and supporting communities to counter violent extremist/terrorist narratives and recruitment activities by equipping key professionals, community members and residents to understand what violent extremism and terrorism is in the broadest context and how to respond.
- Increased identification of radicalisation in the community.
- Increased the level of appropriate multi-agency (CHANNEL) panel referrals
- Increased community understanding of, and buy-in to, Prevent and its aim of safeguarding against exploitation of vulnerable people.

### Gangs and Youth Violence

Ofsted remarked in the March 2019 inspection report, “Effective gang intervention programmes have been commissioned to work with children and young people involved with or on the periphery of gangs. Specialist workers provide input across social work teams to try and divert young people from gang activity and help young people exit gangs.”

- The gangs prevention programme (GPP) provided intervention and support in 140 cases, including 30 family members.
- Life Skills Programme is an evidence-based early intervention and prevention programme to improve children’s emotional health and wellbeing. This financial year, 89 teachers were trained, worked with 27 schools and reached almost 90 classes of 25-30 children. Also, parent engagement sessions were delivered in 6 schools.
- The gangs prevention training offer reached over 1400 professionals.

### Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) - Crosscutting

Responding to VAWG must be everybody’s business. By implementing a diverse and ambitious VAWG strategic mission statement and action plan, the partnership is working together to address the issue of VAWG in our community.

- 884 people were supported by Independent Domestic Abuse Advocates.
- Since the relaunch in August 2018 have supported 21 families with advice advocacy and signposting at the VAWG one Stop Shop.
- Since the operation encompass inception we have made 475 notifications to schools, enabling them to provide care, support and safeguarding at the earliest point to families affected by Domestic.
- This year 43 residents have completed Ask Me Ambassador training.
- We provided case guidance on approximately 140 VAWG cases across the partnership.

### What’s Next for 2018-19...

**Anti-Social Behaviour**
A new strategy is being developed which requires further development, testing, consistent adoption and embedding and the bringing together of different processes in the borough.

**Contest**
The aim of CONTEST is to reduce risk to the UK and its citizens and interests overseas from terrorism, A priority has been set to ensure the Waltham Forest has a localised approach.

**Violence and Exploitation**
Violence and Exploitation will report to all four boards, and will be embedded within the work we currently deliver. This approach to tackling violence includes working closely with all of our partners, and building a violence reduction partnership. Our four strands of curtail, treat, support and strengthen ensure that we view this as a joint approach.