

saferbromley partnership

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To: Members of the



STRATEGIC GROUP

Chris Hafford, (Borough Police Commander) (Chairman)
Nigel Davies, (LBB Executive Director, Environmental Services) (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Kate Lymer ((Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety)) and
Councillor Tim Stevens ((Chairman, Safer Neighbourhood Board))
Jane Bailey, (LBB Director of Education)
Anne Ball, (Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime)
Sara Bowrey, (LBB Assistant Director: Housing Needs)
Deirdre Bryant, (Probation Service)
Sally Cartwright, (Borough Commander, Fire Services)
Clare Elcombe, (LBB Community Safety)
Barbara Godfrey, (Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust)
Dan Jones, (LBB Assistant Director Street Scene, Green Space and Public
Protection)
Trevor Lawry, (Police Deputy Borough Commander)
Cassie Newman, (London Community Rehabilitation Company)
Philip Powell, (London Ambulance Service)
Victoria Roberts, (Interim DV & VAWG Commissioner)
Rob Vale, (LBB Trading Standards and Community Safety Manager)
Kay Weiss, (LBB Interim Director for Children's Social Care)

**A meeting of the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group will be held at
Committee Room 1 - Bromley Civic Centre on THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2016
at 10.00 am**

A G E N D A

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 3 - 12)**
- 3 MATTERS ARISING (Pages 13 - 16)**

4 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In line with the Council's Constitution, questions to the Strategic Group should be received 4 working days before the meeting. Questions should therefore be received by the Democratic Services Team by 5.00pm on Friday December 2nd 2016.

5 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

6 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD UPDATE

7 MOPAC UPDATE--LONDON CRIME PREVENTION FUND 2017-2021

8 COMMUNITY REHABILITATION COMPANY PRESENTATION

9 UPDATE FROM THE LONDON AMBULANCE SERVICE

10 REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS

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b OFFENDER MANAGEMENT SUB GROUP UPDATE

c YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE and GANGS SUB GROUP UPDATE

d PREVENT SUB GROUP UPDATE

e ASB AND ENVIROCRIME SUB GROUP UPDATE

11 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

12 INFORMATION ITEMS (Pages 17 - 20)

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Strategic Group will meet next on Thursday 9th March at 10.00am in Bromley Civic Centre.

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Agenda Item 2

SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held at 10.00 am on 15 September 2016

Present:

Trevor Lawry (Police Deputy Borough Commander) (Chairman)

Councillor Kate Lymer, (Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety)

Councillor Tim Stevens, (Chairman, Safer Neighbourhood Board)

Jane Bailey, Education, Care & Health Services

Sally Cartwright, (Borough Commander, Fire Services)

Dan Jones, (LBB Assistant Director Street Scene, Green Space and Public Protection)

Victoria Roberts, Interim DV & VAWG Commissioner.

Barbara Godfrey (Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust)

Bridget Doherty (Victim Support Area Manager)

Also Present:

Conal Percy, London Ambulance Service)

Kate Frail (Victim Support)

Amanda Mumford (LBB Community Safety Co-ordinator)

101	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action
	<p>Apologies were received from the Borough Commander, and from the Executive Director of Environmental and Community Services.</p> <p>Apologies were also received from The Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety, the LBB Assistant Director for Housing Needs, and from Mr Terry Belcher.</p> <p>Apologies were also received from Anne Ball from MOPAC, and Laurie Grasty.</p> <p>Jane Bailey (LBB Director of Education) gave advance notice that she would be arriving late due to attendance at an earlier meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were also received from Colin Powell from the London Ambulance Service; Conal Percy attended as substitute.</p>	
102	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH JUNE 2016	Action
	<p>Mr Terry Belcher was not in attendance, but had notified the committee clerk that on the previous draft minutes he had not been included in the list of attendees. The Committee Clerk agreed to address this.</p>	

	With this adjustment the minutes were agreed as a correct record.	
103	MATTERS ARISING	Action
	<p>The Group noted the Matters Arising report.</p> <p>It was confirmed that an IOM Co-ordinator had now been appointed.</p> <p>The other matters arising would be addressed during the course of the meeting, either in the sub group updates, or the Chairman's update.</p>	
104	QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	Action
	No questions were received.	
105	CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE	Action
	<p>The Chairman's update was provided by the Deputy Borough Police Commander, Superintendent Trevor Lawry.</p> <p>The Group heard that new directions for priorities had not been received from the London Mayor's office. In view of this performance was still being measured against the MOPAC 7 targets. In the MET generally, the performance levels against MOPAC 7 were now either slowing or reversing; this was not the case in Bromley where there was now a 21% reduction in overall crime. These figures were positive and encouraging. Conversely, detection rates had declined slightly.</p> <p>Bromley police were in the process of adopting restorative justice practices. Mayoral funding had been provided for this. It was felt that it would take time for the new practices to be reflected in the figures.</p> <p>Bromley police intended to add one Ward Officer to each Ward, so that each Ward would have two Ward Officers; this process had been started, and some wards were already operating with two Ward Officers. PCSO's still worked with Ward Officers, and it was the case that Bromley police were over allocation. The PCSO's had been asked by the MET to identify where they would prefer to be based, as an exercise to redistribute resources was taking place. The extra PCSO's had been used to bolster the Town Centre Team and to promote the uptake of 'Smart Water'. Due to the successful uptake of 'Smart Water' in Bromley, extra kits had been supplied.</p> <p>There was no further news on the possible transition to a BCU model. Two pilots had been undertaken, but in the light of no decisions being made for Bromley police, they would continue to operate as an individual entity, without any mergers.</p>	

	RESOLVED that the Chairman's update be noted.	
106	SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD UPDATE	Action
	<p>The Safer Neighbourhood Board update was provided jointly by Cllr Kate Lymer and Cllr Tim Stevens.</p> <p>Funding allocation from MOPAC for the next financial year had been agreed, and the Board had utilised the full allocation of funding for the previous two years. There were lots of positives to report in that the SNB meetings were regular and well attended. Cllr Stevens expressed concern that the Bromley SNB meetings may not be properly representing the community. This was something that would need to be addressed.</p> <p>The Group were reminded that the Crime Summit would be taking place on Saturday 17th September at 9.30am. The Borough Police Commander would be speaking, along with guest speaker Ron Dobson, who was the Commissioner of London Fire Brigade. Bromley Youth Council would be presenting their 'SAFE' Campaign.</p> <p>Superintendent Lawry suggested that if the SNB wanted to make progress with diversity issues, then contact should be made with Inspector Gary Byfield, who had recently run a meeting where 70 different faith group leaders had attended, and was looking to establish a network of meetings with faith leaders.</p> <p>The next meeting of the SNB would be located in the Kelsey Park ward, and details would follow on the Board's Facebook Page.</p>	
107	SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT REPORT UPDATE, 2016-2019	Action
	<p>The update concerning this was provided by Amanda Mumford. It was noted that no further comments or suggestions had been made to amend the latest version of the SBP Strategic Assessment Document. The aim now was to finalise and publish, then the final document would be presented to the Strategic Group.</p> <p>The Chairman felt that the work undertaken on the document to date, would place the Group in a strong position when Mayoral priorities were finalised. Members discussed how many copies of the final document should be printed. Some Group members felt that there was no requirement to print hard copies, and that publishing online would be adequate. The Chairman felt that some hard copies would be required to provide for those members of the public that may not have internet access. The Chairman suggested that Andrew Rogers be contacted to discuss the dissemination of the final document in public libraries. It was anticipated that the document would be published on the Council website within 1-2 months.</p>	

	<p>RESOLVED that the SBP Strategic Assessment Strategy Document be finalised, presented to the SBP, and published.</p> <p>It was also RESOLVED that the main medium for publication would be online, but that some hard copies would need to be placed in public places like libraries.</p>	<p>AM/AR</p> <p>AM/AR</p>
108	REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS	Action
	108a DOMESTIC ABUSE SUB GROUP UPDATE	Action
	<p>Ms Roberts referred to minute 64 of the Matters Arising report concerning the setting up of the DV and VAWG Strategic Group. It was noted that this group was having its first meeting in October, and that Superintendent Lawry would be drafting the Terms of Reference. It was noted that the MARAC Steering Group referred to in the matters arising report had now been set up.</p> <p>Ms Roberts informed the Strategic Group that the DHR Task and Finish Group had met the previous day (14th September). The 16 Home Office recommendations had now been completed, and would be sent to the Home Office after sign off from the SBP.</p> <p>A report on domestic violence and violence against women and girls was presented by Victoria Roberts, the Interim DV and VAWG Commissioner.</p> <p>It was noted that the Bromley Domestic Violence Advocacy Project was provided by Victim Support, and that they had been tasked with providing a quarterly report based on 6 key data sets.</p> <p>It had been identified that the main referral source was directly from the police, and most of the victims came from the 26-35 age range. Concerning postcodes, most of the referrals came from the BR5 and BR2 post code areas. In terms of crime type, the primary crime type associated with DV was assault with actual bodily harm.</p> <p>The LBB Assistant Director for Public Protection wondered why there had been an increase in the number of referrals for domestic abuse. It was felt that the reason for this was not that DV was increasing, but rather that the service had been refreshed, and that there was now a greater awareness of how to report DV, and of the relevant support services that could be provided. The Chairman was also pleased to note the number of referrals coming from the 'Bromley One Stop Shop', and from self-referrals.</p> <p>The Violence against Women and Girls Strategy 2016-2019 had been circulated to members of the Group by email prior to the meeting. Questions or comments from SBP Group members concerning the</p>	

	<p>strategy should be emailed to Victoria Roberts by close of play on 30th September 2016. It was anticipated that the Strategy would be launched on 25th November, supported by public awareness campaigns.</p> <p>Ms Roberts referenced the report that had been looked at by the Executive the previous evening. This was the Gateway Review Report on Domestic Violence Against Women and Girls Services.</p> <p>The report outlined key recommendations and a proposed timetable for the commissioning of the Domestic Violence (DV) and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) services in the London Borough of Bromley. The funding would be entirely dependent on the success of MOPAC bids that would be submitted. The current contracts expire on the 31 March 2017.</p> <p>Members of the Executive were asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree that officers market test the Domestic Violence and Violence against Women and Girls Services, beginning a formal procurement process offering the service as a single contract from 1st April 2017, for an estimated total value of £220k per annum to March 2020. • Note that officers will be submitting an application for MOPAC funding for this service to cover the period April 2017 to March 2020. <p>The Strategic Group were informed that the recommendations were accepted by the Executive, and were confident that the relevant funding would be provided by MOPAC.</p> <p>The Chairman asked if it was appropriate to increase public awareness concerning the Safer Bromley Van. Ms Roberts responded that she was aware of the relevant issues concerning the Safer Bromley Van, and that there were issues that needed addressing. It was the case that the SBV was behind in terms of referral targets. She suggested that more information concerning the SBV be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman was happy with the way that the various groups were progressing.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Domestic Abuse Sub Group update be noted, and that an update on the Safer Bromley Van be provided at the next meeting.</p>	VR
	108b OFFENDER MANAGEMENT SUB GROUP UPDATE	Action

	<p>The LBB Assistant Director for Public Protection had been appointed as the Chair of the IOM Board, and also as the Lead for the SBP IOM sub group.</p> <p>He stated that the plan going forward was to identify key partners. He noted that Helen Andrews from the police had been supportive, but that support from the CRC had been patchy; this was something that would need to be picked up.</p> <p>It was planned that the IOM Sub Group would meet prior to the next SBP meeting, and that the minutes of the meeting provided to the SBP.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the next meeting of the IOM sub group be provided to the SBP.</p>	DJ
	<p>108c YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE and GANGS SUB GROUP UPDATE</p>	Action
	<p>The Youth Offending Service and Gangs update was provided by Jane Bailey, LBB Director for Education.</p> <p>The YOS had been tasked with finalising a strategy plan that had to be submitted to the Youth Justice Board by the end of September. The Department for Justice had expressed the view that LBB were now successfully addressing the areas that had previously been identified as requiring improvement. This being the case, LBB were no longer classified as a priority category. Another inspection was expected by HMIP sometime in November 2016.</p> <p>Closer integration was required between the Youth Service, and the Youth Offending Service.</p> <p>The Director explained that a 'Gangs Panel' was in place that dealt with operational work, and matters of immediate concern. Also in existence was a separate 'Strategy Management Group' It was hoped that more integration and communication could be achieved to enhance the relationship between these two groups. It was desirable that schools should be brought on board to be part of the Strategic Management Gangs Board, as the capability did not currently exist to look at the whole school community.</p> <p>The Director felt that the work done by Growing Against Violence (GAV) was powerful, and it was hoped that this would continue.</p> <p>The Chairman indicated that he had been asked to lead on Child Sexual Exploitation, Gangs and Missing Children, and that he was working on plans to coherently link up all three areas.</p>	
	<p>108d PREVENT SUB GROUP UPDATE</p>	Action

	The Group were advised that the LBB Assistant Director for Street Scene, Green Space and Public Protection had been appointed as the sub group lead for Prevent, as well as the overall Lead for the Council. He advised that the Prevent Action Plan would be presented to the Corporate Leadership Team on September 20 th , and to the Public Protection and Safety, Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on September 28 th .	
	108e ASB AND ENVIROCRIME SUB GROUP UPDATE	Action
	<p>The update was provided by the LBB Assistant Director for Street Scene, Greenspace and Public Protection. This was because the previous lead, former Borough Fire Commander Daniel Cartwright had moved to a different post. It was envisaged that the new Borough Fire Commander Sally Cartwright, would lead this group in due course.</p> <p>The Group heard that a successful operation with the police had been undertaken on 14th September, targeting the dumping of waste without a licence; two vehicles had been seized. The vehicles would either be crushed, or could be redeemed at a cost of £300.00 each. In total 20 vehicles had been stopped and investigated along the 'Mad Mile'.</p> <p>Operations were ongoing against fly tipping and littering.</p> <p>When the sub-group updates were completed, the Chairman identified the following actions for resolution:</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>(1) Sub-group Leads should draw up meeting dates for the next year</p> <p>(2) The sub-group Leads should draw up Action Plans for the next 3 years, and have these ready to present to the SBP at the next meeting in December</p> <p>(3) A standard report template should exist for sub groups to use</p> <p>(4) The Chairman offered to draft the report template</p>	<p>Leads</p> <p>TL</p>
109	COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE	Action
	No one was in attendance to provide the Communications update.	
110	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Action
	Anne Ball from MOPAC was not able to attend the meeting in person, but provided the following written update beforehand and this was read and noted by the Group.	

Policing and Crime Plan

Police and Crime Plans are a statutory requirement for all police force areas introduced as part of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

The Policing and Crime Plan currently being drafted will cover the new Mayoral period 2017- 2021. It must be published by the 31st March and it must have public consultation (12 weeks). This is likely to be from Nov through to Jan.

LCPF funding

The quarter 2 LCPF return is due on Monday 10th October. A decision on future borough funding will be made and communicated to Boroughs by early October.

Link to MOPAC / Mayor website

<https://www.london.gov.uk/media-centre/mayors-press-releases?topic=1402&order=DESC&url=>

There are some interesting articles, in particular one on the 27th July regarding Hate Crime; one on the 13/7 on Knife Crime; one of the 21st July regarding neighbourhood policing and one on Child House.

It was noted that Anne Ball's contract had been extended to October 2017, and would continue to be the single point of contact to MOPAC for Bromley.

The Chairman felt that a MOPAC update should be a standing item on the agenda for the foreseeable future.

Conal Percy from the London Ambulance Service informed the Group that a Pan London referral service for domestic abuse had been developed by agreement between LAS and Women's Aid. There was also a brief update on co-responding between LFB, MPS and LAS.

Co responding trials were now over. Both MPS and LFB had agreed to continue the schemes without hesitation.

LFB ran in Lambeth, Wandsworth, Merton and Newham. LFB are not making any firm decisions about extending the scheme until February next year.

MPS runs in Croydon, Enfield and Ealing – soon to be extended to Havering.

	<p>Mr Conal stated that what was important to the London Ambulance service was to increase the rate of survival from cardiac arrests. He also commented that LFB were good at providing basic life support.</p> <p>Amanda Mumford commented on Resolution 1 in minute 92, where it was noted that Rob Vale would investigate where DV injury data was located, and if the data could be shared. The Group heard that MOPAC were seeking to establish London wide information sharing, which was in the process of being developed. No information data sharing mechanism from the PRUH was currently in place.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the MOPAC update be noted, and that MOPAC and LAS updates be incorporated into future agendas as standing items.</p>	SW
111	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING	Action
	The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 8 th December 2016.	

The Meeting ended at 11.30 am

Chairman

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Report No.
CSD 16182

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group

Date: 8th December 2016

Decision Type: Non Urgent Non Executive Non Key

Title: **MATTERS ARISING**

Contact Officer: Steve Wood, Democratic Services Officer
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Chief Officer: Mark Bowen, Director of Corporate Services

Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

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

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

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

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Minutes of the last meeting, 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: £335,590
 5. Source of funding: 2015/16 revenue budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 8 posts (7.27fte)
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Completion of "Matters Arising" reports for PP&S PDS meetings and partnership groups can take up to a few hours per meeting.
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: The Safer Bromley Partnership ("the Partnership") has been constituted to comply with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended by section 97 and section 98 of the Police Reform Act 2002 and section 1 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005). The Responsible Authorities identified by the Act have a statutory duty to work with other local agencies and organisations to develop and implement strategies to tackle crime and disorder including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment as well as the misuse of drugs in their area.
 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 Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group.
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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>
Minute 85 27th June 2016 Matters Arising	The Group noted that an Action Plan for Prevent was being developed; it was anticipated that this would be signed off shortly.	An update on the Prevent Action was provided at the meeting on 15 th September. The Plan was presented for review to the LBB Corporate Leadership Team on September 20 th . A further update will be provided at the meeting on 8 th December.
Minute 85 27th June 2016 Matters Arising	The Police were still waiting for an update from the new London Mayor concerning the possibility of moving to a new BCU Command Structure	The Borough Commander will provide an update at the meeting on December 8 th .
Minute 107 15th Sept 2016 SBP Strategic Assessment Document	Resolved that the SBP Strategic Assessment Strategy Document be finalised, presented to the SBP, and published. It was also resolved that the main medium for publication would be online, but that some hard copies would need to be placed in public places like libraries.	This was noted as an action for Amanda Mumford and Andrew Rogers. Update to follow.
Minute 108a 15th September 2016 Domestic Abuse Sub Group Update	Resolved that an update on the Safer Bromley Van be provided at the next meeting.	This was noted as an update to be provided by Victoria Roberts. Update to follow.
Minute 108b 15th September 2016 Offender Management Sub Group Update	Resolved that the minutes of the next meeting of the IOM sub group be provided to the SBP.	Noted as an action for Dan Jones. Minutes will be provided in due course
Minute 108e 15th September 2016 ASB and Envirocrime Sub Group update	1) Sub-group Leads should draw up meeting dates for the next year (2) The sub-group Leads should draw up Action Plans for the next 3 years, and have these ready to present to the SBP at the next meeting in December (3) A standard report template should exist for sub groups to use (4) The Chairman offered to draft the report template	Sub Group Leads will update the Group at the December meeting. The Chairman referred to in the context of these minutes (and so drafting the template) was the Deputy Borough Commander—Trevor Lawry.
Minute 110 15th September 2016 AOB	Resolved that the MOPAC update be noted, and that MOPAC and LAS updates be incorporated into future agendas as standing items.	Updates have been incorporated into the agenda

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Trading Standards get house back from rogue trader

A 78-year-old man from Orpington, conned out of his £250,000 house, was relieved to get it back thanks to action from Bromley Trading Standards. A Lincolnshire-based man was jailed for five years after being found guilty of conspiracy to commit fraud when he tricked the older gentleman into signing over his house in exchange for property repairs.

Mr B was cold-called back in 2013 and agreed with the caller that he needed house repairs though did not have enough money to pay for them. The conman hatched a deal whereby the householder would get the maintenance done in exchange for some of the equity in the house, while continuing to live there until he died. Mr B was coerced into signing paperwork which, unknown to him, signed over the entire house to the crook. He was forced to move out.

Trading Standards were alerted by a worried neighbour and undertook a lengthy investigation resulting in the conman being jailed and a happy ending for Mr B when his house was returned to him.

The Judge presiding over the case told the conman: "You, together with your co-conspirators, gained an elderly man's trust. You led him to believe you were helping him, but nothing could be further from the truth. You callously deceived him into transferring his house to you."

Cllr Kate Lymer said: "This was a disgraceful and shameful offence. Mr B showed tremendous courage to attend court and give evidence, and has since been recognised for his bravery by the Chartered Institute of Trading Standards with a Hero Award."

Trading Standards Rapid response: 07903 852090



Welcome to Safer Bromley News

Safety and crime is never far from the news. Although we focus on this because it receives attention, statistics show that our Borough, compared to other parts of London, has a low crime rate.

This is positive news but we are working to make sure it stays that way and our partnerships play a crucial role in this. Partnership working is not just about the Police and Council acting jointly but maintaining strong, cohesive relationships with the Fire Service, Health, Probation and Housing Associations, for the greater good.

I would like to thank everyone for doing their bit to reduce crime in Bromley, including Street Pastors who I listened to outline their work recently; all the people who called the Police when needed; all those who have given evidence as witnesses and the countless other ways you have helped make Bromley a safer place to live and work.

Please take time to read the articles in this newsletter which, amongst others, include advice about fire safety and how London's Blue Light Services are aiming to make London the safest city; young people's attitudes to personal safety; crime statistics and a cautionary account of an elderly resident's alarming experience of a rogue trader. It is a stark warning to us all to be alert to different scams, particularly where trusting and vulnerable family, friends and neighbours are concerned.

Cllr Kate Lymer
Portfolio Holder for
Public Protection and Safety

Crime Summit Special

Find out how the Partnership works together with residents for a **Safer Bromley**



London Fire Commissioner Ron Dobson, London Assembly Member Gareth Bacon, Bromley Fire Borough Commander Dan Cartwright and Cllr Kate Lymer (left to right) at the Crime Summit.

Crime Summit: Bromley is safe place

Bromley's Annual Crime Summit at the Civic Centre this autumn attracted around 100 people including partners such as Police and Fire, as well as residents, councillors, businesses and representatives from local organisations.

Organised by Bromley's Safer Neighbourhood Board, it featured a keynote speech from London Fire Commissioner Ron Dobson on 'Blue Light Collaboration on Crime'; an update on crime statistics from Police Borough Commander Chris Hafford and the launch of a short personal safety film made by members of Bromley's Youth Council with help from the Council's Youth Support Team.

Find Bromley Safer Neighbourhood Board on Facebook www.facebook.com/BromleySNB



Together, let's keep children safe

Everyone has a role to play in protecting children and young people from abuse and neglect. We encourage you to act on your instincts and contact Bromley Council if you have concerns about a child. If you have a feeling something is not right, report it. You don't have to be absolutely certain about what is happening.

People are sometimes reluctant to make a report fearing they may be wrong or that it could lead to an unnecessary family break up. However, information is gathered from many sources, your report would form part of a bigger picture.

Act on your instinct

If you think a child or young person under the age of 18 is being abused or neglected, call Children's Services 020 8461 7373 / 7379 / 7026. Outside of office hours contact us on 0300 303 8671. If you are seriously concerned about a child's immediate safety, dial 999.

Bromley Youth Council is a representative forum supported by Bromley Council to enable young residents to have a voice in local decision making and to take part in campaigns to address issues that affect them.



Playing it Safe

Bromley Youth Council has been looking at young people's attitudes to personal safety in the Borough and online.

Bromley Youth Council will soon be launching a new short personal safety film aimed at younger people. The film, written, produced and acted by local young people will address three main issues: peer pressure, internet safety and reporting crime. Scenes demonstrate what happens when young people succumb to pressure from friends to act inappropriately, how befriending strangers online can result in devastating outcomes, and the consequences of not reporting a crime. The film will be posted on YouTube and Youth Council members will approach schools to raise awareness of these issues.

The Youth Council backed up their campaign with findings from a survey which showed that despite the fact that many young people who took part thought Bromley was safer than most places, they still worried about crime. The survey also revealed they had concerns about their personal safety in a number of situations and that they were unsure about their rights and responsibilities around reporting crime.

Linda King from Bromley's Youth Support Team said: "We hope that using the medium of video will be a very accessible way to get practical safety messages across to young people in an increasingly digital age."



Find Bromley Youth Council on facebook
www.facebook.com/Bromleyyouthcouncil

Clampdown on fly-tippers

Fly-tipping and other enviro-crimes are Safer Bromley Partnership priorities. Police and Bromley Council are teaming up as part of the 'Fly-tippers - we're watching you' campaign to clamp down on fly-tipping and other waste crimes. Collaboration on 'stop and search' operations allows vehicles

to be checked and unscrupulous traders apprehended before they dump waste to avoid disposal fees. Traders carrying waste must produce a waste carrier's licence or their vehicle could be seized and they may be fined. Other measures include CCTV surveillance, Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs), prosecution and intelligence gathering. Report fly-

tipping and enviro-crime to the Police and tell the Council too. A description of the offender, vehicle registration or photo is useful. There are rewards up to £500 if evidence leads to prosecution.

Report at www.bromley.gov.uk/envirocrime

Bromley exceeds crime reduction target



Bromley has come through the four year 'MOPAC 7' crime reduction challenge with flying colours. Crime is down by 21 per cent in Bromley across the seven specified crime types. This compares favourably with an average of 17 per cent fewer crimes across London.

"We talk in numbers and percentages but the important thing to remember is that each statistic refers to a person in the Borough who has been a victim of crime," said Police Borough Commander Chris Hafford. "So with our total of 9,282 offences, this means 2,468 fewer victims than four years ago which is clearly a good thing. But this is only part of what we do. The number of Total Notifiable Offences recorded in Bromley is just over 20,000 and this is also reducing from 21,000 last year. Bromley is one of only four Boroughs with a reduction in these offences which include crimes associated with drugs and public order.

"Conversely, there have been increases Londonwide in sexual offences and hate crimes. Bromley has seen 47 of the former amounting to a 14 per cent increase, as well as a rise in the latter since the EU Referendum in June."

The Metropolitan Police Service has saved some £600 million towards the 2020 target and has a further £400 million to save. This has been achieved by reducing staff numbers, selling inefficient buildings and other efficiencies to maintain numbers at 32,000 Police officers across London. Bromley currently has 440 officers, over strength by 20 officers and 20 PCSOs, although this will change in the coming months.

"We have been using the extra officers to do things differently," said the Borough Commander, "developing initiatives such as our Met Trace and Town Centre Teams for Bromley and Orpington as well as establishing teams for intelligence and development and to improve investigation standards. We are in a good place to meet the challenges that lie ahead," he concluded. "I have a motivated and committed workforce who will continue to work in partnership and listen to our communities to continue to make Bromley even safer."

Met Trace makes its mark

An invisible liquid – Met Trace – which enables residents' belongings to be identified under UV light is having a significant impact on crime in areas where it is widely used.

In households covered during phase one of a campaign during which local Police distributed free kits, residential burglary has dropped by 37.5 per cent in the areas covered. Bromley Police handed out 3,681 Met Trace kits during this initial phase, aiming to reach 85 per cent of homes in areas considered at higher risk of burglary, such as Cray Valley East, Cray Valley West, Anerley and Crystal Palace. Buoyed by the initial success, a second phase has seen Police distribute 2,500 kits, with another 1,440 to go, in new areas including West Wickham, Petts Wood and Knoll and Penge and Cator.

Trevor Lawry, Bromley's Deputy Police Borough Commander, said: "Applying a traceable liquid which cannot be removed and is only visible under UV light along with notices to warn would-be criminals that this is in use has proved successful in preventing burglary in areas where sufficient homes take up the offer. I hope that many more residents will use the kits especially now we have demonstrated their worth here in the Borough."



Good Neighbours Stop Rogue Traders

Residents of Bromley can make a real contribution to keeping vulnerable people safe – and get a certificate and medal for their trouble. Donna rang the

Trading Standards Rapid Response number when she spotted some men on her neighbour's property. She was concerned as he had previously been a victim of a rogue trader. When officers investigated it was apparent that, although no criminal offences had been committed, the over-enthusiastic trader had arranged to carry out property repairs totalling thousands of pounds when only a small repair was wanted. Officers helped the resident cancel the contract. Presenting the award to Donna, Rob Vale, Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety, said: "Without Donna's intervention, there was potential for this person to become overwhelmed and anxious at what he had agreed to." www.bromley.gov.uk/roguetraders

Plan tackles community safety issues

Members of the Safer Bromley Partnership are committed to ensuring Bromley remains one of the safest places to live and work. The Partnership has set out its strategic priorities to tackle community safety issues over the next three years. The focus will be on:

- Domestic Abuse
- Preventing Violent Extremism
- Reducing Reoffending
- Serious Youth Violence including gangs
- Enviro-crime and related anti-social behaviour



London aims to be safest city

London's blue light services are working together to make London one of the safest cities in the world.

London Fire Commissioner Ron Dobson told the Bromley Crime Summit audience that, with further collaboration between emergency services and local authorities, he believed making London a safe global city is eminently achievable.

"We want to respond in the most appropriate, effective and efficient way and increase knowledge of safety regarding fire, crime and security," he said.

"Collaborative working and prevention are at the heart of this mission. The London Fire Brigade's (LFB) move to the Home Office aligns the governance of the Fire and Police services so supports working this way. Now we want to increase visibility and communication between the LFB, Metropolitan Police Service and Local Authorities. This approach will also help reduce public expenditure through prevention of unnecessary response, secondary investigations and on-going health care, as well as increased intelligence on fire related incidents and crime."

Commissioner Dobson acknowledged that Bromley's Borough Commanders already work well in partnership

to reduce the risk of emergencies and bring together Borough based knowledge and expertise. Delivery of a range of youth engagement projects such as Cadets, Local Intervention and Fire Education (LIFE) programmes make a real difference. School visits and work with juvenile fire setters so they appreciate the consequences of their actions help too. Sharing intelligence to reduce antisocial behaviour fire-related incidents is also well developed in Bromley.

"We want to build on this good work and make sure people and communities know about safety to help prevent them becoming a target so some emergencies will not occur in the first place," added the Commissioner.

More information and advice at www.london-fire.gov.uk/FireSafety.asp

Scam alert

Keep a look out for trusting and vulnerable family, friends and neighbours.

Criminals are still targeting Bromley residents through a variety of scams as well as rogue trading offences. Trading Standards and Police are working together to put a stop to their antics, but we need your help.

Don't forget:

- Anyone attempting to gain information or bank cards is committing FRAUD.
- Neither the Police, or any bank, will ever ask for your bank details or bank cards and will never need to collect them.
- Police will never ask you to withdraw money from your account to help investigate a crime. **This is FRAUD.**

At the door step:

- Say NO to any uninvited sales people or any workmen.
- Criminals will convince you that you need work completed.
- Reputable traders will be happy to make an appointment at a time to suit you and they will NEVER insist on cash payments.

If you receive a bogus call end it, and if possible, use another phone to call Police. If you don't have another phone, consider asking a neighbour to call Police for you as the criminals will try to keep the line open. Phone someone whose voice you recognise.

WHERE POSSIBLE USE A SEPARATE PHONE AND DIAL 101 OR 999 IN AN EMERGENCY. Or, contact Trading Standards on the rapid response number 07903 852090 (24 hours).

Fire safety tips at home

- ✓ Make sure you have smoke alarms on at least every level of your home.
- ✓ Smoke alarms save lives, but only if they're working. Test them regularly.
- ✓ Stub cigarettes out properly and dispose of them carefully. Put them out. Right out.
- ✓ Plan your escape route and make sure everyone knows how to get out in a fire.
- ✓ Take extra care in the kitchen and never leave cooking unattended.
- ✓ Do not overload electrical sockets and watch out for faulty and over-heating electrical equipment, wiring and cables.



Be safe, be seen

Calling all cyclists: as the nights draw in, make sure your cycle is fitted with adequate lighting and choose hi-vis clothing. Check your cycle is in good working order and if you have any doubts contact your local bike shop.

More information about cycle safety and free cycle training visit www.bromley.gov.uk/roadsafety

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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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