



## Scrutiny Committee

9 February 2016

### Report from the Chief Executive's Department

For Action

Wards Affected:  
ALL

## Safer Brent Partnership Annual Report 2015

### 1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This covering report accompanies the Annual Report 2015 from the Brent Safer Partnership. The Safer Brent Partnership is the statutory community safety partnership under section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Under the act the council has a legal responsibility to consider the impact of crime and disorder in relation to council services and to collaborate with local partners to reduce crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending.
- 1.2 The Partnership produces a strategy and annual report to guide its work and focus resources on those areas of need. In addition a number of operational sub-groups of the main Partnership Board lead on implementing specific priorities within the strategy.
- 1.3 The Scrutiny Committee is legally required to consider the work of the Safer Brent Partnership at least once during each municipal year.

### 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 Members of the Scrutiny Committee are requested to consider the annual report from the Safer Brent Partnership and to comment as appropriate.

### 3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Safer Brent Partnership is the statutory community safety partnership for the Borough. The Partnership is composed of the following 'Responsible Authorities' under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

- London Borough of Brent

- Metropolitan Police
- London Fire Brigade
- National Probation Service
- Community Rehabilitation Company
- NHS Brent Clinical Commissioning Group

3.2 The Safer Brent Partnership has agreed to co-opt the Chair of Brent's Safer Neighbourhood Board, Brent Housing Partnership, the Brent Council for Voluntary Services and Victim Support as members of the Board. This will bring an additional level of knowledge and experience to the partnership and provide access to the broader resources of the voluntary sector, as well as bringing greater understanding of the needs and perceptions of the community.

3.3 The Safer Brent Partnership are responsible for undertaking an annual assessment of the crime and disorder issues in the borough and setting strategic priorities for the reduction of crime and disorder. Its work is supported by a number of operational subgroups. The Safer Brent Partnership is chaired by the Chief Executive of Brent Council, Carolyn Downs. Members of the Safer Brent Partnership will be in attendance at the Scrutiny meeting to answer Member's questions.

3.3 The work of the Safer Brent Partnership during the period 2015 was focused on six priorities. These were:-

- Violence against Women and Girls
- Gang-related offending
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Reducing Reoffending
- Preventing Radicalisation
- Child Sexual Exploitation

3.4 Members of the Scrutiny Committee are requested to consider the annual report from the Safer Brent Partnership and the outcomes from their work.

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