

	Cabinet 13 August 2018
	Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment
Cover Report: Community Safety Strategy, towards a 'Safer Brent' (2018-2021)	

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Safety Strategy, towards a 'Safer Brent'
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a strategic overview of the function and priorities of the Community Safety Partnership Strategy for the next 3 years. It also highlights key areas of concern identified across the community and the shared response of the community partners in tackling the issues identified, with the view to creating a stronger safer Brent. The key priorities for 2018-2021 are as follows:

1. Reducing Domestic and Sexual Abuse
2. Reducing the impact of Gangs and/ or Knives in our community
3. Reducing Vulnerability and increasing Safeguarding
4. Reducing Offenders and Perpetrators from Reoffending
5. Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour

- 1.2 The Partnership Strategy also provides a summary of key action plans for each priority, deliverable activity currently taking place and supporting evidence of local need and challenges (strategic assessment).

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Cabinet notes and approves the detailed Partnership Strategy, proposed actions and operations made in response to the priority issues of the partnership.
- 2.2 That the Cabinet considers the information provided in this report and the Community Partnership Strategy 2018-2019 in their discussions on the Council's wider 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 of crime and disorder on Brent community and how to reduce crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending in Brent.
- 3.2 The Partnership Strategy sets out the key priorities for the Safer Brent Partnership for the next three years and will be reviewed annually.
- 3.3 There is a clear focus within the strategy on delivering against the key priority areas, creating an impact and change in areas of most need. The support of a partnership approach with communities leading change, will help to target and achieve our outcomes. There is an open and honest reflection of some of the core challenges we face within Brent and recognising that services are limited, however an ambitious commitment to approach these issues and create change, is outlined throughout the strategy.
- 3.4 An annual report will be completed at the end of each financial year to highlight the achievements, challenges and general performance against the priorities set.
- 3.5 To help deliver the strategy, the Community Protection Service and other partner services internal and external to the council, annually seek funding to respond, intervene and prevent priority issues escalating. Some of those funding are grant funding options from MOPAC (Mayors Office for Police and Crime Commissioner) London Crime Prevention Fund, the Home Office or other sources through collaborative voluntary sector partnerships; with only a small proportion being funded by council revenue funding.
- 3.6 The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) currently fund through the London Crime Prevention Fund a number of interventions requested by the Community Protection service amounting to over £0.59m per year. The 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. As the fund for the interventions are confirmed until

31st March 2019, the source of the funding for the interventions after March 2019 are uncertain and will be clarified by MOPAC in September 2018.

- 3.7 Over the next 3 years Brent, will deliver an additional Health Based IDVA co-located at Northwick Park Hospital and a three-tier screening IDVA co-located at Brent Police Station. It is expected that this will further strengthen partnerships, access to services and earlier prevention support to victims of domestic abuse. This was achieved through successful grant funding from the Home Office.
- 3.8 Addition Funding applications are underway and being developed based on the increased local needs of the Brent population. In addition Brent will benefit from several pan London projects which received funding to deliver services in Brent through MOPAC Co commissioning fund.
- 3.9 The Met Patrol Plus is currently delivering actions across all priority areas with successful outcomes and impact being achieved. Additional reports detailing specific activity in full are available.
- 3.10 The CCTV upgrade for a 'Safer Brent' Cabinet will provide an enhanced coverage and improved facility. This work will be completed in January 2019 and we anticipate that all priority areas will benefit
- 3.11 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. For 2018/2019 onwards, additional funding will be sought to maximise and increase local provision, to which full legal and procurement advice and consideration in all stages will be sought.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Delivery of the three year Strategy will incur capital and revenue expenditure. As shown in the table below, revenue expenditure on the delivery of projects through commissioned services is anticipated to cost £1.37m in the first year and £1.27m in the following two years totalling £3.9m, capital expenditure on delivering the CCTV project totals £2.3m and is expected to be completed by 2018/19.
- 4.2 Revenue funding for 2018/19, the first year of the strategy, has been wholly confirmed. The council revenue funding of £680k will be met from existing approved budgets for each year. The MOPAC and Home Office Funding for 2019/20 and 2020/21 is yet to be confirmed, however, there is a reduced rate anticipated compared to 17/18 and 18/19 due to decrease in direct funding for all London boroughs with such resources going into a co-commissioning pot for boroughs to bid in for. Confirmation of funding is expected in autumn 2018.
- 4.3 The £2.3m capital funding is approved and included within the current capital programme.

<u>Revenue Funding</u>	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
London Crime Prevention Fund (MOPAC)	591	487	487	1,565
Home Office Fund	100	100	100	300
Total Grant	691	587	587	1,865
Council Revenue contribution	680	680	680	2,040
Total Revenue Funding	1,371	1,267	1,267	3,905
<u>Capital Funding</u>	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Council Capital contribution	2,300	0	0	2,300
Total Capital Funding	2,300	0	0	2,300

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by section 97 and 98 of the Police Reform Act 2002, requires the Council in partnership with other agencies to develop and publish a Community Safety Partnership Strategy as detailed in the body of this report. There is also a requirement on the Council to keep the Strategy under review in order to monitor its effectiveness and make amendments where necessary.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 The Community Safety Partnership Strategy is reflective of the diverse Brent community and ensures that the priorities capture the diverse needs of the community. It seeks to redress issues of equality to ensure that the needs of vulnerable people in the community are equally considered in accordance with the requirement of the Equality Act 2010.
- 6.2 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 Community Safety priorities and information has been shared with key stakeholders and partners, Community groups, young people and public forums (Brent Connects all wards). The strategy has been approved by the Lead Member for Stronger Communities and at the Safer Brent Partnership meeting in March 2018.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications

- 8.1 The current provision of IDVAs, family support and MARAC coordination to the Council is delivered 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 have been completed.
- 8.2 The current DVIP Perpetrator program is delivered from local Children centres across the borough or other suitable venues which are easily accessible. The team is co-located with the Children and Young People department to ensure easy and prompt referral.
- 8.3 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.
- 8.4 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.

Report sign off:

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