

GLA Community Safety Unit  
For the attention of Mr Mat Ilic  
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## **COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND 2012/13 – LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY**

Dear Mr Ilic,

I refer to your email dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 asking for a response to the following questions:

### **1) Will you be expecting to carry forward any 2011/12 monies into 2012/13, and if so, how much?**

We do not expect to carry forward any 2011/12 monies into 2012/13

### **2) What will be your spending priorities for 2012/13?**

I have provided below an outline of how we would allocate the available funding under the Community Safety Fund, basing these allocations on the continuation of proven projects that have a positive impact on Community Safety priorities in Bromley. As such, we have prioritised activity to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour, to maximise the effectiveness of Safer Neighbourhoods and public engagement in community safety and work to support young victims of crime.

The Safer Bromley Partnership has a range of projects that we are keen to commence in the borough but recognise that the restrictions caused by available budgets place restrictions on all boroughs. As such, the outline below represents our priority allocations for available budgets and, at this stage we have estimated this to be £140,350 (including what was previously available as Young Person's Substance Misuse Grant). It has been assumed, as indicated in your e-mail message, that budgets will be reduced by 50% on what was made available in 2011/2012. It is our intention to use all the available funds for community safety and crime reduction purposes only.

### **Statement of Spending Plans for 2012/2013**

#### **1. Part Funding for the Bromley's Anti Social Behaviour Team.**

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour has been adopted by the Safer Bromley Partnership as one of its key Control Strategy priorities for 2011/2012 within the Partnership's Strategic Assessment. The team aims to prevent, deter and reduce Anti-Social Behaviour through a programme of work that delivers a set of minimum standards for dealing with behaviour such as:

- Nuisance neighbours
- Yobbish behaviour and intimidating groups taking over public spaces
- Vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting
- People dealing and buying drugs on the street
- People dumping rubbish and abandoned cars

- Begging and anti-social drinking
- The misuse of fireworks
- Reckless driving of mini-motorbikes.

The team is made up of both Council officers and seconded Police officers managed by the borough's Head of Community Safety. We are confident that this partnership approach has put us in an excellent position to respond to the recent Home Office review of powers to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour.

£32,900 (Contribution to costs – additional funding will be provided within the budget of the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety).

## **2 Part funding for Safer Neighbourhood Officers**

These officers provide a unique link between the Council and Safer Neighbourhood Teams Safer Neighbourhood Panels, and other interested stakeholders to promote the objectives of the Safer Bromley Partnership and integrate the work of the Partnership into community initiatives. In addition to providing support to communities and police teams in applying for funding from the Safer Bromley Partnership and external trusts and grants these officers act as the single point of contact at panel meetings and action the various issues which arise. Taking the lead on many problem solving initiatives the officers are responsible for the development of projects in line with local and national trends e.g. developing the Arson Sub Group alongside other Safer Bromley Partners, increasing community capacity to tackle problems caused by problematic drug use, supporting the Safer Bromley Van (providing security upgrades to victims of crime and the vulnerable). Finally, the officers are responsible for providing support to Neighbourhood Watch within Bromley and other initiatives to recruit and support volunteers in work to make Bromley safer.

£29,500 (Contribution to costs - additional funding will be provided from within the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety's budget).

## **3. Domestic Abuse Strategy Co-ordinator**

Leading and facilitating the proactive borough-wide partnership response to domestic abuse i.e. to support victims and survivors and to bring to justice and rehabilitate perpetrators. Along with managing three multi-agency services the coordinator has responsibility for the development and delivery of the Domestic Abuse Strategy, managing the Domestic Abuse Forum and its associated Steering Group, and providing consultation and training to other professionals and community groups.

The funding would support the Council's prioritisation of interventions to reduce the harm caused by domestic abuse within Bromley and the Independent Domestic Abuse Advocacy project.

£43,000 (Funding to cover salary and associated expenditure).

## **4. Young Victim's Project**

This allocation provides part funding for a dedicated youth victim project within Victim Support in Bromley. The project has a dual emphasis on working with young victims of crime (both within schools and in the community) whilst also seeking to recruit a younger cohort of volunteers in an effort to make victim support services more accessible to young people.

£8,200 Contribution to costs of dedicated youth support project delivered by Victim Support

Sub Total = £113,600

**Services previously funded through the Home Office element of the Young Peoples Substance Misuse Grant (total figures have been reduced in line with assumptions applied relating to Community Safety Fund).**

#### **5. Teenage and Parent Support Service**

The Drug Action Team through London Borough of Bromley commission a joint funded post in collaboration with Children and Young People's Services to prevent young people from entering public care. The post specifically works with young people who have substance misuse problems as well as addressing related offending behaviour. The post also develops, in partnership with Integrated Youth Support and Youth Services, diversionary activities and facilities that are accessed by young people as a focussed approach to move young people away from crime and into positive activities. This may include access to employment, training and extended educational programmes with input from youth services etc.

£9,455 (Contribution to costs of full time post).

#### **6. Bromley Young People's Substance Misuse Service**

The aim of the service is to discourage children and young people from substance misuse with the focus to support them to abstain from substances and tackle substance misuse related crime. This is achieved through a proactive approach to promoting accurate prevention messages regarding all aspects of drug and alcohol use, physical and psychological health and social functioning and offending behaviour. This is delivered through the service's work in schools and colleges and through social marketing campaigns.

The service also works closely with the Youth Offending Team to deliver appropriate interventions as part of a package of care to young people that are placed on a Drug Rehabilitation Order or where it is deemed that substance misuse is a significant factor within their offending behaviour.

£17,295 (Contribution to service)

**Total Budget Allocation = £140,350**

I look forward to the confirmation and release of the funding allocation for Bromley. I understand that the funds will be released in a single payment at the start of the financial year and that we will provide a brief updates on progress during the year.

Yours Sincerely

Clive Davison  
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