

Safer Bromley Partnership Strategy 2014 – 2017

This strategy presents the three year outline of how the Safer Bromley Partnership will work to make Bromley a safer place for all.

This Strategy is produced every three years (previously bi-yearly) and is used to identify longer-term concerns and implications of crime, whilst taking into account the changing landscape of the partnership through change programmes due to austerity cuts. 2013 saw the introduction of the London Crime Prevention Fund from the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC). As a result, the Safer Bromley Partnership is driving forward work that will achieve the outcomes set by MOPAC. So far, 2014 has seen Safer Neighbourhood Boards introduced; this will provide the Partnership with a mechanism to engage at a borough level with community representatives, victims of crime and young people.

The three year plan is to be approved at the Safer Bromley Partnership Group. This is a new Group established to build on the previous Safer Bromley Partnership (SBP), and complements the newly formed Safer Neighbourhood Boards (SNB).

This strategy offers a framework of what will be prioritised over the next three years and how. It is proposed that there will be an annual plan, guided by statistical analysis, highlighting what the focus is for the Partnership that year, and how further excellent results will be achieved.

Introduction

The Partnership has made significant progress over the past two years to reduce crime. The Partnership is working towards the MOPAC 7 reduction targets, which is a 3 year plan to reduce 7 crime types, and is baselined against crime from 2012-2013. These 7 crime types include:

Burglary (both residential and non-residential)
Criminal Damage
Robbery
Theft from Motor Vehicle (TFMV)
Theft of Motor Vehicle (TOMV)
Theft Person
Violence With Injury (VWI)

Performance

MOPAC 7 priority crimes	Year On Year Reduction	
	2012 – 13	2013 – 14
Burglary*	2.2% ↓	6.9% ↓
Robbery	18.2% ↓	8.6% ↓
Violence with Injury	18% ↓	11.8% ↑
Theft of Motor Vehicle	3.5% ↓	27.2 ↓
Theft From Motor Vehicle		3.1 % ↑
Theft from the person		10.5% ↑
Vandalism (criminal damage)		

*2013 onwards Residential and Non-Residential Burglary are not dealt with separately.



Other priority crimes

	2012 – 13	2013 - 14
Serious Youth Violence	14.7% ↓	9.1% ↓
Gun Crime	7.3% ↓	17.5% ↓
Homophobic Crime	23.5% ↓	25% ↓
Racial & Religious Crime	14.7% ↓	11.9% ↑
Domestic Violence	15% ↓	17.5% ↑

Overall reduction

Number of crimes overall in Bromley	2012 – 2013	2013 - 2014
	1,600 ↓	1,000 ↓

Policy

The Safer Bromley Partnership is committed to continuously improve safety in Bromley. We want a borough where people can live, work, play and learn safely. Although burglary has seen reductions over the last two years, this remains a challenge for the borough. The Police and Local Authority continue to work together to address this challenge. The Safer Bromley van is used to good effect for vulnerable or repeat victims of burglary. Reducing and supporting victims of Domestic Violence is the work of the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Committee (MARAC) where operational leads from across the partnership work together to identify and support victims. The TRYangle project continues to tackle Domestic Violence Perpetrators, by supporting and encouraging prevention of the cycle of offending. The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) was introduced in 2013 to jointly help protect the most vulnerable youngsters in Bromley. The recent introduction of the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) uses enforcement against the most prolific offenders when appropriate , and supports them to move away from criminality.

Strategic Assessment

Each year the Partnership will formulate and implement an Annual Partnership Plan with specific objectives of reducing identified problems within the borough, ASB and reoffending.

To enable the Partnership to formulate this Plan we will complete an annual assessment The Metropolitan Police

- Metropolitan Police Borough Crime Picture
- London Borough of Bromley reporting data
- London Fire Brigade
- London Probation
- Any other relevant data from responsible authorities

Using this information we will:

1. Measure & analyse levels, patterns and trends of crime & disorder, antisocial behaviour, reoffending, and combating substance misuse occurring in Bromley.
2. Identify:
 - a. the public priorities for tackling reported crime and disorder ; and
 - b. Barriers to 'feeling safe'.



3. Assess the effectiveness of the previous 'Plan'.
4. Adopt a set of clear priorities for reducing crime & disorder in Bromley.

The Annual Partnership Plan

Based on the Strategic Assessment the Partnership group will agree the Plan for the financial year ahead. This will assist the Partnership to set clear priorities (in times of limited resources), and help to shape how available funds are directed.

The plan will:

- Identify agreed priorities
- Identify those responsible for delivery
- Outline actions to be taken.

New Directions for 2014 – 17

2014 – 17 will see the Partnership facing new challenges, with new direction and the need to prioritise more than ever. The key challenge will be meeting the needs of the community under increasing budgetary restraints and significant new developments including the introduction of Safer Neighbourhood Boards and changes to antisocial behaviour legislation.

Safer Neighbourhood Boards

Bromley's Safer Neighbourhood Board was set up in 2014. The role of the Board is to sit at the apex of community engagement across Bromley and to monitor the work of the partnership and associated agencies. The Safer Bromley Partnership is responsible for ensuring this Board is introduced successfully with relevant stakeholders represented. It is proposed that the Board will meet four times a year to review performance and identify areas that Bromley can improve.

Delivery

The Safer Bromley Partnership will ensure successful delivery of the strategy, with regular monitoring of progress made throughout the year.

Accountability

The Partnership is held to account by the Safer Neighbourhood Board. The work of the Partnership is also scrutinised by the Policy & Development Scrutiny Committee who are responsible for ensuring successful delivery of this strategy.



Background information

The Safer Bromley Partnership

The Safer Bromley Partnership was set up in line with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to ensure that the public sector agencies, voluntary groups and businesses work together with local communities to reduce crime and improve safety.

Members of the Safer Bromley Partnership include chief officers from the Local Authority, Police, Public Health, London Probation Trust, London Fire Service, Community Links Bromley, London Ambulance Service, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and Local Housing Associations.

The Safer Bromley Partnership is a strategic group chaired by the Metropolitan Police Borough Commander for Bromley and members of this group include the Metropolitan Police, Local Authority for Bromley, London Fire Brigade, London Probation Trust, Public Health and the London Assembly Member for Bromley & Bexley.

The Vision of the Partnership

The safer Bromley Partnership is committed to continuously improve safety in Bromley. We Will work together to achieve this. During the last year the Metropolitan Police have gone through a change programme working towards the One Met Model. The first stages of this saw the introduction of the Local Policing Model (LPM) which was introduced in September 2013. The Metropolitan Police introduced this across London, with Bromley being within the second tranche of boroughs to go live with LPM. The LPM saw an increase of police constable numbers into the borough with neighbourhoods remaining at the heart of policing. Moving forward some of the support functions for the Metropolitan Police are moving to a hub based model, where a number of borough resources are clustered to reduce costs and optimise the landscape of administrative and support functions. In early 2014 Bromley resources (including duties planning) and some intelligence functions moved to this hub-based model.

The Partnership aims

In seeking to achieve this vision the partnership has established the following four aims which all the partner agencies will work towards.

1. To increase public confidence that Bromley is becoming a safer place
2. To reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and the harm caused by drugs and alcohol.
3. To have safer, well maintained public spaces and town centres.
4. Work in partnership with local communities in high crime areas and empower local communities in local decision making.

Priorities

In meeting the aims of the strategy the partnerships key priorities are based on the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime priority crimes.

From these priority crimes, the partnership will strive to:

- Ensure vulnerable people are safe
- Reducing property related crime
- Reducing antisocial behaviour



Safer Bromley Partnership Members

London Borough of Bromley
Metropolitan Police
London Fire Brigade
Community Links Bromley
Victim Support

London Probation
London Ambulance Service
Local Housing Associations
Public Health

Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group Attendees

Met Borough Commander (Chairman)
London Borough of Bromley
Local Authority
London Fire Brigade

London Probation
Public Health
London Assembly Member for Bromley & Bexley.

Safer Bromley Partnership Safer Neighbourhood Board attendees

The Safer Bromley Partnership is overseen by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime. Representatives on Bromley's Board are as follows:

Portfolio Holder for Public Protection & Conservative Cllr
Public Protection and Safety PDS Committee Chairman
Head of Community Safety & Trading Standards
Liberal Democrat Cllr
Labour Cllr
Federation of Residents Associations
Police Custody Visitation Group
Chief Inspector, Safer Neighbourhoods

Stop and Search Group
London Probation
Victim Support Bromley Manager
Neighbourhood Watch
Safer Neighbourhood Panel
Bromley Youth
Ethnic Communities
Community Links
Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC)
Independent Advisory Group

Safer Neighbourhood Cluster Model

North East	Inspector Andy Buckley
	Bickley, Bromley Town, Chislehurst, Mottingham & Chislehurst North, Plaistow & Sundridge
North West	Inspector David Antionne
	Clockhouse, Copers Cope, Crystal Palace, Kelsey & Eden Park, Penge & Cator, Shortlands
South West	Inspector Ian Brown
	Biggin Hill, Bromley Common & Keston, Darwin, Hayes & Coney Hall, West Wickham
South East	Inspector Toby Noar
	Chelsfield & Pratts Bottom, Cray Valley East, Cray Valley West, Farnborough & Crofton, Orpington, Petts Wood & Knoll

