

SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held at 9.30am on 30 October 2014

Present:

Chris Hafford ((Borough Commander)) (Chairman)

Councillor Tim Stevens J.P., Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety

Nigel Davies, (LBB Director, Environmental Services)

Sarah Denton, (Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime)

Rob Vale, (LBB Trading Standards Manager)

13	INTRODUCTIONS / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action
	<p>Apologies were received from Lisa Moore from CRC, and from James Cleverley, Chairman, London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.</p> <p>Apologies were also received from Paula Morrison, Daniel Cartwright, Rachel Dunley, and Mr Clive Davison.</p> <p><u>Note:</u></p> <p>Due to the high number of apologies on this occasion, a public meeting was convened to fulfil LBB's statutory obligations, but was not a full meeting of the Strategic Board in the usual format. Certain matters on the published agenda may be addressed at the next meeting; the presentations will be re-scheduled in due course.</p> <p>Mr Steve Wood (Committee Clerk) was not required on this occasion, and minutes were subsequently forwarded to him for editing and publication.</p>	
14	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	Action
	The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 th June 2014 were agreed.	
15	MATTERS ARISING	Action
	The Matters Arising report was noted, and would be addressed fully at the next meeting of the Strategic Group.	
16	BOROUGH COMMANDER'S UPDATE	Action
	The police update was provided by David Tait—Chief Inspector of	

	<p>Operations, and head of the Safer Neighbourhood Team.</p> <p>The Chief Inspector updated the Group as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a police roadshow held recently, where only 32 members of the public attended which was less than expected. • Issues raised at the roadshow centered on police visibility and concerns over future cuts • The police roadshow for Croydon was due to take place in the first week of November 2014 • One of the main issues concerning the police currently, was the matter of violence with injury. Operation Equinox had been launched to combat this. • Operation Bumblebee had been launched to combat burglary, this had reduced burglary rates by 8% • It was felt that the police roadshow had highlighted concerns over child sex exploitation, and domestic violence; it had highlighted concerns over the support services around both • It was noted that Mr Robert Vale would look into the issues surrounding poor attendance at police roadshows, and what measures could be taken to address this • It was noted that the previous meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Cluster was well attended, but that attendance at the most recent one was not so good. The Strategic Group would discuss the Safer Neighbourhood Protocol which had now been circulated. The Group were informed that Councillor Tim Stevens had promoted the document as an information document that could provide useful guidance for parents. • The MOPAC Roadshow of the 11th December was discussed, being hosted by Bromley Council. The Panel would consist of the Deputy Mayor for policing, Stephen Greenhalgh, Assistant Commissioner Helen King, and the Bromley Police Borough Commander. This would be an open public meeting where an update on policing would be given, and would include a question and answer session. <p>It was agreed that the Borough Commander's Update be noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Head of Trading Standards would report back to the Group in due course concerning the issues</p>	<p>RV</p>
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	<p>surrounding poor attendance at Police Roadshows.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Group would note the Safer Neighbourhood Protocol Document.</p>	
17	<p>PORTFOLIO HOLDER UPDATE</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety updated the Group as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Neighbourhood Board bids had been approved. Full details of the bids could be obtained from the Board's administrator, Councillor Kate Lymer. • Feedback was provided on the Crime Summit. Councillor Stevens thanked the police for their support. Ninety people turned up, and the youth were well received. It was planned to do another one next year. • An update was provided concerning the Safer Neighbourhood Review that was being conducted by Chief Inspector David Tait. He would have attended all four Safer Neighbourhood Cluster meetings, and met many Panel chairs to identify if there are areas where more support is required from the MET Police. It was noted that this was intended to be a supportive review and was not about the MPS taking control or dictating to Panels. <p>It was agreed that the Portfolio Holder update be noted.</p>	Action
18	<p>SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD PROTOCOL FOR DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE POLICE</p> <p>It was decided that this item would go to the next Board meeting.</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder stated that he had not seen the protocol.</p> <p>The Borough Commander would brief the Group on the procedure for dealing with complaints at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the Safer Neighbourhood Board Protocol for dealing with complaints about the police would be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	Action
19	<p>PRESENTATION ON TACKLING TROUBLED FAMILIES</p> <p>It was agreed that this presentation would be given at the next suitable date.</p>	Action

20	PRESENTATION ON BROMLEY BOROUGH RESILIENCE FORUM	Action
	It was agreed that this presentation would be given at the next meeting.	
21	REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS	Action
	<p>The Strategic Group would receive updates from Sub Groups at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was reported that Bromley Healthcare were currently focusing on the problems of smoking, lifestyle and obesity.</p> <p>Bromley Healthcare were also providing free training on signs to look out for concerning the sexual exploitation of children, and were also looking for partnership opportunities in this area.</p> <p>Bromley Healthcare had introduced a new smoking cessation programme, and to this end also had the use of a mobile “quitting van”. This was being use seven days a week. The service had been launched on the 5th August 2014. So far 328 clients had engaged and were attempting to quit smoking.</p> <p>It was agreed that the updates concerning Bromley Healthcare be noted.</p>	
22	COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE	Action
	There was no update available for this meeting.	
23	INFORMATION ITEMS	Action
	It was anticipated that a Borough Commander Newsletter be incorporated into the next agenda.	
24	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Action
	<p>An update was provided by Sarah Denton from MOPAC (Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victim Services were now under the auspices of MOPAC. MOPAC were negotiating with VS to finalise an agreement to continue the service. Any changes to the existing service would probably include the addition of young people and of international visitors • A “Hate Crime” strategy had been developed. • A “Funding Pot” had been set up to fund general victims and voluntary groups. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Justice Board was working to improve responses to youth offending across London • Further work was required around the issue of “Mapping the Money”. It was important that proper consideration was given to assessing what spending requirement was needed concerning youth offending in London. It was currently the case that most of the funding allocation had been given to offenders that had been sent to prison. It was felt that more funding should be allocated to those offenders who had been placed on community based punishment schemes • The Group discussed the “Community Trigger” and Bromley Council’s preparation for its launch. It was felt that the Borough was in a strong position to meet this demand, but it was anticipated that the administration of the “Community Trigger” would mean an increase in workload and responsibility for the authority. <p>It was suggested that consideration be given to inviting Lucy Bogue to speak at a future Group meeting.</p>	
25	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING	Action
	<p>All meetings start at 10.00am unless otherwise notified.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting would be confirmed in due course.</p>	

The Meeting ended at 11.00am

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