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London Borough of Bromley
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To: Members of the



STRATEGIC GROUP

Chris Hafford, (Borough Commander) (Chairman)
Nigel Davies, (LBB Director, Environmental Services) (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Kate Lymer ((Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety)) and
Councillor Tim Stevens J.P. ((Safer Neighbourhood Board))
Jane Bailey, Education, Care & Health Services
Anne Ball, (Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime)
Daniel Cartwright, (Borough Commander, Fire Services)
Clare Elcombe, (LBB Community Safety)
Dan Jones, (LBB Assistant Director Street Scene, Green Space and Public
Protection)
Sharon Kirk, (Community Rehabilitation Company)
Trevor Lawry, (Metropolitan Police)
Councillor Kate Lymer, (Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety)
Victoria Roberts, Interim DV & VAWG Commissioner.
Councillor Tim Stevens J.P., (Safer Neighbourhood Board)
Chief Inspector David Tait, (Metropolitan Police)
Rob Vale, (LBB Trading Standards Manager)
Kay Weiss, (LBB Interim Director: Children's Services)

**A meeting of the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group will be held at
Committee Room 1 - Bromley Civic Centre on MONDAY 27 JUNE 2016 at 10.00
am**

A G E N D A

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2016** (Pages 3 - 16)
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- 4 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE**

5 QUESTIONS TO THE SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP FROM COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In accordance with the guidelines set out in the Council's Constitution. Questions to the Strategic Group should be received by 5.00pm on 20th June 2016.

6 UPDATE FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

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8 MOPAC UPDATE

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14 GANGS SUB GROUP UPDATE

15 OFFENDER MANAGEMENT SUB GROUP UPDATE

16 ASB SUB GROUP UPDATE

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 15th September 2016.

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SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held at 10.00 am on 10 March 2016

Present:

Chris Hafford ((Borough Commander)) (Chairman)

Councillor Kate Lymer, Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety
Councillor Tim Stevens J.P., Safer Neighbourhood Board
Daniel Cartwright, (Borough Commander, Fire Services)
Victoria Roberts, Interim DV & VAWG Commissioner.
Chief Inspector David Tait, (Metropolitan Police)
Rob Vale, Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety
Kay Weiss, (LBB Director: Children's Services)
Superintendent Trevor Lawry (Metropolitan Police)

Also Present:

Terry Belcher, Safer Neighbourhood Board
Cheryl Curr, Environment & Community Services
Samuel Davies, (LBB Graduate Intern - Environmental Protection)
Dr Robert Hadley, Bromley Federation of Residents Associations
Anne Watts, Education, Care & Health Services
Kate Frail (Victim Support)

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| 64 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | Action |
| | Apologies had been received from Paula Morrison and Nigel Davies. | |
| 65 | MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING | Action |
| | It was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. | |
| 66 | MATTERS ARISING | Action |
| | <p>CSD 16040</p> <p>It was noted on the Matters Arising report that the new DV Commissioner would update the Group at the March meeting.</p> <p>Victoria Roberts had been appointed as the new Interim DV and VAWG Commissioner. Ms Roberts was setting up and preparing for the first meeting of the Domestic Violence Forum. This was scheduled for 22nd April 2016, and invitations would be sent out in due course. The Forum would assist in developing a DV Strategy for the Borough. The Group had a Vice Chairman, but the post of Chairman was still vacant.</p> | |

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| | <p>Ms Roberts referred to the DHR (Domestic Homicide Review) and subsequent recommendations.</p> <p>Domestic Homicide Reviews are governed by Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act, 2004. The guidance states that a DHR means a review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A person to whom he/she was related or with whom he/she was or had been in an intimate personal relationship, or• A member of the same household as himself/herself. <p>A Review is conducted to see what lessons can be learned from the death.</p> <p>The Group noted that any recommendations that arose from the DHR, would need to be signed off by the Home Office Domestic Homicide Review Quality Assurance Panel. The Group were informed that a meeting was taking place the same afternoon--between Ms Roberts and the Deputy Borough Police Commander. This was with the aim of setting up a Task and Finish Group to implement the DHR and Home Office recommendations. It was anticipated that any policies recommended by the task and finish group would be looked at by both the Safer Bromley Partnership, and also by the Children's Board.</p> <p>The Deputy Borough Commander was keen to clarify where the task and finish group should report into. He was of the view that the DHR recommendations were extensive, and that the required changes were likely to be achieved by a gradual process. Ms Roberts agreed with this, and stated that the work of the task and finish group was important, and should not be delayed. The DHR recommendations would be incorporated into the Strategic Aims of the Group. It was noted in this case, that there was no contact or involvement with other agencies, and that the DHR recommendations had been published on the web.</p> <p>The Matters Arising report had also noted that an update on New Psychoactive Substances would be brought to the March meeting. It was still the case that LBB were waiting to review the situation when the new legislation had been passed. Currently there was very little front line supply, if any. It may be the case that the supply was going underground. This being the case, there was no action plan being developed at this time. The main problem currently was with the supply and use of nitrous oxide. This was freely available online.</p> | |
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| <p>Mr Terry Belcher expressed concerns around Nitrous Oxide capsules found in the Ramsden Area. This showed that usage was still an issue. Chief Inspector David Tait stated that the matter was not seen as a major issue by the Police. Cllr Tim Stevens informed the Group that there was a problem with Nitrous Oxide in the Farnborough Area; he expressed the view that more education on the dangers of Nitrous Oxide should be provided in schools. He expressed concern that the problems could increase as summer drew nearer.</p> <p>Dr Robert Hadley informed the Group that around 55 nitrous oxide capsules had been collected from a path used by children on the way to school in Locksbottom. Superintendent Lawry enquired what LBB were doing in terms of raising these issues with schools. It was suggested that Mr Vale and the Chief Superintendent meet to discuss this further. However, it was also noted that the LBB Director for Education had access to the HTF (Head Teachers Forum). The HTF would be an ideal medium through which these issues could be raised. The Borough Commander commented that as things stood, the matter was not a Police issue. It was suggested that Public Health should be able to input into this problem area, and that it may be prudent to raise the matter with Paula Morrison, and Dr Nada Lemic.</p> <p>The Borough Fire Commander queried if there was a disposal risk with nitrous oxide capsules.</p> <p>In high concentrations nitrous oxide could cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. The affected person may not be aware of asphyxiation. In low concentrations, nitrous oxide could cause narcotic effects. Symptoms may include dizziness, headache, nausea and loss of coordination. Exposure to liquid nitrous oxide can cause burns and frostbite. Capsules and canisters contain gas under pressure so could explode if exposed to heat. They may cause or intensify fire.</p> <p>Regular use can lead to red blood cell problems that could result in anaemia. There is a risk of vitamin D deficiency and a link with mood swings and depression. There is also a risk of vitamin B12 deficiency with continued regular use. Vitamin B12 deficiency can potentially cause severe and irreversible damage, especially to the brain and nervous system. Although official figures are not collected for deaths related to nitrous oxide, there have been a number of deaths linked to its use, primarily due to oxygen deprivation.</p> <p>The report referenced matters arising around the Prevent Strategy. Mr Vale explained to the Group that a Prevent Strategy was being developed in conjunction with the Police, and that this would be signed off by the Chief Executive when complete. The Prevent Strategy was a statutory requirement for local authorities. Various training events had already been actioned—there had been 11 training events and 230 staff had been trained. It was noted that</p> | <p>RV/TL</p> <p>JB</p> <p>PM/NL</p> |
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| | <p>funding for training was ending soon. The Action Plan would also incorporate a strategy for public buildings. The Chairman asked if the training that had been undertaken had resulted in an increase in referrals and intelligence. The Director for Children's Services stated that there had been some referrals into Children's Social Care where the staff had been more able to deal effectively due to the training that had been received. It was also the case that Ofsted had enquired about how many staff had been trained in Children's Services.</p> <p>Doctor Robert Hadley stated that school governors were to be examined by Ofsted, in addition to the rest of the school. School Governors needed to be fully aware of their responsibilities, and that Head Teachers needed to be held to account. The Chief Superintendent concluded by informing the Group that the organisation "Growing Against Violence" (GAV) had been working in five schools, and this was good news.</p> <p>RESOLVED that an update on the LBB Domestic Violence Strategy and the DHR recommendations be added as agenda items for the next meeting.</p> | VR |
| 67 | CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE | Action |
| | <p>The Borough Commander commenced his update by notifying the Committee of the current MOPAC 7 crime figures:</p> <p>The latest figures for Bromley Police revealed that over the five year period commencing 2011/12, overall crime over the MOPAC 7 range of targeted crime areas had decreased by 17.4%; this was against a 20% target reduction. At the time of writing the overall MET reduction was 18.10%.</p> <p>The Borough Commander (BC) was pleased with the progress that had been made in reducing the number of criminal damage cases, and asked the Committee to note that the volume of cases of Theft of Motor Vehicles had increased because individuals were becoming more aware that the current MET policy was not to give chase in these circumstances.</p> <p>Bromley Police were awaiting an update on possible policy changes subsequent to the election of the new London Mayor. The Chairman was hoping for a refocus on risk based crime, particularly domestic abuse and other sexual offences. Bromley Police would be adhering to the District Ward Officer and Local Policing Model for the near future.</p> <p>It was expected that Bromley Police would continue to move towards a Basic Command Unit (BCU) structure. The Police Commissioner had recently announced that there would be a move to a BCU model</p> | |

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| | <p>of policing, which would not be Borough based. The number of BCU's had not been decided, but it was likely to be in the region of 10-16. There would not be a final decision on this until the Mayoral elections were completed. Each BCU would have 4 portfolios, which would be Response, Neighbourhood Policing, Investigation, and Protecting Vulnerable People. It was the case that no decisions had yet been made concerning which Police forces would link together under the new BCU structure, but the Borough Commander felt that it was highly likely that Bromley Police would link with Croydon Police.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Police update be noted.</p> | |
| 68 | QUESTIONS TO THE SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP FROM COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC | Action |
| | No questions had been received | |
| 69 | UPDATE FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD | Action |
| | <p>The Safer Neighbourhood Board update was provided by Cllr Tim Stevens JP.</p> <p>The most recent public meeting had taken place at Chislehurst, where 65 attended. The meeting was well received, and the residents were enthusiastic. It was noted that the Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB) had met during the previous week.</p> <p>Cllr Stevens confirmed that all of the funding obtainable from MOPAC for the running of the Board over the last two years had now been obtained. The value of this entitlement was £29k per annum. Bids for the new financial year were now being considered. An email had been sent out previously from the Board's Administrator (Cllr Kate Lymer) detailing previous bids.</p> <p>The next meeting of the SNB was confirmed for 19th May in the Crays. Cllr Stevens asked the Group to note that the governance and administration of Bromley SNB had received positive recognition from MOPAC. It was noted that three other Boards had not held a public meeting; the Bromley SNB was seen as a yardstick for other boards.</p> <p>It was confirmed that Cllr Stevens would be Chairing the SNB for a third year term, and that Terry Belcher would be continuing in the office of Vice Chair.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the SNB update be noted.</p> | |
| 70 | SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP CONTROL STRATEGY | Action |
| | The Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Assessment update was provided by the Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety— | |

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| | <p>Mr Rob Vale. A panel had met in February to discuss the Strategy with representatives from the Police, London Fire Brigade and the Youth Offending Service. Development of the Strategy was ongoing, and a request for data had been sent to partners. Horizon scanning was taking place to identify priority areas. It was hoped that agencies would report back concerning the scale and context of issues. This information would be fed back to Mr Samuel Davies, and all the data and information would be integrated into a final strategy document.</p> <p>So far, five priority areas had been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Abuse • PREVENT • Gangs and Youth Violence • An Aging Population • Reducing Reoffending <p>The Group had to consider strategic ambitions that were realistic; then an Action Plan could be developed.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting Note:</i></p> <p><i>“An Aging Population” is no longer going to be one of the priority areas.</i></p> <p>Mr Vale reminded the Group that the issue of an aging population overlapped with the work of the Adult Safeguarding Board. He preferred that the issue remained with the SBP to avoid duplication. The Borough Fire Commander suggested that the sub-groups should be targeted with KPI’s. Mr Vale expressed his appreciation to Superintendent Trevor Lawry, and to Samuel Davies for their hard work in developing the control strategy document. The newly appointed Domestic Abuse Commissioner was appreciative that DV had been identified as a priority.</p> <p>The Borough Police Commander expressed the view that a key officer meeting was required to develop the strategy to the next level, and to identify the key agencies/officers that would be leading. He stated that the Police would facilitate the meeting. The following “Leads” for priority areas were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Director of Children’s Services would be the LBB Lead • Superintendent Trevor Lawry would be the DV Lead • “PREVENT” would need a senior LBB officer—TBC • Adults at Risk—TBC—Possibly the LBB Assistant Director for Adult Safeguarding | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health—Dr Nada Lemic Education—LBB Director of Education and Interim Head of Youth Offending Service <p>The Chairman noted that there had been problems with obtaining regular representation from the Probation Service and the London Community Rehabilitation Company.</p> <p>The Key Officer meeting would be coordinated by the LBB Head of Community Trading Standards and Community Safety; it was intended that the meeting would take place in April 2016. The aim was to develop a three year strategic plan.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting Note:</i></p> <p><i>At the Key Officer meeting, discussion will take place to decide if a new priority will be designated to replace “an aging population”.</i></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(1) that Key Officer Leads would be clarified where clarification was required</p> <p>(2) that the Key Officer meeting be set up and scheduled for April 2016</p> | RV RV/TL |
| 71 | REVIEW OF SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES | Action |
| | <p>The Purple Flag scheme and the Prevent Strategy are sub sections of this agenda item.</p> <p>The Purple Flag update was provided in its own subsection, and an update on the Prevent Strategy was provided in Matters Arising.</p> | |
| 72 | Update on Purple Flag Status Award for Beckenham | Action |
| | <p>Cheryl Curr attended to provide an update on the Purple Flag application for Beckenham.</p> <p>It was noted that the award was ratified during February 2016. A purple flag was now displayed on a flag pole in Beckenham Green. The award was given for excellence in managing the Beckenham night time economy, which constituted a major part of the economics of the town. It indicated that Beckenham was a safe place.</p> <p>The award was given subsequent to an assessment by two independent assessors. The assessors were impressed by the</p> | |

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| | <p>partnership between LBB Licensing and the Police. A case study was going to be written up detailing this. The assessors would be interested in looking for continuous improvement. There was going to be an initial interim assessment in one year, followed by another full assessment in two years.</p> <p>Training was going to be provided across the board to facilitate the identification of vulnerable people. The Borough Fire Commander was interested in this training being provided to the Fire Service, and agreed to discuss this further with Ms Curr subsequent to the meeting.</p> <p>The Borough Commander asked if the training had been passed on to Street Pastors, and the answer to this was affirmative; it had also been passed on to taxi drivers. Ms Curr informed the Group that the Town Centre Manager had led on this project, but that this post was being deleted as from March 2017.</p> <p>RESOLVED that arrangements for the provision of “vulnerability” training for the Fire Service be progressed.</p> | CC/DC |
| 73 | Update on the PREVENT Strategy | Action |
| | Mr Vale had updated on the Prevent Strategy in the Matters Arising update. | |
| 74 | REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS | Action |
| | <p>The Sub Group updates are noted in the specific sub sections.</p> <p>A Domestic Abuse update has also been provided in the Matters Arising Item.</p> | |
| 75 | Domestic Abuse and Domestic Homicide Review Update | Action |
| | <p>The new DV Commissioner (Victoria Roberts) gave the update on domestic abuse and the Domestic Homicide Review.</p> <p>The update that was given at the meeting has been noted in the item on Matters Arising.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(1) that an update report on the LBB Domestic Abuse Strategy be presented to the Group at the next meeting</p> <p>(2) that an update on the DHR recommendations be brought to the Group at the next meeting</p> <p>(3) that an update on progress made by the Domestic Abuse Task and Finish Group be brought to the next meeting</p> | <p>VR</p> <p>VR</p> <p>VR</p> |

| 76 | Youth Offending Update | Action |
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| | <p>The Youth Offending update was given by Kay Weiss, Director of Children's Services.</p> <p>It was noted that a third update on the progress of the Youth Offending Services Improvement Plan had recently been presented to the Education and Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee (ED 16019).</p> <p>The Bromley Youth Offending Service (YOS) was subject to a Full Joint Inspection by HM Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) in February 2015. The outcome of the inspection was disappointing, with four out of five of six key judgements considered to be poor, 1 unsatisfactory and 1 satisfactory.</p> <p>In response to the Inspection, the YOS, with the help of the Youth Justice Board (YJB), developed an Improvement Plan. The Plan was presented to a Joint Education, Care Services and Public Protection and Safety PDS Committee meeting on 22nd July 2015. The Improvement Plan had been updated and was subsequently agreed by the YOS Management Board and the HMIP Lead Inspector.</p> <p>The updated Improvement Plan showed that most planned actions had been progressed or completed. The Service continued to work hard to introduce further improvements identified in the Plan. The Director felt that good progress was being made on the Improvement Plan. Audits of case work show evidence of improved practice.</p> <p>On 11th February 2016, members of the YOS Management Board attended the YOS Management Board Annual Conference Afternoon. The main aim of this event was for the Board to help shape the Service's Annual Strategic Plan for 2016/2017. The Annual Strategic Plan would eventually replace the YOS Improvement Plan, as it outlined the priorities and ambitions for the YOS over the forthcoming year. The Annual Strategic Plan 2016/2017 had to be submitted to the Youth Justice Board for approval. This was also a condition of the YOS continuing to receive the annual grant from the YJB.</p> <p>The Director informed the Group that due to a reduction in the YJB grant during 2015 -16, combined with the need to meet the local savings target, the Interim Head of the YOS had initiated a consultation process with all staff. As part of this process a consultation report which outlined the changes that were being recommended as part of the restructure of the service effective from April 2016 had been prepared. The YJB has recently announced further reductions in grant of up to 25% for 2016 – 17.</p> | |

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| | <p>The Director noted the importance of partnership working and commented that it was much improved, and in this regard referenced a “Knife Crime Group” for young people that was a partnership involving the Police, Youth Offending Service, and the medical profession. It was also the case that a close partnership had evolved with the Youth Justice Board.</p> <p>The Director notified the Group that an HMIP Inspection was due later this year and a YJB ‘mock inspection’ would take place in the next few days to help prepare.</p> <p>The Borough Commander noted the meeting date for the YOS Management Board. He also expressed the view that the police officers allocated to the YOS were not being properly utilised. This view was also expressed by Chief Inspector David Tait.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Youth Offending Update be noted.</p> | |
| 77 | Gangs Update | Action |
| | <p>The Gangs update was presented by Chief Inspector David Tait.</p> <p>A document that had been released by the Home Office was referenced, and this was “Ending Gang Violence and Exploitation”. The document had identified six key priorities of the new cross-government approach to ending gang violence and exploitation. In particular, it was aimed at local areas that were involved in the Home Office Ending Gang and Youth Violence (EGYV) programme.</p> <p>The six key priorities that had been identified were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle county lines – the exploitation of vulnerable people by a hard core of gang members to sell drugs • Protect vulnerable locations – places where vulnerable young people can be targeted, including pupil referral units and residential children’s care homes • Reduce violence and knife crime – including improving the way national and local partners use tools and powers • Safeguard gang-associated women and girls – including strengthening local practices • Promote early intervention – using evidence from the Early Intervention Foundation to identify and support vulnerable children and young people (including identifying mental health problems) | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote meaningful alternatives to gangs such as education, training and employment <p>There had been some success with the deployment of the “Growing against Violence” program, but it was noted that problems had been experienced with the deployment of the program in Harris Academies.</p> <p>It was noted that the new graduate intern (Samuel Davies) had been tasked with drafting a report that would look at ways of developing diversionary activities and strategies to encourage exit, and promote meaningful alternatives. It was the intention that this document be delivered to the next meeting of the Gangs Strategic Group on March 31st 2016.</p> | SD |
| | 77a Offender Management Update | Action |
| | There was no one present at the meeting to provide an offender management update. | |
| 78 | ASB Update | Action |
| | <p>The ASB update was provided by the Borough Fire Commander. He stated that ASB data indicated a downward trend in offences.</p> <p>The Borough Fire Commander referred the Group to minute 62 of the previous meeting which stated, <i>‘RESOLVED that attention be given to the issue concerning the rising number of Eastern European nationals sleeping rough, and that intelligence on rough sleepers in “beds and sheds” be fed back to the Fire Service’.</i></p> <p>The Borough Fire Commander informed the Group that no such intelligence had been received.</p> <p>The Borough Fire Commander stated that it would be useful to the Fire Service if they received information concerning planning permission refusals. Similarly, he felt that it would also be useful to the Fire Service if they were informed of business premises that were not paying business rates, as there could be links in these instances to crime and ASB. It was not clear to the Group where this information could be accessed from.</p> <p>The Borough Fire Commander cited the example of old petrol stations that had now been converted into premises for washing cars. It was the case that in some circumstances, these premises were linked to issues of exploitation and fire safety.</p> <p>The Borough Fire Commander asked if there had been any updates concerning “fly tipping”. It was agreed that Mr Dan Jones (Assistant Director for Greenspace, Street Scene and Public Protection) update the Borough Fire Commander concerning this.</p> | |

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| | <p>Ms Susie Clark (Communications Officer) informed the Group that a new media campaign “We’re Watching You” was now being launched to deter fly tipping.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(1) that the Borough Fire Commander be updated concerning rough sleepers</p> <p>(2) that investigations be undertaken to see if details of those business premises not paying business rates could be forwarded to the Borough Fire Commander</p> <p>(3) that the Assistant Director for Greenspace, Street Scene and Public Protection update the Borough Fire Commander with respect to fly tipping</p> | <p>SB</p> <p>DJ</p> |
| 79 | COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE | Action |
| | <p>The LBB Communications Officer (Susie Clark) updated the Group concerning the latest edition of the (SBN) Safer Bromley News. This was being distributed simultaneously with the latest edition of “Environment Matters”.</p> <p>The SBN led with a front page article concerning Safeguarding. The SBN also contained interesting articles on fly tipping, domestic abuse, the Purple Flag Award for Beckenham, crime support, mentoring and the newly refurbished fire station in Orpington.</p> | |
| 80 | INFORMATION ITEMS | Action |
| | The most recent edition of the Borough Commander’s Newsletter was incorporated into the agenda and noted. | |
| 81 | ANY OTHER BUSINESS | Action |
| | No other business was discussed. | |
| 82 | DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING | Action |
| | <p>The next meeting was scheduled to be held at Bromley Civic Centre on Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 10.00am. It was noted that this was subject to ratification of the LBB Calendar of Meetings by the General Purposes and Licensing Committee.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting Note:</i></p> <p><i>The next meeting of the Safer Bromley Partnership has been confirmed as Tuesday 28th June 2016.</i></p> | |

The Meeting ended at 11.50 am

Chairman

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Report No.
CSD 16089

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

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

Date: **27th June 2016**

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

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.

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| 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 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 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> |
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| Minute 47 3rd December 2015 Strategic Assessment | It was resolved that further partnership input be sought to develop the Strategic Assessment Document further. | Good progress has been made and the agreed priorities are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent • Reducing Re-offending • Enviro-crime and related ASB • Serious Youth Violence including Gangs • Domestic Violence/ Abuse |
| Minute 50 3rd December 2015 NPS Substances | It was agreed that the Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety would update the Group in due course, subsequent to new legislation being introduced, and that at that time, an action plan would be developed. | An action plan will be developed subsequent to the new legislation being introduced and an update provided at the June meeting. |
| Minute 66 10th March 2016 Matters Arising | The report referenced matters arising around the Prevent Strategy. Mr Vale explained to the Group that a Prevent Strategy was being developed in conjunction with the Police, and that this would be signed off by the Chief Executive when complete. | The Strategy will be signed off in due course, and an Action Plan subsequently developed. |
| Minute 67 10th March 2016 Chairman's Update | It was noted that the Police may be moving to a BCU command structure. Confirmation was awaited subsequent to the election of the new London Mayor. | The Police are still waiting for an update from the London Mayor's office. |
| Minute 70 10th March 2016 SBP Control Strategy | It was resolved that Key Officer Leads would be clarified where clarification was required and that the key officer lead for Prevent had to be established. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Vale is the Lead Officer for representation on the Safer Bromley Partnership • Peter Sibley leads on the operational aspects of Prevent such as enquiries and chairing Channel Panels • Amanda Mumford leads on strategic / policy aspects |
| Minute 72 10th March 2016 Purple Flag Update | At the meeting of the SBP on 10 th March 2016, it was resolved that arrangements be made for the provision of "vulnerability" training to the Fire Service. | Not actioned. |
| Minute 75 10th March 2016 DV and DHR update | RESOLVED (1) that an update report on the LBB Domestic Abuse Strategy be presented to the Group at the next meeting (2) that an update on the DHR recommendations be brought to the Group at the next meeting | An update on these matters will be provided by the DV and VAWG Commissioner at the June meeting. |

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Abbreviations / Acronyms

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| <i>ASB</i> | Anti-Social Behaviour |
| <i>CSE</i> | Child Sexual Exploitation |
| <i>DEFRA</i> | Department for Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs |
| <i>DVIP</i> | Domestic Violence Intervention Programme |
| <i>FGM</i> | Female Genital Mutilation |
| <i>HMCTS</i> | Her Majesty's Courts & Tribunals Service |
| <i>HMIC</i> | Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary |
| <i>HMIP</i> | Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons |
| <i>IOM</i> | Integrated Offender Management |
| <i>LBB</i> | London Borough Bromley |
| <i>LFB</i> | London Fire Brigade |
| <i>London CRC:</i> | London Community Rehabilitation Company (Probation Services) |
| <i>MARAC</i> | Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference |
| <i>MASH</i> | Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub |
| <i>MET</i> | Metropolitan (Police) |
| <i>MOPAC</i> | Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime |
| <i>MAPPa</i> | Multi Agency Public Protection Partners |
| <i>NPS</i> | National Probation Service (Probation Services) |
| <i>NSPCC</i> | National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children |
| <i>ONS</i> | Office for National Statistics |
| <i>SBP</i> | Safer Bromley Partnership |
| <i>VAWG</i> | Violence Against Women and Girls |
| <i>WRAP</i> | Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent |
| <i>YOS / YOT</i> | Youth Offending Service / Youth Offending Team |

Foreword



Note – (LBB Communications) to draft initial foreword. Cllr Lymer / Chief Superintendent Hafford to review / amend as necessary.

Introduction

This Strategic Assessment profiles the Community Safety issues which have been identified as priorities by members of the Safer Bromley Partnership for the period 2016-19.

The identified issues are:

1. Domestic Abuse
2. Preventing Violent Extremism
3. Reducing Reoffending
4. Serious Youth Violence and Gang Activity
5. Envirocrime and associated Anti-social Behaviour

Methodology

In October 2015 the Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety at LB Bromley was tasked with producing this strategic assessment report for the next 3 years on behalf of the Safer Bromley Partnership.

In order to benchmark 'where we are' with regards to Community Safety issues in Bromley, a data request was put out to all partners in November 2015. A subsequent data pack was created and fed back to the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group. More data was subsequently added to this document to capture more sources i.e. more than LB Bromley and MET Police data.

All Safer Bromley Partners were then contacted with the data analysis document, which was to be used to help partners generate a 'top 5' list of community safety issues they think should be strategic priorities in Bromley over the next 3 years (January 2016).

Results were captured and discussed at a Panel held on 9th February. A range of issues were considered and their suitability was discussed; including how much of a pressing problem they are in the borough, what processes are in place for these currently and partnership work suitability i.e. is it a one-partner issue or does it cover many partners etc. After taking into account responses and discussion, 5 key themes were identified from the responses:

- Domestic Abuse
- Preventing Violent Extremism
- Serious Youth Violence including Gangs
- Reducing Re-offending
- Vulnerable Older People*

**Vulnerable Older People was later removed as a key area, as the Head of Community deemed it suitably monitored and accounted for by the Adult Safeguarding Board.*

During this Panel, Lead Agencies were assigned for each category and completed the first two sections of the strategic assessment; providing context at the national and Bromley level.

The final steps included holding a further high-level panel on the 25th April 2016 to discuss establishing strategic ambitions for each priority and the strategic plan up to 2019. Envirocrime was proposed by the Director of Environment as a priority, and this was agreed by Partners to be added as a strategic priority. Identified Partners then completed strategic ambition and strategic plan sections of report, and the draft document was reviewed by partners attending the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group.

Bromley's Strategic Assessment Priorities

Domestic Abuse

Domestic Abuse costs society an estimated £15.7 billion per year.¹ The costs to services (Criminal Justice System, health, social services, housing, civil legal) amount to £3.8 billion per year.

An estimated 1.4 million women and 700,000 men have suffered domestic abuse in the last year, according to figures from the [Office for National Statistics](#) (ONS).

Nationally, violent crime figures show that despite a long downward trend in violent crime, domestic abuse remains a widespread problem which affects more than 8.5% of women and 4.5% of men every year. Two women are killed every week in England and Wales by a current or former partner.

According to the ONS, 4.9 million women, or 28%, and 2.4 million men, or nearly 15%, have experienced some form of domestic abuse since the age of 16.

Research by the NSPCC also points to the impact domestic abuse has on children living in the family with 1 in 5 children witnessing domestic abuse with A third of children witnessing domestic violence also experiencing another form of abuse.

This abuse of children often starts prior to them even being born. The Department of Health in 2004 reported that 30% of domestic violence either starts or will intensify during pregnancy.

Domestic Abuse is the responsibility for all statutory agencies, but can only truly be effective when supported and aided by third sector agencies.

Scale of the problem in Bromley

The number of domestic incidents has increased, from 4 227 in 2013/14 to 4 718 in the 2014/15. These incidents range from verbal arguments to serious injury violence, stalking and sexual offences. Bromley sits in 10th position in the London Boroughs (32 having the highest/worst rate and 1st the lowest/best); recording 15 domestic incidents per 1,000 population.

Strategic Ambition of the Safer Bromley Partnership

Responding to Domestic Abuse is a complex and multi-faceted issue that touches many people's lives in many different ways. In the following years we will be working towards an early intervention and prevention approach, to achieve this we will need a holistic community response to ensure we are tackling all forms of abuse in Bromley. Where incidents of domestic abuse does occur, we will look to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Our joint strategic ambitions will include:

¹ Walby, S. (2009). *The cost of domestic violence*.

- Early identification of emerging trends and gaps in our provision
- Raising awareness and engagement with communities
- Establishing clear and concise referral pathways

Strategic Plan for realising the ambition

Early Identification of emerging trends and gaps in our provision

This aspect of the plan will focus primarily on data collection from all agencies to:

- carry out an evidenced based assessment for the early identification of gaps in services;
- identify what agencies are referring to MARAC with quarterly reports produced to monitor referral numbers;
- assess the number of standard to medium risk cases (0-14 on the SafeLives Risk Identification Checklist) and high risk cases (14+ on the SafeLives Risk Identification Checklist) into the IDVA Service to prepare for future commissioning and strategy plans.

Raising Awareness and engagement with communities.

Our plan will ensure that:

- all partner agencies provide frontline and relevant staff with domestic abuse training so they can spot the signs of abuse in family members and intervene as early as possible;
- Bromley Domestic Abuse and VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls) Forum work towards providing a fully integrated approach ensuring that services are meeting local needs. This will include sharing best practice and highlighting new and innovative approaches at a community level;
- commissioned services continue to engage with children and young people in schools and the wider community, educating and reinforcing the message that abusive behavior is always unacceptable;
- public awareness campaigns are in place to raise the profile of Domestic Abuse to the wider community. This will include the use of social media (Twitter/Facebook/Instagram) and using various campaigns such as the White Ribbon Campaign and UN International day for the elimination of violence against Women and Girls;
- community engagement with all sectors of the community including those that do not at presently have a history of reporting domestic abuse. We will ensure that all diverse community groups have the opportunity to be a part of the Bromley DV/VAWG Forum;
- we continue to challenge gender inequality and negative cultural attitudes towards the various strands of the VAWG agenda including FGM, Forced Marriage, honour based violence and cultural attitudes towards Domestic Violence/Abuse.

Establishing Clear and Concise Referral Pathways

To achieve this we will ensure:

- joint working between agencies to support the needs of victims of domestic abuse and all strands of VAWG. This will include all partners sharing information about their services and referral pathways. Statutory and voluntary agencies will also be expected to have adequate representation at meetings when requested;
- ensure that all local domestic abuse services are aware of the Domestic Violence Intervention Programme (DVIP) that is available to men that are perpetrators.
- a partnership approached to improving success rates of intervention with families that are resistant to support services by using Innovative thinking and engagement from the appropriate services.
- Various agencies will have the opportunity to deliver presentations outlining the service they provide, referral criteria, referral pathways, and service user feedback if available.

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1. Preventing Violent Extremism

Violent extremism remains a national priority, the launch of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places great responsibility on specified authorities to pay due regard to preventing people being drawn into terrorism. Specified Authorities include local authority, police, schools, probation and prison, all key partners of the Safer Bromley Partnership.

Prevent is part of the government's broader counter-terrorism strategy:

- Pursue: to stop terrorist attacks;
- Prevent: to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism;
- Protect: to strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack; and
- Prepare: to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack.

Regular attacks occurring internationally continue to act as a poignant reminder as to why it is essential to keep Prevent a priority.

Scale of the Problem in Bromley

Every local authority in the UK is categorised based on the level of risk that violent extremism poses. At April 2016 Bromley is rated the lowest category out of three. Despite the low categorisation the Partnership recognises the need to remain vigilant with measures in place for mitigating any risk posed. The Partnership will remain focussed on minimising extreme right wing activity, Islamic extremism and all other threats of violent extremism.

Bromley is fortunate to experience lower levels of extremism compared to other London Boroughs. The aim of the Partnership is to ensure that the borough remains resilient to any threats of extreme activity and has the mechanisms in place to effectively respond in a timely manner.

Strategic Ambition of the Safer Bromley Partnership

The key aim of the partnership is to ensure Bromley remains a safe place for residents to live.

Our joint strategic ambitions will include:

- Protecting young people and vulnerable adults from being drawn into extremism.
- Establishing clear and concise referral pathways
- Ensuring governance is in place to support the Prevent Agenda
- Ensuring Bromley businesses and residents remain safe.

Strategic Plan for realising the ambition

The Safer Bromley Partnership has agreed a Prevent Plan for 2016 – 2019; this plan ensures the Borough is fully prepared to identify any risks that may be conducive to any extremist behaviour. Some of the key aims of the plan are highlighted below.

Protecting young people and vulnerable adults from being drawn into extremism

The borough will continue to work to the specific governance in place to safeguard children and vulnerable adults to successfully prevent them from being drawn into extremism. Every member of staff working directly with young people will receive WRAP training, the aim of this training is to ensure all necessary staff are competently trained in spotting the signs of radicalisation.

LBB Learning and Development will continue to offer WRAP training to all front line staff on a regular basis.

Effective use of referrals for individuals identified at risk.

By training all staff members identified in need of WRAP training, there should be enhanced vigilance with regards to identifying any individuals within Bromley who pose a threat. More trained staff may well result in increased referrals into the Prevent process. The Safer Bromley Partnership will:

- Continue to work closely with partners to identify and address any individuals at risk.
- Continue to deliver the Partnerships responsibilities under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.
- Review all referrals made regarding Preventing Violent Extremism and identify any trends as and when they arise.

Ensuring governance is in place to support the prevent agenda

The governance within the partnership is the backbone of consistent Prevent delivery. The London Borough Bromley and partner authorities will continue to:

- Ensure Prevent remains a standing item on the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group agenda
- Work together on the Prevent Plan to ensure that all identified targets are met
- Continue to evolve the work of the Partnership to ensure it remains responsive and reactive to new threats.

In order for Bromley to continue to show resilience to threats of violent extremism the Partnership has ensured Prevent remains a standing item on the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group, with a sub-group feeding into this. This helps to cover the responsibilities of the Act from grass roots up to the senior level. The responsibilities upon the Partnership as a result of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 are still in their infancy and across London there remains sharing of best practice to help Partnerships achieve the requirements of the Act.

2. Reducing Reoffending

Reducing reoffending in adults is a crucial element of community safety. The delivery of probation services for adults are jointly delivered by two agencies; the National Probation Service (London Division) and the London Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC). Over the past few years there have been many changes within the reducing reoffending agenda and how they are delivered; for instance with the split of the National Probation Service and the creation of the London CRC. We are now at a point where the two arms of the service are working together effectively to demonstrate outcomes, and as the responsibility for reducing reoffending gradually extends to more partners, with it owes a greater need to coordinate the work across a variety of organisations.

The National Probation Service (NPS) is a directorate of the National Offender Management Service, an Executive Agency of the Ministry of Justice. The role of the NPS is to protect the public, support victims and reduce reoffending, and this is done by assessing risk and advising courts to enable the effective sentencing and rehabilitation of all offenders. In London, the NPS work in partnership with the London CRC, the Metropolitan Police, London Councils, MOPAC, HMIC, HMIP and other Multi Agency Public Protection Partners (MAPPA) key partners to manage the highest risk of harm offenders in London and to deliver services to London Courts and victims of crime. The NPS directly manage those offenders in the community and before their release from custody who pose the highest risk of harm and who committed the most serious crimes.

The London CRC on the other hand manage and supervise those on community orders, in prison, or released on licence to serve the remainder of their sentence in the community; therefore the CRC manages the majority of offenders under all probation supervision. The London CRC are part of the criminal justice service, working with the police, courts, local authorities, prisons and the National Probation Service and are a key partner in Integrated Offender Management – which brings together local agencies to target offenders causing most concern to communities. CRC staff work with offenders to turn their lives around and protect the public, and have particular expertise in working with gang members and women offenders. The CRC also deliver Restorative Justice which gives victims the chance to tell offenders the real impact of their crime, to get answers to their questions, and an apology. In addition, the London CRC also manage community sentences for adult offenders imposed by the court. The offenders we supervise can be required to attend treatment for drug or alcohol abuse or for mental health issues and may be required to live in a specific place and expected to improve their literacy, numeracy and thinking skills. Other elements of the community sentence can include prohibited activities, and curfews supported by electronic tagging. We also run programmes to tackle the root causes of offending. The CRC teach offenders to think before they act, and address specific problems with behaviour such as domestic violence. Offenders who don't comply with what's required of them can be recalled to prison.

Scale of the Problem in Bromley

The National Probation Service London Division Bromley, as of May 2016, have a total caseload of 294 cases of which:

- Custody cases 188
- Community Order Cases 33
- Community license Cases 73

The London CRC within Bromley have a total caseload of 722 cases as of May 2016 of which:

- Custody Cases: 119
- Community Order Cases: 410
- Community Licence cases: 193

In terms of further statistics around reducing reoffending the MOJ publish the [proven re-offending statistics](#) but these relate back to when the NPS was a Trust. Due to the impact of Transforming Rehabilitation we are currently not able to split the offender groups between NPS London and London Community Rehabilitation Company and work is still ongoing.

Strategic Ambition and Plan of Safer Bromley Partnership

Over the next three years the *Safer Bromley Partnership* aims to:

- Review the IOM function across Bromley
- Reinvigorate the Safer Bromley Partnership Reducing Reoffending strategic Group
- Improve the coordination of the function of the Integrated Offender Management board

In terms of the work of the two key strategic partners for the delivery of Probation services:

NPS London will continue to work in strong collaborative partnerships with key agencies to reduce the risk of serious harm caused by offending. They will use the latest research available and risk assessment tools to formulate robust risk management plans, and also work very closely with HMCTS to support speedier justice in terms of a significant increase of court reports being delivered on the day.

Alongside this the NPS will continue to offer offenders support to resettle and take up constructive activities. The NPS will continue to be represented in Bromley through key partnership boards, and will continue to contribute to the broader community safety agenda and where possible to offer expert advice and solutions. The last two years has focused on embedding the Government's Transforming Rehabilitation known as 'TR'. Now that the changes have taken place this gives NPS more opportunity to explore with partners creatively ways to work efficiently and effectively together over the next 3 years. By 2018, there will be significant developments around the Government's Prison Reform, and this brings in changes to how the prison estate is organised, what support services are offered to women offenders and a greater emphasis on prisoner education and employment, in which the NPS will have an active role.

London CRC will continue to support their service users to make positive changes in their lives, reducing the risk of further victims of re-offending and aiming to be best CRC in the country by 2020. As part of this, the London CRC are committed to contribute to the Safer Bromley partnership to deliver effective solutions to reduce reoffending and contribute to effective community safety.

London CRC are committed to working the partnership with key stakeholders and partners with the aim of reducing reoffending in Bromley.

The London CRC will strive to

- Deliver high performance – through the Cohort Model delivering services that meet our contractual obligations as well as having a tangible positive impact on the lives of the people with whom we work

- Reduce re-offending – deploy a range of bespoke activities and interventions which are proven to reduce re-offending
- Work in partnership within the local community – meet our statutory obligations with regards to participation within the Community Safety Partnership, Integrated Offender Management, local safeguarding arrangements, MARAC

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3. Serious Youth Violence including Gangs

While serious youth violence is a national problem it is particularly prevalent in the London area. It is thought that incidents of serious youth violence are closely related to the growth of gang activity across London. There is now an understanding that Bromley is impacted by gang activity within the borough boundaries as well as experiencing particular issues on the border with Lewisham.

Scale of the problem in Bromley

The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) together with the Metropolitan Police monitor the seriousness of gang activity across London based on intelligence supplied by the boroughs. Bromley gangs are currently rated as being 11th of the London Gang's Matrix.

The growing awareness of the possible risk associated with the growth in serious youth violence and gang activity in Bromley led to the Safer Bromley Partnership establishing the Gangs and Serious Youth Violence Strategic Board made up of senior police officers and Chief Officers from the Council. This Board is kept informed of developments by the monthly Gangs Strategy meeting which brings together a multi-agency group to look at both adults and young people at risk of becoming involved in gang activity. The current Bromley Gangs Matrix has approximately 30 names of which just under 50 % are aged 18 and under.

Strategic Ambition of the Safer Bromley Partnership

Our strategic response to the growth of this problem will include,

- Raising awareness.
- Engaging with hard to reach communities.
- Establishing clear and concise referral pathways.
- Early identification of emerging trends and gaps in our provision.
- Consider adopting the recently published Home Office strategic aims for gangs and youth violence to ensure we have a robust action plan.

Strategic Plan for realising the ambition

Raising awareness

- Early intervention and prevention will be a key strategy to prevent the growth of serious youth violence and gang activity across Bromley. This will involve working closely with schools to keep children and young people informed about the risks associated with gang activity.
- The Youth Offending Service (YOS) will work with parents of children and young people who are thought to be at particular risk of being drawn into gang activity to ensure all family members are kept safe.
- The police and the YOS will liaise with other authorities to gather information and assess the risk posed by young people known to have gang affiliations that are placed or move into Bromley.

Engaging with hard to reach communities.

- We have identified that particular areas of Bromley are more likely to experience incidents of serious youth violence. There has therefore been a concentrated effort to communicate with the communities in those areas to raise awareness and meet their particular concerns.
- One of these areas is in the North of the borough where the boundaries of Bromley and Lewisham meet. The police, Children's social Care and the YOS are working closely with colleagues in Lewisham by exchanging information and alerting the respective boroughs should the risk levels rise.
- There is strong evidence that both male and female young people who become involved in gang activity are at particular risk of Child sexual Exploitation (CSE). Therefore any risk factors connected with CSE are promptly referred to Children's Social Care and specialist police staff.

Establishing clear and concise referral pathways.

- Children and Young people who are suspected of being at risk of becoming involved in serious youth violence and / or gang activity are referred to both the YOS and the Bromley Gangs unit. Those felt to pose a more serious risk may be added to the Bromley Gangs Matrix for discussion at the monthly Gangs Strategy meeting. This multi-disciplinary board can agree the most effective way of keeping the young people and their families safe.
- Young people assessed as being at risk of CSE will be referred to the MASH team for further assessment and intervention.
- Those young people felt to be at particular risk or if there is felt to be a risk to members of their family can be supported by the London Gang Exit Service to move to safer accommodation following a referral by any agency.

Early identification of emerging trends and gaps in the service.

- The Bromley Gangs and serious Youth Violence Strategic Board will receive information and intelligence from the Gangs Strategy meeting, the Bromley Police Gangs Unit, the YOS and Children's Social Care to allow the strategic monitoring of the growth of gang activity in Bromley. They will also respond to any particularly violent incidents or offences in Bromley which are felt to be gang related.
- This subgroup of the Safer Bromley Partnership will report back to the full Board on the development of trends or concerns with gang activity.
- The Bromley Safeguarding Children's Board will be informed of developments regarding serious youth violence which raises issues of safeguarding.

4. Envirocrime & related Anti-Social Behaviour

Envirocrime is a collective term to describe environmental offences such as fly-tipping (the illegal dumping of waste), littering, dog fouling, graffiti and flyposting. These are criminal offences and may also constitute anti-social behaviour; and the visible impact of such offences may encourage other crime.

Fly-tipping in particular is a significant blight on the local environment and is a source of pollution; a potential danger to public health and a hazard to wildlife. It also undermines legitimate waste businesses where unscrupulous operators undercut those operating within the law.

Nationally, there is a growing problem regarding fly-tipping. Defra statistics for 2014/15 show that local authorities reported around 900,000 cases of fly-tipping in England, which represents an increase of 5.6% since 2013/14. The most common place for fly-tipping to occur was on highways (48% of the total incidents in 2014/15) and approximately 31% of all incidents consisted of a 'small van load' volume of material. About 66% of fly-tips in England in 2014/15 were household waste. This was nearly 590,000 incidents; one for every 40 households in England. In 2014/15, the estimated cost of clearance of fly-tipping to local authorities in England was nearly £50 million.

Antisocial behaviour is the main cause of deliberate fires. Many of them occur in areas of social deprivation, but discarded domestic furniture and rubbish, fly-tipping, unsecured rubbish bins and unmonitored open spaces across London provide materials and opportunities for those wishing to start deliberate fires.

Fires are often classified into two types depending on their seriousness, with 'primary fires' being those that cause harm to people, damage property or require five or more fire engines and 'secondary fires' being all other (less serious) fires such as rubbish fires.

LFB has already been successful in reducing deliberate fires but to achieve further reductions our station-based staff will carry out regular visits to areas where communities have suffered a high number of deliberate fires. These visits are mainly aimed at reducing the materials that become the fuel for deliberate fires and improving the security around buildings that could be the target of a deliberate fire like unoccupied offices and shops. LFB will also use the opportunity to identify where people are sleeping in inappropriate places.

Scale of the Problem in Bromley

In Bromley, fly-tipping has steadily been on the increase in recent years, reflecting the national trend. This has a significant financial impact, costing the Local Authority approximately £200,000 each year in clearance costs alone (i.e. excluding disposal costs); in addition to the negative environmental and social impacts the offence carries.

In 2015/16, there were 3,343 reported Fly-tipping Incidents in Bromley; a 54% increase on the number of incidents in 2011/12 (2,180 incidents).

In terms of fires, the LFB attends more outdoor fires than any other type of fire. Most of these typically involve rubbish or loose refuse. Rubbish fires have a negative effect on the local community and can often be linked to other antisocial behaviour in the area. More than a third of the rubbish fires LFB attends are either started deliberately or the cause of the fire is unknown.

LFB's previous headline target for fires involving rubbish and loose refuse focused on those that were started deliberately (or the cause was unknown). The LFB has been very successful and have reduced

these fires by over 60 per cent. Nevertheless, rubbish fires, however they start, are antisocial and have a negative effect on local communities.

Strategic Ambition of the Safer Bromley Partnership

The Strategic Ambition of the Safer Bromley Partnership with regards to Envirocrime and associated ASB includes the aims:

- to reduce incidents of illegal dumping of rubbish to 2012/13 levels by 2019, and increase the number of successful prosecutions taken against offenders
- to reduce the relative Local Authority spend on fly-tip clearance and disposal operations
- to raise awareness of these offences through communications campaigns aimed at Envirocrime education and prevention
- to undertake intelligence-lead enforcement operations in hotspot areas, targeting known offenders
- to set an example to perpetrators via resulting prosecution, fines, vehicle destruction Community Payback etc. and reassuring the public that Bromley is taking steps to tackle Envirocrime
- to further reduce numbers of deliberate fires and related antisocial behaviour

Strategic Plan for realising the ambition

Enviro-crime: Strategic Plan (LBB lead)

A fly-tipping officer working group will co-ordinate the operational plan against envirocrime in order to meet the strategic aims through three approaches:

i) Enforcement Operations;

- Joint enforcement operations together with Police e.g. stop and search waste carrier license enforcement
- Targeted, Intelligence led vehicle seizure operations with the Police if vehicles are suspected of the illegal dumping of waste
- Shared intelligence with other local authorities and police forces, e.g. Kent CC, LB Croydon etc.
- Use of covert and overt surveillance and other innovative technology in hotspot areas to gather evidence which can be used for prosecution purposes
- Use of an envirocrime award scheme if residents wish to report evidence

ii) Installation of preventative street and parks furniture;

- Installation of preventative barriers and furniture such as stud posting in key hotspot sites across the borough

iii) Communications, Education and Prevention campaign to include:

- Use of Local Authority media outreach to raise awareness around envirocrime issues and create a consistent 'brand' for tackling the issues
- Using education for targeted groups i.e. residents and businesses and getting the message across around legitimate waste disposal
- Use of other Local Authority best practice in terms of communications and campaigns

Other Anti-social behaviour Strategic Plan

The London Fire Brigade will be the lead partner in tackling related ASB issues such as reducing deliberate fires. They will aim to do this over 2016-19 by:

- visiting areas with high volumes of deliberate fires, to identify and reduce those materials that can be used to fuel these fires
- identifying potential buildings that may be at risk of deliberate fire setting (e.g. unoccupied offices and shops)
- working with partners to reduce fly-tipping and the unlawful burning of waste
- working with partners to assist and provide support with issues relating to lawful and unlawful waste disposal sites
- reporting abandoned vehicles and vehicle fires
- targets for rubbish fires will take into account all motives for the fire starting

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1 Overview

The purpose of this report is to:

- Provide information to strategic partners on key Domestic Violence (DV) and Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) areas in the London Borough of Bromley.

2 Domestic Violence (DV) and Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) Key Areas

This report will refer to key areas and progress within those areas. Domestic Violence will be referred to as DV and Violence against Women and Girls will be referred to as VAWG throughout.

2.1 Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) 'Susan' – Task and Finish Group

- Meetings have taken place with Superintendent Lawry regarding the Domestic Homicide Review Task and Finish Group. The group is chaired by the Superintendent and we met on the 20th May 2016 to refresh the 2013 Action Plan.
- The Domestic Homicide Review Task and Finish Group will implement recommendations made in the Domestic Homicide Review within 6 months of the DHR being published on the London Borough of Bromley website, and provide an update on this to the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel within the 6 month timeframe.
- The Domestic Homicide Review Task and Finish Group met on the 16th June 2016 to scrutinise the progress made by agencies against the DHR action plan.
- Of the 11 members invited to the Task and Finish Group, only Lina Wallace (Victim Support) and Clare Lewin (CCG) were in attendance.

- The Meeting was held to address and discuss the progress made by the various agencies against the action plan. A refreshed action plan will be available in the coming weeks and if required can be circulated to the members of the Board on request.
- Ongoing updates will be provided at the next SBP Meeting in September.

2.2 MOPAC Contract

Existing services funded by MOPAC until 31 March 2017 in the London Borough of Bromley are:

- DV/VAWG Coordinator post located in the local authority
- Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA) Service – delivered by Victim Support
- Safer Bromley Van – delivered by Victim Support
- Outreach Service and Education Project – delivered by Bromley Women's Aid
- Schools Programme, Volunteer Manger and Resettlement Officer – delivered by Bromley Women's Aid.
- One Stop Shop – coordinated by Bromley Women's Aid
- Perpetrator Programme – Domestic Violence Intervention Programme (DVIP)..

All commissioned services are contracted until 31 March 2017 **only**. No funding beyond this date has yet been identified to extend commissioned provision therefore this is an area of concern. A new funding round will be announced by MOPAC in the near future and therefore a 'Gateway Review' with our strategic aims will support our funding applications.

Key Recommendations:

The Safer Bromley Partnership should consider future internal funding streams including borough partnership funding contributions to extend commissioned service provision beyond 31 March 2017 for local DV and VAWG Services including the DV/VAWG Coordinator post. Request to identify local funding could be presented to:

Safer Bromley Partnership
Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board
Bromley Safeguarding Children's Board
Health and Wellbeing Board.
Clinical Commissioning Group

2.3 Bromley Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women and Girls Forum

The Bromley DV and VAWG Forum is a Sub Group of the Safer Bromley Partnership and is an operational forum not a strategic forum. The DV/VAWG Forum previously met in January 2015 which was an area for concern given the importance of referral pathways and information sharing amongst various agencies to ensure delivery of a fully integrated service to the residents of Bromley. The purpose of a forum is to:

- Share best practice
- Establishing referral pathways with various statutory and voluntary agencies
- Raising awareness of new and innovative approaches to tackling VAWG

- Updating the Forum of legislative changes, MOPAC updates and other vital information
- Having guest speakers from various agencies to raise awareness of their services
- Generally work towards providing the most holistic approach to supporting victims/survivors of domestic violence/abuse and perpetrator support via the DVIP perpetrator programme.

Given the importance of the DV/VAWG Forum I have prioritised re-establishing the forum and the first meeting has taken place (17th May 2016) and was well attended by 25 attendees including:

- Education Welfare Officers
- GP Representatives
- DVIP representation
- Housing Officers
- Met Police
- Portfolio Holder for Public Protection LBB
- Community Safety Coordinator
- Affinity Housing
- IMECE Women's Centre
- Ascent
- Senior Clinical Nurse Safeguarding Children
- Midwife Safeguarding
- Head of Safeguarding Adults (PRUH)
- Senior IDVAs
- CEO Bromley Women's Aid
- Rape Crisis South London

The newly elected Chair Person is Rebecca Hitchen, she is the Operations Manager for the Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre, the Vice Chair Person is Constanze Sen the CEO of Bromley Women's Aid, both are highly motivated and will take the forum from strength to strength.

From the first meeting I have received positive feedback from the forum members, all attendees found the meeting useful and informative. The Bromley DV/VAWG Forum will be held on a quarterly basis and the next meeting date has been set for the 7th September 2016, 10am-12pm, Committee Room 2.

2.4 Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategic Group

There is currently no existing DV/VAWG strategic Group in the London Borough of Bromley. The purpose of a DV/VAWG Strategic Group would be:

- The DV/VAWG Strategic Group will be a sub-group of the Safer Bromley Partnership and work on its behalf to lead on the effective monitoring, scrutiny and governance of the multi-agency responses to domestic violence and violence against women and girls.
- The strategic group is the direct link between the DV/VAWG Forum/ MARAC Steering Group and the Safer Bromley Partnership.

- The DV & VAWG Forum and the MARAC Steering Group report to the DV & VAWG Strategic Group
- Partner agencies will nominate a senior management level representative from their respective agencies to attend the Strategic Group
- The DV/VAWG Strategic Group will lead on the effective monitoring and scrutiny of partner agencies domestic violence and abuse and VAWG service delivery and establish methods for organisational improvement and learning.

Next Steps:

- A Chair Person will need to be identified for the DV/VAWG Strategic Group.
- A minute taker will need to be identified.
- Review membership of the Domestic Violence Strategic Group and ensure the correct people are invited to attend and have the relevant authority to make strategic decisions.
- Review Terms of Reference

2.5 Domestic Violence and Violence against Women and Girls Strategy

The London Borough of Bromley has commissioned a Domestic Abuse and/or Violence against Women and Girls Strategy. The previous strategy came to an end in 2013.

HM Government published its Violence against Women's and Girls Strategy 2016-2020 in May 2016. It is important to align the local DV/VAWG Strategy with the Governments strategy. The strategic aims will support any award of grant money released by MOPAC for DV/VAWG and will assist us with our submissions of bids, in particular if the Borough can demonstrate that it aims to achieve similar outcomes in its strategic approach and direction for Bromley residents.

The Domestic Violence and Violence against Women and Girls Strategy will also align with the Safer Bromley Partnerships Community Safety Strategic Report. The report has highlighted Domestic Violence as one of the key priorities for the next 3 years. We will incorporate the same strategic ambitions and how the partnership will meet these ambitions.

The Strategy is currently being written and we will invite wider consultation.

The draft strategy incorporates all areas of DV and VAWG including:

- ◆ Domestic Violence/Elder Abuse
- ◆ Sexual Abuse
- ◆ Coercive Control
- ◆ Stalking
- ◆ Female Genital Mutilation
- ◆ Forced Marriage
- ◆ Honour Based Violence
- ◆ Trafficking

- ◆ Prostitution
- ◆ Sexual Exploitation

Wider consultations are scheduled for July 2016 and August 2016 to align with the aim to publish the final strategy in November 2016. This could coincide with the United Nations (UN) International Day to Eliminate Violence against Women and Girls on 25th November 2016.

2.6 Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference – MARAC

The MARAC meets in Bromley each month to discuss those who have been identified as at high risk of domestic violence. The MARAC will gather information on victim, perpetrator and any children and implement a safety plan accordingly. All victims discussed at MARAC should be allocated a Victim Support IDVA to support them.

The Bromley MARAC meets monthly and is chaired by the Detective Inspector Chris Wood of the Metropolitan Police Service Bromley Borough Community Safety Unit (CSU). The CSU investigates all reported incidents of domestic violence.

Bromley MARAC was subject to a Self-Assessment carried out by SafeLives on the 9th June 2015 which resulted in a report with recommendations being provided to the borough by SafeLives. At the time of the assessment key areas for development included:

- Data submitted between January and December 2014 showed that Bromley MARAC discussed only 118 cases, this was only 23% of the projected volume of 520 high risk cases that could have been identified.
- Not all referring agencies were in attendance
- Representatives were not proactive in volunteering actions on behalf of their agencies
- Lack of victims voice in the room
- Less than 1% of referrals from 16/17 years old, 0% referrals from victims identifying as LGBT, 0% were male victims and only 2.5% of referrals were from victims with a disability.

As a result of the SafeLives Self-Assessment and after consultation with Superintendent Lawry and DI Chris Woods it has been agreed that a MARAC Steering Group will be established to monitor and be accountable for the performance of Bromley MARAC. The function of the MARAC Steering Group will be to:

- To monitor volume of cases reviewed at MARAC, breakdown by referring agency, repeat cases and number of children.
- Analyse changes in referral patterns and encourage multi-agency referrals
- Report on attendance issues
- Report on quality of research, engagement and quality of responses to victims
- Monitor equality of access to MARAC include minority groups, disability, LGBT
- Review any breaches of confidentiality of serious operational issues
- Ensure all MARAC documentation is up to date and effectively implemented

The MARAC Steering Group:

The MARAC Steering Group will be a sub group of the Safer Bromley Partnership, updates and MARAC Performance data will be fed into the DV/VAWG Strategic Group and a report presented by the DV/VAWG Coordinator to the SBP on a quarterly basis. The first MARAC Steering will provisionally take place in September 2016.

3. Summary

Key areas recommended for development and improvements are:

- Identification of funding streams for existing MOPAC DV/VAWG contracts post 31 March 2017
- Ongoing development of a borough partnership DV/VAWG Strategy 2016-2019 (3 year strategy)
- Delivery of a borough DV/VAWG Strategic Board
- Establish a Bromley MARAC Steering Group to monitor the performance of MARAC