

**Decision Maker:** PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY PD S COMMITTEE

**Date:** 21 January 2014

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

**Title:** SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARDS AND SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP

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**Ward:** All

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1. Reason for report

This Report is presented to update the Public Protection and Safety Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on the proposals for the introduction of the Safer Neighbourhood Board, as requested by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC).

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2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Committee is asked to:**

- a) **note and comment on the information contained within the report. The full guidance from MOPAC is contained in the appendix.**
- b) **support the proposals for the Chairmanship of the Safer Neighbourhood Board in Bromley and the Partnership Strategic Group (see 3.1) and the frequency of meetings (see 3.5 and 3.6)**

## Corporate Policy

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

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
  2. Ongoing costs: Recurring Cost
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Budgets
  4. Total current budget for this head: £3.266m
  5. Source of funding: Existing controllable revenue budgets
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## Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 57fte
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not applicable
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## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement: the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposes a duty on the council to set up a Partnership to encourage joint working with partners to reduce crime.
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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## Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All council partners and residents will benefit from the activities of the Safer Bromley Partnership and Safer Neighbourhood Board.
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## Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

### 3. COMMENTARY

3.1 Guidance was issued in October 2013r on how MOPAC suggests the Safer Neighbourhood Boards should run. The purpose of the Safer Neighbourhood Board is to hold the Safer Bromley Partnership to account. It is proposed that the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Holder, Cllr Stevens be the nominated Chairman of the Safer Neighbourhood Board in Bromley , for the first year (subject to the formal appointment by the Safer Neighbourhood Board ) and the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group will be chaired by the Borough Commander, Stephanie Roberts.

3.2 Bromley Council has met with the Bromley Community Engagement Forum in order to build on their experience with regards to engaging the public and how this might best be incorporated into the new Safer Neighbourhood Board.

3.3 It is proposed that there will be around 20 – 25 individuals on the board. The key agencies that will be represented on the Bromley’s Safer Neighbourhood Board are:

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| London Probation Trust       | Youth Representative                      |
| Payback                      | Economic Partnership rep                  |
| Victim Support               | 3 Cllrs (1 rep from each party)           |
| Neighbourhood Watch          | Chairman of the Safer Bromley Partnership |
| Safer Neighbourhood Panel    | Chair Rep Met Police Rep                  |
| Police Custody Visitor Group | Representation from minority groups       |
| Independent Advisory         | Group Federation of Residents Association |
| Faith Group rep              | London Borough of Bromley                 |
| MOPAC                        | 2 representatives from 4 police clusters  |

3.4 Representatives on the board will be encouraged to change every three years, although this will initially be staggered.

3.5 It is proposed that Bromley’s Safer Neighbourhood Board will meet four times a year - three formal meetings and one crime summit event.

3.6 It is proposed that the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group will reduce the number of meetings to twice annually. Representation on the Strategic Group will also be reduced to the following statutory agencies:

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| Met Police          | Local Authority        |
| London Fire Brigade | London Probation Trust |
| Health              | Federation of Housing  |
| MOPAC               |                        |

3.7 The proposed Safer Neighbourhood Board will meet in January 2014 to finalise membership and agree final details.

### 4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 These proposals compliment the London Crime Reduction Strategy and Bromley Councils Policy ‘Building a Better Bromley’.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Financial, Legal and Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Safer Neighbourhood Boards, MOPAC Guidance. Located with Community Safety Team, Public Protection