

 Brent	Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee 26 March 2017
	Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment
Cover Report: Safer Brent Partnership Annual Report 2017-2018	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-Key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	Open
No. of Appendices:	One: • Safer Brent Partnership Annual Report 2017-2018
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To provide a detailed overview and review of performance in relation to the activities of the Safer Brent Partnership and priorities for 2017-2018 as detailed:

1. Reducing Gang Related Offending
2. Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Reducing Reoffending
4. Reducing Extremism, Hatred and Intolerance
5. Reducing Violence and Vulnerabilities
- 5a. Reducing Domestic and Sexual Abuse
- 5b. Reducing Child Sexual Exploitation

1.2 The report provides a brief summary of key partnership activities and progress, whilst highlighting the local challenges we continue to face across Brent.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee regard the detailed actions and operations made in response to the priority issues of the partnership.
- 2.2 That the Committee uses this information presented to discuss the Council's operational developments aligned to existing challenges and progress.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Safer Brent Partnership is the statutory community safety partnership under section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. It confers a legal responsibility on the agencies in the Partnership to consider the impact on crime and disorder of everything that they do, to reduce crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending in Brent.
- 3.2 An annual report is completed at the end of each financial year to highlight the achievements, challenges and general performance against the priorities set. Please see Appendix A for the Safer Brent Partnership Annual Report 2017-2018.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Brent currently commission a domestic abuse Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA) service, Family Support service and Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Coordination amounting to £0.27m per year. Service savings were agreed at Cabinet March 2017.
- 4.2 The Home Office no longer provides grant funding towards IDVA and MARAC coordination, therefore the Council is receiving £0.03m less grant funding per year from 2017/2018.
- 4.3 Brent has been successful in obtaining an additional £0.3m Home Office Transformation funding from 2017-2019. Over three years Brent will be delivering an additional Health Based IDVA co-located at Northwick Park Hospital and a three-tier screening IDVA co-located at Brent Police Station. This will further strengthen partnerships, access to services and earlier prevention support to victims of domestic abuse.
- 4.3 The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime currently fund through the London Crime Prevention Fund a number of interventions requested by the Community Protection service amounting to £0.59m per year. These interventions include: the Community MARAC and Hate Crime, Domestic Abuse perpetrator provision, Exit Sex work programme, Gangs Intervention Programmes, Mentoring, Sports and Wellbeing programmes, early intervention worker and Gangs worker. This fund is confirmed until March 2019, therefore future funding for this intervention is uncertain.
- 4.4 The Met Patrol Plus is currently funded by the Council revenue fund, £0.41m per year until 31 March 2019.

- 4.6 The CCTV upgrade for a 'Safer Brent' is funded by a secured capital investment of £2.3m via the Council Capital investment panel, approved by Cabinet. This work will be completed in January 2019.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Regarding the commissioning of services, 2017/2018 was a year for redesigning service provision and re-tendering provision. Legal considerations and advice was taken throughout this period.
- 5.2 The value of our Domestic Abuse contract and CCTV upgrade over the lifetime is in excess of £500,000. They were, therefore, deemed a High Value contract for the purposes of the Council's Contract Standing Orders ("CSO") and Financial Regulations and under the CSO, Cabinet approval was obtained for each stage of the tendering and procurement.
- 5.3 Section 92 of the Police Act 1996 (as amended by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011) gives a local authority the power to make grants to a police force whose police area falls wholly or partly within the Borough of Brent, either unconditionally or with the agreement of the Chief Officer of Police, with conditions. This applies to our Met Patrol Plus agreement.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Council has a duty when exercising its functions to have "due regard" to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not. This is the public sector equality duty.
- 6.2 The protected characteristic is defined in the Act as: Age, Disability, Gender reassignment, Pregnancy and maternity, Race (including ethnic or national origins, colour or nationality), Religion or belief, Sex and Sexual orientation. Marriage and civil partnership are also a protected characteristic for the purposes of the duty to eliminate discrimination. The previous public sector equalities duties only covered race, disability and gender.
- 6.3 All commissioned services collate data relating to equality as part of the programme of work including gender, disability, sexuality, ethnicity, and age (with particular interest in young victims and perpetrators). The commissioned services are monitored on their ability to deliver effective services to specialist BME cohorts, and to link in with other local specialist partners to facilitate this.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 7.1 The Annual Report has been approved by the Lead Member for Stronger Communities and a Safer Brent Member briefing took place in December 2017 to highlight the priorities, developments around challenges and performance.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications

- 8.1 The current provision of IDVAs, family support and MARAC coordination to the Council is delivered now by Advance who are accommodated by both Brent's

Children and Young People Department at the Civic Centre and the Police at Wembley Police station. All necessary checks for access has been completed.

- 8.2 The previous contract was delivered by Hestia and Transfer of Employment (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006, ("TUPE") applied to the staff of Hestia as they transferred to Advance.
- 8.2 The Met Patrol Plus is co-located within the Brent Civic Centre. An appropriate location within the basement was identified to ensure restricted access and safeguards are in place. All Policing activities with suspects will continue to take place at Wembley Police station or other core police stations.
- 8.3 Other core staffing are located within the Community Protection Team to coordinate response to the priorities across the Council and employed as Brent Council staff to support delivery and achieve outcomes for Brent residents.

Annual Report sign off:

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