



**Resources and Public Realm
Scrutiny Committee**
10 November 2021

**Report from the Assistant Chief
Executive**

Safer Brent Partnership Annual Report 2020/21

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
No. of Appendices:	One Appendix 1 The Safer Brent Partnership Annual Report 2020/21
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to the scrutiny committee the Safer Brent Partnership – Annual Report 2020/21.
- 1.2 The purpose of the report is to provide a summary of the key issues and an update on the delivery of the Safer Brent Partnership (SBP) priorities and objectives for 2020-21. The report also provides an update on the impact of the current Covid 19 Pandemic and how this may have effected delivery, also highlighting any key areas of focus for 2021/22.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the committee is assured that the Safer Brent Partnership Annual Report 2020/21 has delivered against 2020/21 priorities, provided oversight into key areas of delivery and highlighted the impact of the pandemic on performance.
- 2.2 That the committee will review the Annual Report 2021/22.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Safer Brent Partnership is required through legislation to conduct an annual strategic 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 (extended to 2022).
- 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 Knives in our community
 - Reducing Vulnerability and Increasing Safeguarding
 - Reducing Offenders and Perpetrators from Reoffending
 - Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour.
- 3.4 The Police and Justice Act 2006 brought introduced powers for scrutiny committees to consider work being undertaken by Community Safety Partnerships. It should be noted that the power is to look at the work of the partnership as a whole rather than a power to scrutinise individual partners.
- 3.5 Throughout the year partners have worked together to develop new projects and programmes, embed our strategy, reviewed action plans and progressed our priorities in line with the priorities outlined above. The annual report provides a snap shot overview of some of the activities delivered during this period. It also takes into consideration the impact of the Pandemic and the affect it has had on delivery.
- 3.6 There is clear focus on detailing the activity taken place within the borough focused at crime reduction, safety and prevention across all areas. Highlighting 'What did we do, how successful have we been and what was the impact of Covid-19' and the Pandemic on delivery.
- 3.7 We have ensured that within each priority area the voice of the community, victim/ survivor or service user is reflected in a case study. To highlight the impact services and support have had in achieving positive changes.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications for the purposes of this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The Police and Justice Act 2006 requires that:

(1) Every local authority shall ensure that it has a committee (the “crime and disorder committee”) with power—

(a) to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions;

(b) to make reports or recommendations to the local authority with respect to the discharge of those functions.

5.2 “The responsible authorities” means the bodies and persons who are responsible authorities within the meaning given by section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (c. 37) (authorities responsible for crime and disorder strategies) in relation to the local authority's area.

5.3 A local authority must—

(a) ensure that its crime and disorder committee has power (whether by virtue of section 21(2) of the Local Government Act 2000 or regulations made under section 32(3) of that Act or otherwise) to make a report or recommendations to the local authority with respect to any matter which is a local crime and disorder matter in relation to a member of the authority.

(In the case of a local authority operating executive arrangements— a reference to making a report or recommendations to the “local authority” is to be read as a reference to making a report or recommendations to the local authority or the executive).

5.4 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 partner agencies to consider the impact on crime and disorder of everything that they do, and to jointly create a strategy to reduce crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending in Brent.

5.5 Each of these partners is bound under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder 1998. The Act states each authority needs to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder and to ensure services give due regard to crime and disorder.

5.6 Information is shared across the Safer Brent Partnership through the s115 Information Sharing Protocol, which allows for the sharing of both personalised and depersonalised information across agencies for the purposes of crime prevention and reduction. This protocol is reviewed each year.

6.0 Equality Implications

6.1 none.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

7.1 Ongoing review through out the year with key stakeholders and partners including the Safer Brent Partnership Board, which retains oversight.

7.2 Attendance at key and relevant public meetings and to be made available on the Brent council Website for all public.

Related Documents

Brent Community Safety Strategy 2018-2021 (extended until 2022).

Report sign off:

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