

Decision Maker: Public Protection And Safety Portfolio Holder

**For Pre-Decision Scrutiny By The Public Protection Policy
Development And Scrutiny Committee**

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Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Key

Title: DRAFT PORTFOLIO PLAN 2014/15

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Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

This report provides a draft of the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Plan for 2014/15.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **The Public Protection and Safety Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee is invited to comment on the proposed Portfolio Plan for 2014/15. The plan includes an outline of activity in all areas of Public Protection work delivered by the Council, and through the Council's leadership of the Safer Bromley Partnership.**

2.2 **Subject to comments from the Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee, the Portfolio Holder is asked to adopt the attached Portfolio Plan for 2014/15.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People Excellent Council Quality Environment Safer Bromley Supporting Independence Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Public Protection and Safety Portfolio
 4. Total current budget for this head: £2.526m and MOPAC grant funding £383k
 5. Source of funding: Existing controllable revenue budgets 2014/15
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 58 FTEs
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement: numerous statutes covering Public Health and Safety, Environmental Protection, Licensing, Consumer Protection, Anti-Social Behaviour, Food Safety, and Control of Communicable Diseases, etc.
 2. Call-in: Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All of the Council's customers (including council tax payers) and users of the services.
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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

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Public Protection and Safety Portfolio provides a lead in the delivery of the Council's activity to ensure that Bromley continues to become a safer place. The scope of the Portfolio is wide, and cuts across many of the key areas of work within the authority. While much of the work outlined within this plan is delivered by the Public Protection team (Environment and Community Services), it is acknowledged that the development of effective partnerships and the support for other areas of activity are crucial in delivering a safe and secure borough. Moreover, this Portfolio Plan sets out the Council's priorities for action in making Bromley a safer place for its residents and those that visit the borough.
- 3.2 For 2014/15, the focus of activity will be to achieve further positive outcomes, while ensuring that services remain value for money. In particular, the following priorities have been highlighted:
- Keeping Bromley safe: we will proactively work to prevent crime and reinforce confidence in the borough as a safe place
 - Protecting consumers: we will work to protect consumers, and in particular the vulnerable, to ensure there is a fair, safe and genuine trading environment.
 - Supporting business: we will work to provide safe food, and safe and healthy workplaces.
 - Protecting the environment: we will manage air quality, drainage issues, land contamination, and pest control, and the Council's emergency planning.
- 3.3 These ambitions are reflected within the Portfolio Plan, and it is divided across the range of service functions provided by the Public Protection and Safety division (Environment and Community Services). The Portfolio Plan also acknowledges the important role played by other agencies, and, in particular, the support for effective partnerships that deliver reductions in offending and anti-social behaviour. As such, the Portfolio Plan includes a section relating to these partnerships and the associated priorities for action. The Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Holder and Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee will continue to manage and deliver services that will support work to reduce harm caused by illegal drugs, reduce youth offending, and protect vulnerable adults within the borough.
- 3.4 The proposed Portfolio Plan for 2014/15 is attached in Appendix 1 and sets out the details of the targets for the coming year. It is intended that the information and activity contained within the Plan are indicative of a broader approach to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour within the borough. Throughout the year, Members will be provided with updates in relation to the targets identified, and will receive presentations in relation to a broad range of work that is undertaken in order to maintain the borough's reputation as a safe environment. Members are asked to provide comments on the attached plan, and to recommend to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety that the proposed Portfolio Plan is adopted for 2014/15.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The attached Portfolio Plan is recommended as a summary of activity and accountability in relation to the Council's role in making the borough a safer place. Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour continue to be significant priorities for the Council, both in the activities delivered across a wide range of services, and in the Council's leadership of key multi-agency partners.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The priorities, as set out in this report, will be delivered within the resources identified in the Portfolio budget for 2014/15 (£2.526m), together with any further external funding that can be secured.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal and Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Plan 2014/15.