



**The Resources and Public Realm
Scrutiny Committee**
3 July 2019

**Report from the Strategic Director
of Regeneration and Environment**

The Safer Brent Partnership and Annual Report

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"> The Safer Brent Partnership Annual Report
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This annual report describes the activities of the Safer Brent Partnership throughout 2018-2019 in support of the 2018-2021 Safer Brent Partnership strategy and its priorities for 2018.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 That the Committee notes the report as part of the council's crime and disorder function.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The Safer Brent Partnership is required through legislation to conduct an annual

assessment of crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reoffending within the borough. The annual review is used to inform relevant action plans for 2019/20 that sit below the Safer Brent Strategy 2018-2021.

3.2 This Strategy supports the delivery of the Brent Borough Plan 2019-2023: Building a Better Brent and primarily delivers against the Brent priority of 'A borough where we can all feel safe, secure, happy and healthy'.

3.3 As agreed in March 2018, the Safer Brent Strategic priorities for 2018/21 are as follows:

- Reducing Domestic and Sexual Abuse
- Reducing the Impact of Gangs and/or Knives in our Community
- Reducing Vulnerability and Increasing Safeguarding
- Reducing Offenders and Perpetrators from Reoffending
- Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour

3.4. Generally, there has been positive outcomes for the partnership work delivered against the 5 priorities during 2018/19. Overall, Brent's crime rate of 91.6 crimes per 1,000 is still below the London average of 94 per 1000.

3.5 Some of the overarching best achievements and areas of development for each priority can be seen below:

Reducing Domestic and Sexual Abuse

Achievement: decrease in domestic abuse offences with injury by 8%.

Area of development: further increase earlier intervention for DA and Sexual Abuse support.

Reducing the Impact of Gangs and/or Knives in our Community

Achievement: reduction in knife related robberies and knife injuries, with an overarching reduction in knife crime offences by 13%.

Area of development: increase earlier intervention and cross-sector working for a more focused strategic plan. Decrease lethal barrel gun discharges.

Reducing Vulnerability and Increasing Safeguarding

Achievement: reduced risk of Community MARAC referrals by 53% (baseline 20%).

Area of development: better identification and intervention for those engaged or at risk of county lines.

Reducing Offenders and Perpetrators from Reoffending

Achievement: reduced reoffending of the cohort by 51% (baseline 20%).

Area of development: increase prevention intervention of reoffending.

Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Achievement: Reduction of ASB repeat calls to the Police. Increase of ASB cases managed by 126%; as well as increase in use of ASB tool and powers.

Area of development: Increase council led prosecutions on closure orders to tackle premises being cuckooed

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There will be no impact upon existing Council service budgets as a result of this annual report.
- 4.2 The Partnership Tasking Team costing £0.38m was funded by the Council's revenue budget to support the Safer Brent Partnership priorities.
- 4.3 All 32 London Councils have received funding under the MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) to tackle priorities in the new London Police and Crime Plan. Brent was allocated £0.59m for 2018/19. This fund helped to commission dedicated interventions to help our priorities.
- 4.4 Brent Council has had an £80k reduction in the LCPF allocation and for the next two financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21 the allocation has been reduced to £0.51m respectively. Therefore, costs associated with tackling priorities, would need to be contained within the available funding allocation year on year.
- 4.5 A successful bid to the Home Office Transformation Fund of £0.156m also contributed to fund work with non-recorded crime where there is a risk of domestic abuse.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct specific legal implications arising from the recommendations in section 2 of this report.

6.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 6.1 The Safer Brent Annual report has been agreed by the Chair and shared with partners that attend the Safer Brent Partnership. Cllr Miller has been consulted in the development of the annual report.

Report sign off:

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