



**Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny
Committee
8th November 2022**

Report from Chief Executive

Safer Brent Partnership Annual Report 2021/22

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	
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:	Two Appendix A - Annual Report Financial Year 2021 – 2022 Appendix B - Draft - Safer Brent, Community Safety Strategy 2023 - 2025
Background Papers:	
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 For the Committee to note the Safer Brent Partnership, Annual Report Financial Year 2021 – 2022 and the activities undertaken to support agreed priorities.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 For the Committee to note the Annual Report, 2021 -2022 as part of the council's Crime and Disorder function.
- 2.2. Provide recommendations to feed into the Safer Brent – Community Safety Strategy and related delivery, 2023 – 2025.

3.1 Detail

3.1 The detail of the Safer Brent Partnerships' priorities and outcomes for 2021/22 are contained within the report. Activity focused on the following priorities:

- Priority 1: Reducing Domestic and Sexual Abuse
- Priority 2: Reducing the Impact of Gangs and Knives in our Community
- Priority 3: Reducing Vulnerability and Increasing Safeguarding
- Priority 4: Reducing Offenders and Perpetrators from Reoffending
- Priority 5: Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour

3.2 Activity captured provides an insight into Community Safety activity as we emerged out of the Covid -19 pandemic. Overall, the report highlights an achievement in reduction of crime across all serious crime types.

3.3 Key developments and challenges to delivery in 2021/22 were as follows:

Reducing Domestic and Sexual Abuse

Achievement: Brent Housing Needs, was one of the first Local Authority departments in the country to achieve, 'Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance' (DAHA) accredited status. Area of development: To better understand the detail sitting behind the 'Sexual Offences' data and address any causes.

Reducing the Impact of Gangs and Knives in our Community

Achievement: Brent has seen a reduction in the number of knife crime with injury victims aged under 25 years. Area of development: Better understanding of why Neasden and Dollis Hill areas emerged as hotspots in 2021/22

Reducing Vulnerability and Increasing Safeguarding

Achievement: Multi - Agency attendance to the Community MARAC has improved significantly over the year, partners work well to complete actions to support vulnerable individuals. Area of development: More proactive identification of YOS cohorts with links to missing episodes and county line activities.

Reducing Offenders and Perpetrators from Reoffending

Achievement: 25 of the highest harm offenders supported through the Violence and Vulnerability Programme under the IOM cohort, with interventions put in place to divert and deter them from re-offending and violent behaviour. Area of development: To increase the percentage of Education, Training or Employment (ETE) opportunities for offenders.

Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour

Achievement: A decrease of 26.7% in recorded anti-social behaviour cases.

Area of development: Better understanding of the links between anti-social behaviour, intimidation, gang associations and links.

3.4 Looking ahead, we will take a “Public Health” approach to deliver our Safer Brent – Community Safety Strategy 2023 – 2025; meaning that we will work with key partners to act earlier, identify wider support needs and improve interventions to prevent criminal and anti-social behaviour.

The Safer Brent Partnership’s priorities, 2023 – 2025 are broken down into the following 4 priority areas:

1. Tackling Violent Crime
2. Challenging Domestic, Sexual Abuse and Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls
3. Focus on Incidents Impacting our Community
4. Protecting Those Most Vulnerable

We have begun shaping our ‘Draft’ Safer Brent – Community Safety Strategy, with a view to launching it in the new year.

PRIORITY	WE NEED TO	FOCUS ON
1. Tackling violent crime	Keeping our streets safe, reducing risks and threats to our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on Serious Violence • Preventing reoffending • Challenging Prolific Offenders
2. Challenging Domestic, Sexual Abuse and preventing Violence Against Women and Girls	Prioritize Safety and Protection for victims / survivors of abuse, to be safe at home and in our streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Abuse • Sexual Abuse • Violence Against Women and Girls
3. Focus on incidents impacting our community	Empower communities, building strength and resilience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antisocial Behavior • Serious Incidents, Criminal exploitation (Gang) exit and support • Hate Crime
4. Protecting those most vulnerable	Support those at risk and vulnerable to exploitation. Protect victims of crime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victims of Crime (including exploitation and county lines) • Prevent (Radicalisation and extremism)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding (Community Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference)
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4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The majority of interventions commissioned are funded by external grants. Including, MOPAC's - London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) and the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) awards. However, internal departments such as Children and Young People (CYP) and Public Health, contribute to some of our commissioned services, this includes dedicated officer positions. The detail of this is laid out in pages 48 – 49 of the Annual Report.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 As required by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Safer Brent Partnership (SBP) brings agencies and organisations together to develop and oversee local crime reductions strategies. Wider legislation underpinning this activity includes the, Domestic Abuse Act 2021, Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015, Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

5.2 Section 9F, Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, *overview and scrutiny committees: functions*, requires that Executive Arrangements by a local authority must ensure that its overview and scrutiny committees have the power to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the executive with respect to the discharge of any functions which are or are not the responsibility of the executive, or on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area.

5.3 Section 9Fe, *duty of authority or executive to respond to overview and scrutiny committee*, requires that the authority or executive;-

- (a) consider the report or recommendations,
- (b) respond to the overview and scrutiny committee indicating what (if any) action the authority, or the executive, proposes to take,
- (c) if the overview and scrutiny committee has published the report or recommendations, publish the response, within two months beginning with the date on which the authority or executive received the report or recommendations.

6.0 Equality Implications

6.1 Data analysis evidences that “Black or Black British” people are over-represented within the engaged cohorts; with the exception of individuals vulnerable to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) where the higher percentage was recorded as “White”.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

7.1 The Safer Brent Annual report has been agreed by the Chair and shared with partners that attend the Safer Brent Partnership.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

8.1 N/A

Report sign off:

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