

	<p align="center"><b>Full Council</b> September 2018</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment</b></p>
<p><b>Safer Brent Community Safety Strategy (2018-2021)</b></p>	

<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>	Non-Key
<b>Open or Part/Fully Exempt:</b> <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	Open
<b>No. of Appendices:</b>	One: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Safety Strategy, towards a 'Safer Brent'</li> </ul>
<b>Background Papers:</b>	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 taking place, supporting evidence of local need and challenges (strategic assessment).

## **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Full Council to note and approve the detailed Community Safety Strategy 2018 - 2021 and action plans; approved by Cabinet in August 2018.
- 2.2 Full Council consider the information provided in this report and the Community Safety Strategy 2018-2021 in their discussions and planning on the Council's wider operational developments.

## **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 3 years.
- 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. The strategy draws attention to some of the core challenges we face within Brent, whilst also recognising that services are limited. However there is an ambitious commitment to approach these issues to create lasting change.
- 3.4 An annual report will be completed at the end of each financial year to review and highlight the achievements, challenges also the general performance against the priorities set.
- 3.5 In order to help deliver the strategy and increase resources locally, the Community Protection Service and other partner services internal and external to the council, annually seek additional external funding opportunities to respond, intervene and prevent priority issues escalating. Some of those funds already received are grant funded 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, thus reducing financial pressure on council services.
- 3.6 MOPAC specifically fund through the London Crime Prevention Fund a number of interventions (listed below) which have been commissioned by the Community Protection service amounting to over £0.59m per year. The

interventions include the; Community MARAC (service supporting vulnerable people and victims of antisocial behaviour and exploitation to safeguard them) and Hate Crime, Domestic Abuse Perpetrator program (delivered by DVIP), Exit Sex work programme, Gangs Intervention Programmes, Mentoring, Sports and Wellbeing programmes, Early Intervention worker and Gangs worker. The funds for these 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. To which we can later provide a verbal confirmation confirming future funding awarded.

- 3.7 Over the next 3 years Brent, will deliver an additional Health Based Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) co-located at Northwick Park Hospital and a three-tier screening IDVA co-located at Brent Police Station. It is expected that these services 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 Additional funding applications are underway and being developed based on the increased local needs of the Brent population and limited existing resources to meet the increasing demands. In addition to sourcing additional funding, Brent will also benefit from several pan London projects, which received funding to deliver services in Brent through MOPAC.
- 3.9 The Met Patrol Plus is funded through existing council revenue contribution until March 2020 it 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' 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 services and re-tendering provision. Legal considerations and advice was taken throughout this period. For 2018/2019 onwards, where additional funding will be sought to maximise and increase local provision, we will ensure core council policy are followed, with full legal, procurement advice and consideration in all stages.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Delivery of the three year Strategy will incur revenue and capital expenditure. As shown in the table overleaf, revenue expenditure on the delivery of projects through commissioned services is an anticipated investment of £1.37m in the first year, £1.27m in the second year and projected £1.27m in the third year, totalling £3.9m. Capital expenditure 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 late autumn 2018.

- 4.3 The £2.3m capital funding is approved and included within the current capital programme.

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

## 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 Domestic Abuse Perpetrator program is delivered by the Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP) 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.

**Annual Report sign off:**

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