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London Borough of Bromley  
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To: Members of the



## STRATEGIC GROUP

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Councillor Tim Stevens J.P. (Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety)

Anne Ball, (Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime)

Sara Bowrey, Education, Care & Health Services

Daniel Cartwright, (Borough Commander, Fire Services)

James Cleverly, (London Fire and Emergency Planning Committee, Greater London Authority)

Nigel Davies, (LBB Director, Environmental Services)

Louise Hubbard, (National Probation Service, London)

Lissa Moore, (Croydon and Bromley Community Rehabilitation Company)

Paula Morrison, (LBB Assistant Director, Public Health)

Rob Vale, (LBB Trading Standards Manager)

Kay Weiss, (LBB Assistant Director of Safeguarding and Social Care)

**A meeting of the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group will be held at Committee Room 1 - Bromley Civic Centre on THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2015 at 2.00 pm**

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The Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group will be due to meet next at 10.00am on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2015.

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# Agenda Item 2

## SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held at 10.00 am on 20 February 2015

### Present:

Chris Hafford ((Borough Commander)) (Chairman)  
Nigel Davies ((LBB Director, Environmental Services)) (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor Tim Stevens J.P., Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety  
Lissa Moore, (Croydon and Bromley Community Rehabilitation Company)  
Paula Morrison, (LBB Assistant Director, Public Health)  
Rob Vale, (LBB Trading Standards Manager)  
Kay Weiss, (LBB Assistant Director of Safeguarding and Social Care)  
Anne Ball (MOPAC)  
Louise Hubbard (London Probation Service)

### Also Present:

Peter Sibley, (Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator)

<b>26</b>	<b>INTRODUCTIONS / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Apologies were received from James Cook and James Cleverly	
<b>27</b>	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b>	<b>Action</b>
	It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2014 be approved.	
<b>28</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<b>It was agreed that the Matters Arising report be noted.</b>	
<b>29</b>	<b>BOROUGH COMMANDER'S UPDATE</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>The Borough Commander informed Members that the Safer Bromley Partnership Group Strategy was moving forward, and evolving, but that there were still governance issues that required attention. The Group were informed that overall Bromley Police were doing well with respect to hitting the MOPAC 7 targets. There had been an overall drop in total crime by 3.1%, which equated to 330 offences. However, challenges remained in the areas of theft from motor vehicles; criminal damage, and violence with injury.</p> <p>The Commissioner and Management Board were working towards a further £800m being taken off the MPS annual budget. This would have a significant impact on policing and possibly police officer numbers. It was unclear what the impact would mean for Bromley specifically, but it was unlikely that the MPS would be able to maintain</p>	

	<p>the current Borough structure and levels of resourcing. The Met 2020 programme was being developed to meet this challenge and the BOCU Commander would update partners in due course.</p> <p>Lissa Moore (Croydon and Bromley Community Rehabilitation Company) enquired if Police statistics were circulated to the general public, and the Borough Commander responded that they were. Anne Ball from MOPAC (Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime) explained to the Group that the figures were available to view on the MOPAC website, and that online data was available for various boroughs.</p> <p>Lissa Moore expressed the opinion that domestic violence was still an issue of primary importance. The Borough Commander responded that although the domestic violence figures were above target, they were exhibiting a downward trend, which was positive. The Group heard that the figures for domestic and public violence had increased by 19%. The Borough Commander informed Members that in addition to statistics being available on the MOPAC website, data was also disseminated via the Borough Commander's Newsletter; there was a new newsletter that would be circulated the week following the meeting.</p> <p>The Group acknowledged that volume of data was not the most important factor; it was more relevant to consider the type of data collated, and what the data would be used for.</p> <p><b>It was agreed that the Borough Commander's update be noted.</b></p> <p><b>It was also agreed that Anne Ball would provide the link to the MOPAC website that displayed MET Police crime statistics.</b></p>	
30	<p><b>UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD</b></p> <p>Councillor Tim Stevens JP, (Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety) provided the Safer Neighbourhood Board update. Members were informed that the SNB were now in a position to finalise the setting up of their bank account, and to complete the transfer of outstanding monies from the account held by the BCEF (Bromley Community Engagement Forum), which was no longer operational. It was hoped that the outstanding funding from MOPAC would also now be released. Meetings were being planned for Orpington, Biggin Hill and Penge. The meeting dates and any other information concerning the SNB could be obtained by contacting councillor Kate Lymer who was currently dealing with the Board's administration.</p> <p>The LBB Assistant Director for Public Health queried if Public Health should be represented at SNB level. Members were of the opinion that this was not required, and that Public Health was a better fit for the Strategic Group. It was also noted that Public Health was not one</p>	Action

	<p>of the bodies recommended previously by MOPAC to sit on the SNB.</p> <p>Members heard that the SNB required a Treasurer, and that currently this role was also being undertaken by councillor Lymer.</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder concluded by informing the Strategic Group that a Youth Manifesto Day had been scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015, and that a special schools conference was scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015.</p> <p><b>It was agreed that the update on the Safer Neighbourhood Board be noted.</b></p>	
<b>31</b>	<b>REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Members heard that LBB and Bromley Police were concerned about the proliferation and the use of psychoactive substances commonly referred to as “legal highs”. The Group preferred to adopt the term “NPS” (New Psychoactive Substances). Action had recently been taken against a premises in Orpington (“Skunkworks”) after reports of ASB in the area near to the premises. Stock worth around £4.5k to £5k had been seized. A suspected breed of pit bull terrier was also seized. LBB and the Police were operating within the confines of existing licensing legislation and ASB legislation in the absence of direct legal powers. It was anticipated that the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group would be tasked with leading the campaign against the proliferation of these very dangerous and potentially lethal substances.</p> <p>Louise Hubbard (London Probation Service) disclosed that these substances were also causing problems for the Probation Service. It had become apparent that clients would report to the Probation Service, return to their accommodation, and subsequently ingest the substances. This led to incidences of anti-social behaviour, and the need to call upon the ambulance service when clients became ill. The Strategic Group noted the impact that these substances were having on the local health services. Due to grey areas concerning the legality of these substances, Probation Services sometimes experienced difficulties in calling back individuals into custody.</p> <p>The Strategic Group were made aware of the detrimental impact that these substances were having on the mental health unit at the Princess Royal University Hospital (PRUH). The Group were updated with progress that had been made with developing links with local schools to educate young people of the dangers involved in taking these substances.</p> <p>The Head of Trading Standards informed the Strategic Group that it was becoming evident that young people were resorting to crime to</p>	Group

	<p>raise the money required to purchase NPS products. The Strategic Group were informed that during the course of the raid, it had been discovered that the shop kept a “credit” book with details of individuals to whom the NPS substances had been sold on credit; this had been removed for examination with a view to intelligence gathering. The Head of Trading Standards expressed thanks to PC Jonathan Booth on behalf of LBB for his excellent work and support concerning this process.</p> <p>Susie Clark (LBB Communications Officer) updated the Strategic Group concerning the various mediums through which these matters and other matters of public safety had been communicated; the Strategic Group was also notified that good progress was being made in preparation for the release of the latest edition of the Safer Bromley News.</p> <p>The Executive Director of Environmental and Community Services suggested that it may be useful for the Strategic Group to link with local hospitals to share information and data. It was suggested that the Head of Trading Standards liaise with Paula Morrison (LBB Assistant Director, Public Health) concerning this.</p> <p>The LBB Assistant Director, Public Health, informed the Strategic Group that if the NPS substances were consumed with alcohol, there was a strong possibility of death. It was often the case that young people did not understand the risks involved. The Strategic Group felt that it would be useful for emergency services to have NPS training.</p> <p>The Assistant Director of Safeguarding and Social Care enquired if the NPS products were only sold to a certain age group. The Strategic Group were informed that there was a notice in the premises stating that the substances could only be sold to those over the age of 18. However, LBB was aware of people as young as 13 who had used the substances, so it appeared that the age restriction was not being enforced.</p> <p>The Strategic Group expressed the view that the Head of Trading Standards would be the appropriate person to lead on the NPS issue, working closely with Public Health and with Child Safeguarding.</p> <p>Peter Sibley (Environmental Services- ASB Co-ordinator) updated the Strategic Group concerning Operation Crystal. He explained that this was an initiative that was designed to target Crime hotspots. Operations were run in partnership with the Police, LBB, DWP, and Registered Social Landlords. There were four primary hotspots that had been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kimmeridge</li> <li>• Riverbirds Estate</li> <li>• Penge Groves Estate A</li> </ul>	<p>RV/PM</p> <p>RV/PM KW</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penge Groves Estate B</li> </ul> <p>The Strategic Group were informed that although ASB was an ongoing problem, the rate of offending was decreasing. As part of Operation Crystal, a proactive stop and search policy had been adopted; in addition, the execution of warrants on high profile addresses had resulted in the recovery of drugs and firearms. The Strategic Group noted that enforcement action against tenancies was having a deterrent effect on crime levels. It was also felt that residents seemed to be more willing to come forward with information, and to engage and assist the authorities.</p> <p>The LBB Assistant Director, Public Health notified the Strategic Group about a Public Health England report that was now available, concerning the abuse of alcohol in Bromley. It was estimated that 24% of Bromley residents had alcohol problems. Many of these cases involved white males in the 40-50 age group, dying prematurely of liver disease. Members noted the correlation between alcohol abuse and public space violence and domestic violence. The Group were informed that the general trend with young people drinking was downwards, however there was still a smaller cohort of young people who were drinking to excess and causing themselves health issues as a result. The LBB Assistant Director, Public Health agreed to send either the link or the document itself to the Committee Clerk for circulation.</p> <p>The Strategic Group felt that the problem of cheap alcohol was exacerbating the matter as it increased supply. It was brought to the attention of the Strategic Group that where alcohol and tobacco were being sold cheaply, it was often the case that duty had not been paid. Recently joint operations had been undertaken with HMRC to seize tobacco and alcohol where duty had not been paid.</p> <p>The Assistant Director of Safeguarding and Social Care informed Members that the “Tackling Troubled Families” programme was still operational. It was agreed that either Mark Thorn or Rachel Dunley would present on the programme at the next meeting.</p> <p>The focus areas for the “Tacking Troubled Families” program were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which families should be targeted for help</li> <li>• What would be the best route to access funding</li> <li>• What outcomes should the Strategic Group be looking for</li> </ul> <p>There was a difficulty in that the programme worked on a “paid by results” basis and the families that LBB would most want to engage would also be the families that would be the most difficult to persuade to participate.</p>	MT
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	<p><b>The Strategic Group agreed that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Links should be developed with local hospitals to share information and data and that this would be led by Rob Vale and Paula Morrison</b></li> <li>• <b>Rob Vale would lead on tackling the emerging problem of new psychoactive substances, supported by Public Health and Child Safeguarding</b></li> <li>• <b>Paula Morrison to provide the link to the Public Health England report on the problem of alcohol abuse in Bromley, so that the information could be circulated to Members</b></li> <li>• <b>A presentation to be made at the next meeting with an update on the “Tackling Troubled Families” program.</b></li> </ul>	
32	<p><b>GANGS PEER VIEW REPORT</b></p> <p>LBB had recently received an important report from the Home Office concerning gang related issues in Bromley. It was a Peer Review Report called, “Ending Gang and Youth Violence”. The update on the report was given by Mr Peter Sibley (LBB ASB Co-ordinator). Mr Sibley commenced by emphasising the importance of the gangs multi agency focus group, and stated that he was generally happy with the content of the report.</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety queried if there was any action that LBB could take to stop gang nominals from being relocated into Bromley. The short answer to this was “No”. It was however the case that there were protocols in place that were not being adhered to by other boroughs. It was also the case that the relocation process could bypass the RSL (Registered Social Landlords) sector by the use of private landlords, which would make it harder for LBB to track what was going on.</p> <p>A Member of the Group commented that it was clear that information sharing was an issue, and that more analytical support was required. It was also noted by the Group that Operation Crystal was aimed at targeting gang nominals and that mental health was also an issue. A new person had recently been appointed to lead on mental health issues. The Group also noted that the Gangs Focus Group needed strategic support, and it was felt that the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group should take the lead in providing the strategic support.</p> <p>The Group understood the importance of engaging with gang</p>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p>Group</p>



	<p>members directly, and in the importance of undertaking ASB interviews under new legislation. However, in both cases there were difficulties with respect to a lack of resources. The Assistant Director for Safeguarding and Social Care felt that both the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group and the Youth Offending Team required a more informed data set and analytical capacity. The Group felt that with many of the issues that were being discussed, there was often a link to Housing, and so to this end it was decided to invite Sara Bowrey (AD-Head of Housing Needs) to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Group noted the importance of targeted schools intervention, and in maintaining good working relationships with the Bromley Youth Council and with other boroughs.</p> <p>Peter Sibley stated that further direction and guidance would be forthcoming from the Gangs Focus Group in due course. The Chairman asked the Group if they felt that the issue of “gangs” should sit on its own, or sit with IOM (Integrated Offender Management). The Group decided that “gangs” should sit on its own. It was decided that the Borough Police Superintendent would be the lead person for gangs.</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder reminded the Group that it was important that every organisation represented on the Group should contribute to the success of the Group, and that resources should be defined quickly so that any resourcing requests could be fed back to Cabinet. It was the opinion of the Group that the Gangs Report should also go to the Children’s Board.</p> <p>The Group felt that there should be a pan London agreement in place for the sharing of information between areas and organisations and groups within areas; this was something that the Borough Commander would write to the Home Office about.</p> <p><b>The following matters were agreed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>a new Strategic Strategy was required</b></li> <li>• <b>analytical capacity was required</b></li> <li>• <b>the Home Office be approached to ascertain if they could help with providing analytical support</b></li> <li>• <b>the Home Office to be invited to a Group meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group should provide strategic support to the Gangs Focus Group</b></li> <li>• <b>Sara Bowrey (AD-Head of Housing Needs) to be invited to the next meeting, and invited to become a member of the</b></li> </ul>	<p>SW</p> <p>PS</p> <p>Group</p> <p>CH</p> <p>CH</p> <p>CH</p>
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	<p><b>Strategic Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Deputy Borough Police Commander (Parm Sandhu) would be the lead person for dealing with gang related issues</li> <li>• the Gang report should be presented to the Children’s Board</li> <li>• any resources required from LBB should be identified swiftly and reported to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety</li> <li>• the Borough Police Commander to write to the Home Office concerning a pan London agreement for the sharing of information and data between organisations and areas</li> </ul>	
33	<p><b>SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2014-2017</b></p> <p>Members noted the draft Safer Bromley Partnership Strategy Document—2014-2017.</p> <p>It was felt that the document should be redrafted and then distributed.</p> <p>Lissa Moore stated that priorities should be more specific, especially around domestic abuse, and that reducing reoffending should be a priority.</p> <p>A discussion identified the need to focus on several key issues, with sub-groups being developed from existing meetings reporting directly to the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group.</p> <p>It was agreed that there was a need to focus on Gangs (in the short-term following the Peer Review Report), ASB, Youth Offending, Domestic Violence and Offender Management. The Chairman agreed to approach key individuals to invite them to Chair the sub-groups, develop their members and review what performance data was currently in place to drive activity. It was identified that there were some cross-cutting areas that needed to remain part of the SBP Strategic Group focus, including communications, licensing, housing and public health.</p> <p><b>It was agreed that the draft document be noted.</b></p> <p><b>It was also agreed that the draft document should be rewritten, and then circulated.</b></p>	Action



	<p>models in similarly resourced boroughs to see how they operated in other areas.</p> <p>It was noted that the London IOM Model had not been signed off as MOPAC was still gathering information. It was the case however, that the London Model was being used for cohort identification purposes. The Group asked if Anne Ball would be able to help with identifying funding opportunities. The Group agreed that an IOM update should come to the next meeting, and it was hoped that by that time, a lead person for IOM would have been identified.</p> <p>It was felt that <b>ASB</b> should be an area within the remit of the Strategic Group, and that this should be kept separate from the matter of Domestic Violence. ASB was currently being led by the police and the local authority.</p> <p>The Strategic Group were informed that the Arson Sub Group was no longer operating.</p> <p>The Strategic Group felt that it would be helpful to get regular update reports from the PCT with respect to A&amp;E admissions.</p> <p><b>It was AGREED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>the YOS and IOM updates be noted</b></li> <li>• <b>the Strategic Group re-profile and resubmit a bid to MOPAC for funding to help with IOM in Bromley</b></li> <li>• <b>the Strategic Group examine IOM models in other similarly resourced boroughs to identify examples of best practice</b></li> <li>• <b>that an IOM update be brought to the next meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>that the Strategic Group make a decision on IOM Board governance by the next meeting of the Group</b></li> </ul>	<p>AB</p> <p>PM</p>
36	<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE</b></p> <p>The Communications update was provided by LBB Communications Officer Susie Clark.</p> <p>The Group heard that LBB had disseminated information recently concerning new psychoactive substances, scams and rogue traders. There was also more effective communication with Resident's Associations. The next edition of the Safer Bromley News was due for publication by the second week of March. This would contain crime prevention advice, an article on mentoring and various links to matters of interest. This would be distributed with the latest edition of "Environment Matters".</p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>

	<p>It was anticipated that in the future, more information would be included on the council, web site relating to issues such as food safety and food hygiene.</p> <p><b>It was AGREED that the communications update be noted.</b></p>	
<b>37</b>	<b>INFORMATION ITEMS</b>	<b>Action</b>
	The Borough Commander's Newsletter was noted.	
<b>38</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>The general consensus of the Strategic Group was that the membership should be sharper and more focussed than had been the case in the past.</p> <p>It was <b>agreed</b> that Community Links, Victim Support, and RSL's would not be required to be Group Members.</p> <p>It was <b>agreed</b> that the following should be added to the Group:</p> <p>Sara Bowrey—Assistant Director—Head of Housing Needs</p> <p>Kay Weiss— Assistant Director—Head of Safeguarding and Social Care</p> <p>Youth Offending Team—to be designated</p> <p>Parm Sandu—Deputy Borough Police Commander</p> <p>Clare Elcombe Webber—to lead on domestic abuse.</p>	
<b>39</b>	<b>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>Action</b>
	The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 2.00pm.	

The Meeting ended at 12.00 pm

Chairman

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## London Borough of Bromley

### PART ONE - PUBLIC

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**Decision Maker:** Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Decision Type:** Non Urgent                      Non Executive                      Non Key

**Title:** **MATTERS ARISING**

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**Chief Officer:** Mark Bowen, Director of Corporate Services

**Ward:** N/A

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1. Reason for report

1.1 **Appendix A** updates Members on matters arising from previous meetings.

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2. **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 The Group is asked to review progress on matters arising from previous meetings.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Minutes of the last meetings, and the previous Matters Arising Report.

## Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council/Safer Bromley
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## Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
  4. Total current budget for this head: £367,636
  5. Source of funding: 2014/15 revenue budget
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## Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 10 posts (8.75fte)
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Completion of "Matters Arising" Reports for PP&S PDS meetings can take up to a few hours per meeting.
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## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable
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## Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): This report is intended primarily for Members of the Public Protection and Safety PDS Committee.
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## Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A



<u>Minute Number/Title</u>	<u>Matters Arising</u>	<u>Update</u>
<b>31: 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015</b> <b>Review of Partnership Initiatives</b>	<p>Linking up with local hospitals to share information and data.</p> <p>Rob Vale to lead on <b>NPS</b>, supported by Public Health and Child Safeguarding</p>	Group to be updated by Paula Morrison and Rob Vale
<b>32: 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015</b> <b>Gangs Peer Review Report</b>	<p>SBP Strategic Group and YOT required a more informed data set and analytical capacity.</p> <p>Invitation to be extended to Sara Bowrey (AD-Head of Housing Needs) to become a Member of the Group.</p> <p>Targeted schools intervention to be pursued.</p> <p>Guidance to be provided from the Gangs Focus Group.</p> <p>A new strategic strategy required.</p> <p>Deputy Borough Commander designated as Lead for Gangs.</p> <p>Home Office to be invited to a future meeting and possibly be approached with a view to providing analytical support.</p> <p>Borough Commander to write to Home Office concerning a pan London agreement for sharing data and information.</p> <p>Group to notify Portfolio Holder of required resources.</p>	
<b>33: 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015</b> <b>Safer Bromley Partnership Strategy 2014-2017</b>	The <b>SBP Strategy Document</b> to be rewritten and recirculated.	
<b>35: 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015</b> <b>Sub Groups:</b> <b>YOT and IOM</b>	<p>Recent <b>YOT</b> inspection.</p> <p>Various matters around <b>IOM</b>:</p> <p>Resubmission of funding application to MOPAC</p> <p>Identification of good practice models from other boroughs</p>	Update to be provided by Kay Weiss.

	IOM update to be brought to next meeting. Decision to be made on IOM governance.	
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## Tackling your concerns

Spring and lighter evenings are almost here. It's comforting to know that local Police, Council and other partners are always working away behind the scenes to keep Bromley a safe and pleasant place.

Who would have thought, though, as we continue to fight against alcohol and drug related crime, that a new scourge would rear its head. Causing danger to young people and antisocial behaviour by their users, so called 'legal highs' have left their mark on at least one part of the borough. The Safer Bromley Partnership acted quickly in response to complaints from local communities by confiscating products from a shop in Orpington.

It just goes to show we rely on local people to let us know what is going on – remember that you understand your neighbourhood and if something doesn't seem right, is causing concern or seems suspicious, then you are best placed to know. Always report concerns to the Police or, in the case of suspected scams and rogue traders, you can call the Trading Standards rapid response number. You, the people of Bromley, are remarkable – we've 600 Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators across the borough, as well as numerous Safer Neighbourhood Panel members and more than 8,000 volunteers associated with our highly successful Friends Groups. Need I say more? Together we can help keep our communities attractive, safe and sound and help drive down crime and antisocial behaviour.

**Cllr Tim Stevens**  
Chairman Bromley Safer Neighbourhood Board

Who to contact? See back page.



## Crime Update

**Crime in Bromley is still falling overall with a five per cent reduction since last April in the seven major crimes measured by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime. This means there have been 500 fewer victims of crime across the borough.**

Police Borough Commander Chris Hafford said: "It is good news for residents, businesses and the whole community that crime continues to fall in Bromley. We are on track to meet the 20 per cent reduction across the seven key crime types by March 2016, but there are some challenges for us to meet after consistent reductions in previous years.

"Our performance is strong regarding burglary with 526 fewer victims, while there were 198 fewer robberies, as well as 301 fewer incidents of theft from motor vehicles.

"While things are looking good in most areas, we are not without our challenges

in the borough as violence with injury offences have grown by 274 and criminal damage is up 263 offences.

"We don't concentrate solely on these crime types. I am also keen to continue addressing those issues of concern to residents that fall outside of them.

"Antisocial behaviour in particular has been a real focus for my Safer Neighbourhoods teams who are committed to working with their communities and partners to stop it. We constantly review how we deploy our forces to ensure we are targeting the right areas and focusing on the right people."

See back page for Safer Bromley advice.

**Bromley Safer Neighbourhood Board** is responsible for engaging with residents to establish local policing priorities, monitor police performance and confidence, and other safety functions. The Board has already held a number of public meetings across the borough as well as the popular annual Crime Summit.

**Diary Dates** The Board's next Public Meeting will be in Orpington on **7 April** and the annual Crime Summit at the Civic Centre is planned for the morning of **19 September**. For more details email [kate.lymer@gmail.com](mailto:kate.lymer@gmail.com)

# Mentoring has big plans

**Bromley's mentoring programme now has 103 volunteer mentors from all walks of life helping young people through difficult times in their lives. The young people benefit and mentors also report positive self-development and better people skills, useful in and out of the workplace.**

Head of Mentoring for Bromley Jane Belding explains: "The team has had considerable success matching mentors to young people. It is marvellous to see the recognition from a young person when they realise their mentor has had similar life experiences to their own and the young person can see they have become happy and successful."

Now, the mentoring programme is widening its net to work with charities and other organisations which offer mentoring solutions such as the one being piloted by the Bromley Churches Mentoring scheme, based on the mentoring model



developed by XLP, an organisation at the cutting edge of youth work.

Other partners include charity JusB, a community-based centre working with young people reaching independence.

"As we move forward with this work," said Jane, "the thing we need most is plenty of volunteers and particularly those who can be available in the daytime." Why not get involved. Contact Jane for a chat 020 8461 6240. More information: [www.bromleyebp.org.uk](http://www.bromleyebp.org.uk)



## Skunkworks raid

Bromley Police and local authority officers confiscated a considerable quantity of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS), commonly referred to as 'legal highs', from a shop called Skunkworks in Orpington as part of an ongoing investigation into the safety of these substances.

Local Police teams had raised concerns about the number of young people found in possession of NPS and the number of medical emergencies relating to their use. Working in partnership, the Police and Council have issued a warning to the business under new legislation to stop selling NPS in an effort to protect the local community and stop young people buying the product.

## Watch word



Jim Maddan, Chairman of the London Neighbourhood Watch Association, of which Bromley is a leading member, was awarded an OBE

in the Queen's New Year's Honours in recognition of his services to the community.

He played a key role in the successful relaunch of the nationwide group Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network of England and Wales and has been Chairman since 2010. Jim spent more than 30 years as a Metropolitan Police Officer before retiring in 1999.

Bromley has more than 600 Watches covering 32,500 homes across the borough and an email database for regular updates including *Safer Bromley News*. Residents are welcome at the AGM on 9 April at Bromley Football Club, where key speakers will be Cllr Tim Stevens and Police Borough Commander Chris Hafford. [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

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## Tackling keyless car crime

Last year more than 6,000 cars and vans in London were stolen without the owners' keys, often using key-programming devices. That represents 42 per cent of all thefts of cars and vans.

Thieves use a device which bypasses the vehicle's electronic information as the owner locks it, or they break into the vehicle and connect a device to the OBD port, downloading the vehicle's information onto a blank key. The new key is then compatible with the vehicle, so it disables the alarm and the vehicle can be driven away.

Police advice includes:

- Using a steering wheel lock or a gear stick lock
- Consider getting an on-board diagnostics lock (OBD) professionally fitted
- Park in well-lit areas, a garage, a staffed car park or where there is CCTV
- Check the vehicle is locked when leaving it, even for a moment
- Consider purchasing a tracking device.



## Beckenham safe and sound

At the end of last year, Bromley Council and Police took a stand around Beckenham Junction against unacceptable drunken and violent behaviour by a selfish minority.

The Partnership brought together Bromley Council's Licensing Team, the Police and local businesses to reinstate a friendly and safe environment for law-abiding customers visiting local bars and restaurants.

More Police officers in the area greeted people enjoying a night out and worked

with the Council to conduct visits to licensed premises to support door staff throughout the evenings. A Closure Notice was served on a premises after several incidents in one evening, which meant it was unable to open on a Saturday night with a financial impact as a result. Police and Council will use this power again to ensure premises take their responsibilities seriously. It is a stage on the journey to a Licensing Review, which could result in a licence being taken away.

Staggered closing times minimised crowds on the street, cut numbers outside popular locations such as takeaways, and made queues for taxis more manageable.

# Scammers will do anything to get your cash

**A retired doctor has been conned out of £5,500 after being contacted by the non-existent 'Fifa Euromillions International Postcode Lottery.'**

The 70-year-old Bromley resident received a letter saying she had won £700,000, shortly followed by another letter from Switzerland purporting to be from the 'International Clearance of Fund Monitoring Unit of the United Nations Organisation' demanding a fee of one per cent of her winnings to receive the prize. Over the next couple of months the resident sent off £5,500 in Western Union money transfers.

A further letter declared she had actually won £1,900,000, meaning insufficient funds had been paid to release the win,

so more money was required. Fortunately Halifax, her bank, did not oblige when she tried to send a further £2,500, suggesting it may be fraudulent. Luckily the consumer then picked up the new Trading Standards Scam Alert leaflet from a local church and contacted Trading Standards, at least saving a further loss.

The 'Fifa Euromillions International Postcode Lottery' does not exist, it is a scam run by fraudsters to con people out



of money. It is nothing to do with legitimate lotteries with similar names and absolutely nothing to do with Fifa.

Warn your family, friends and neighbours! More scams advice is at [www.bromley.gov.uk/scams](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/scams)



## Illegal tobacco seized by Trading Standards

Officers from Trading Standards in Bromley seized 5,000 cigarettes from a shop in the borough following a joint visit with HMRC.

The tobacco products are suspected to be imported from Eastern Europe and have failed to comply with safety regulations requiring them to display health warning labels. The cigarettes have an estimated value of £1,750.

Illicit products not only encourage people to keep smoking, and young people to take up the habit, but they also undermine the local economy through tax evasion. Investigations are being conducted with the owners of the business.

## New fire station to open this year

Orpington's new fire station is due for completion in May and what a welcome addition it will be to the community. Not only will the station get an additional fire engine which will greatly improve response times in Bromley, but there are many other benefits too. The station will have areas the public can visit to get up-to-the-minute fire safety information and advice on topics including smoke alarms, kitchen safety and how to use candles safely in the home. There will also be a community room that will be available for bookings. Find fire safety advice at [www.london-fire.gov.uk](http://www.london-fire.gov.uk)



## MOPAC Roadshow

The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime Roadshow at the Civic Centre, hosted by Council Leader Cllr Stephen Carr, attracted an audience of residents who heard how the Local Policing Model was faring in Bromley. They asked questions of the panel which included the Met's Assistant Commissioner Helen King, Deputy Mayor Stephen Greenhalgh, Bromley Police Borough Commander Chris Hafford, and Cllr Tim Stevens covering various topics including communication and police visibility. The Partnership was pleased to note local Police received praise from the audience around current policing performance.

# Don't give the burglars a chance

Police are cracking down on burglary in the borough, but you can dramatically reduce the chances of it happening to you by taking a few simple precautions

## Safer Bromley Advice:

- Make sure that you lock up properly
- Mark your property.

## Windows:

- Close and lock windows, even if you are only going out for a few minutes
- Windows in accessible areas should be toughened glass or double glazed
- Fit appropriate window locks
- Avoid leaving valuables, house or car keys near windows.

## Doors:

- Fit external doors with a five-lever mortice deadlock
- Ensure the frame is strong enough to support door, hinges and locks
- Make sure the door is suitable for external use
- Letterboxes should have an internal cover plate and you could also fit a spy hole and door chain
- Don't leave house keys near doors or windows.

## Garden:

- Secure your shed door with at least one heavy duty hasp and closed-shackle padlock
- A useful addition to security can be exterior lighting, either switched on manually or automatically operated.

If the worst happens, call the Police and don't touch anything - there may be crucial forensic evidence. More advice: [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)



## Food for thought

Bromley Council's Food Safety Team inspects thousands of food premises in the borough to ensure they are following correct food hygiene procedures so everyone shopping or eating there stays safe.

Most shops and restaurants are more than happy to follow the rules, but a minority flout the law and the team has to take action. Last year a Chinese takeaway was closed for a period and the business and owner were fined nearly £14,000 in total when their premises proved to be rodent infested.

More recently, the kitchen of a leisure club was closed for a period when the kitchen was found to be affected by foul water from a blocked drain.

Why not check your favourite 'eatery' at [www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk](http://www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk)



## Who to contact and where to get more information

### Bromley Police

If a crime is taking place and you are in immediate danger, please always dial 999.

For less urgent matters, call the non-emergency number, 101.

Certain incidents can be reported online as long as an urgent response is not required.

Visit: [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)

Find your Neighbourhood Policing Team's telephone and email at [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)

### Bromley Council

Report problems, apply and pay online [www.bromley.gov.uk](http://www.bromley.gov.uk)

Register for your new MyBromley Account [www.bromley.gov.uk/MyBromley](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/MyBromley)

### Trading Standards

Report rogue traders and scams immediately on the Rapid Response number 07903 852090 [www.bromley.gov.uk/scams](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/scams)

### Bromley Fire Brigade

Fire advice and fire safety visits [www.london-fire.gov.uk](http://www.london-fire.gov.uk)

### Neighbourhood Watch

Find safety tips and how to get involved [www.bnwa.co.uk](http://www.bnwa.co.uk)

## saferbromley partnership

The Safer Bromley Partnership includes Bromley Council, Police, Fire Service, Health, Probation and Housing Associations working together to keep Bromley safe.

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