

Meeting:	Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group
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1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report is presented to the Partnership in order to seek confirmation of the agreed Control Strategy Priorities in 2010/2011. The temporary reduction in resources available for crime analysis has impacted on the Partnerships' ability to complete a formal Strategic Assessment. This paper seeks approval to confirm the current priorities (agreed in January 2010) as ongoing until such time as a Senior Crime Analyst can be appointed.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Partners are asked to note the current hiatus in the employment of a Partnership Senior Crime Analyst. In the current circumstances it is requested that the Partnership confirm the continuation of the following areas as the Control Strategy priorities:
- i. Serious Acquisitive Crime
 - ii. Violence
 - iii. Youth Crime and Disorder
 - iv. Anti-Social Behaviour
 - v. Public Confidence and Reassurance

3 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The production of a Strategic Assessment is a legal requirement following the 2007 review of the Crime and Disorder Act of 1998. Each Community Safety Partnership is required to complete an annual Assessment and a six monthly review. The purpose of the Assessment is to present and interpret the findings of an intelligence analysis, and provide knowledge and understanding of community safety problems within the borough. This document should enable partners to understand the patterns and trends relating to crime and disorder, set clear and robust priorities and deploy resources effectively to make the borough a safer place.
- 3.2 The Strategic Assessment should recommend the key areas that will form the Partnership's Control Strategy. The Control Strategy provides the Partnership with a

framework in which decisions can be made about the issues that should take precedence when allocating resources.

- 3.3 In previous years, much progress has been made in relation to the scope and range of the Strategic Assessment and the sources of information and intelligence have expanded beyond the traditional Police dataset to include intelligence from a host of Partner agencies including the Council, Fire Brigade, Primary Care Trust and Ambulance Service. The departure of the Partnership Senior Crime Analyst in February 2010 has resulted in a considerable reduction in the capacity for the completion of the full range of intelligence products across the Partnership. Whilst recruitment is underway, priority has been given to providing the intelligence products that are crucial to the tasking of operational resources. Whilst new detailed analysis and investigation have been put on hold, the existing Community Safety team and the Police analysts have collaborated to ensure that the necessary operational resources are tasked to an acceptable standard.
- 3.4 The recent recruitment process did not result in the appointment of a new Senior Crime Analyst and work is underway to identify further options for addressing this gap in resources. In the meantime, it is proposed that the existing Control Strategy priorities (agreed from the Strategic Assessment in 2009 and endorsed by the Partnership in the Strategic Review in January 2010) are adopted in order to guide prioritisation and allocation of resources. The agreed priorities are as follows:
- Serious Acquisitive Crime
 - Violence
 - Youth Crime and Disorder
 - Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Public Confidence and Reassurance
- 3.5 In order to provide additional supporting information, the 2009 Strategic Assessment and subsequent Review are attached at Appendix A and Appendix B respectively.