

Decision Maker: PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY POLICY DEVELOPMENT
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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

Title: MOPAC UPDATE

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Ward: All

1. Reason for report

This report is presented to update the Public Protection and Safety Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on the annual submission to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC).

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 Members of the Public Protection and Safety PDS Committee are asked to note the contents of the report.

Corporate Policy

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

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Community Safety
 4. Total current budget for this head: £1.481m over 4 years (£278k 2013/14; £403k 2014/15; £398k 2015/16; £402k 2016/17)
 5. Source of funding: Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 2 FTEs and staff time covering the out-of-hours noise service.
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): The project areas target specific community groups, as detailed in the grant agreements. The wider community will benefit from the project outcomes.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 2015/16 was the third year of the four-year Local Crime Prevention Fund, directed by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime. The Council is now in the fourth year of the funding programme, and MOPAC has not yet indicated funding arrangements following 2016/17. Internal services funded through MOPAC include the out-of-hours noise service, as well as the Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinator and the Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women and Girls Commissioner.
- 3.2 The programme is monitored by MOPAC through quarterly and annual returns. The London Borough of Bromley's full annual submission is attached as an appendix. This has been approved, following a meeting with MOPAC, and payment has been made in full. Targets have largely been met or exceeded.
- 3.3 The table below provides a summary of the projects for information. Full information is contained within the Grant Agreement.

Project	Description	Rationale
Domestic Abuse Advocacy Project	Funding used to commission the project through Bromley Victim Support. Two Independent Domestic Abuse Advocates (IDVAs) are placed within Bromley Police Station and receive referrals directly through the Police system for every high-risk victim of domestic abuse who reports to the police. Their primary role is to support victims through the criminal justice system and to represent the views of the victim at MARAC. A third IDVA is placed in the community working with medium and high-risk victims not engaged with the criminal justice system and delivering prevention workshops to young people.	The project exists to increase victim safety and to improve conviction rates for domestic abuse crimes by providing dedicated support, advocacy, and advice to victims from their first point of contact with the Police, and to victims in the community.
Community Domestic Abuse Project	Funding used to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premises and publicity for a One-Stop Shop, a multi-agency drop-in advice service, which receives support in kind from Housing Options, Victim Support, Bromley Women's Aid, local family solicitors and the Police; • Keys to Freedom, a 12-week course that educates participants about domestic abuse; • Perpetrator Programme (contribution to costs), a 24-week programme for male perpetrators of domestic abuse, with up to 20 individual counselling sessions for participants. A parallel support group, and counselling sessions, will also be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The One-Stop Shop meets a demonstrable need, and the majority of clients are referred by the Police. It is their first point of contact with specialist domestic abuse services. • There has been a consistent demand for the Keys to Freedom support group, and it has been proven to reduce re-victimisation. • The Perpetrator Programme is provided in response to a 2012 audit, which found there was no

	available for their female partners or ex-partners.	provision for perpetrators of domestic violence who wish to change their behaviour.
Safer Bromley Van	Funding used to provide home security to victims of crime and vulnerable residents. The project is managed by Victim Support Bromley, and the work is carried out by a qualified carpenter.	The aims of the project are crime prevention, reducing fear of crime, and repeat victimisation for victims of burglary and other vulnerable people.
Community Safety Mentoring Programme	Funding used to extend the Community Safety Mentoring Programme. It targets young people identified as at risk of developing criminal and anti-social behaviours, who are referred from the Youth Offending Team and Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, as well as vulnerable young people identified by a number of Council services as at risk of/not participating in Education, Employment or Training. The young people are matched with volunteer mentors.	Mentoring time has a demonstrable impact on the future behaviour of mentees, enabling them to play an appropriate role in society and prepare for a better future.
Bromley Anti-Social Behaviour Targeted Initiatives	<p>Funding will be used for the organisation of Operation Crystal and a targeted 'out of hours' noise services – Targeted Neighbourhood Noise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Crystal will target 16 anti-social behaviour hot-spot areas, with multi-agency operations, with a high-density enforcement focus within each area for three months. • The out-of-hours noise service will comprise of a neighbourhood noise control service and a rapid response party control service that operates outside office hours (1700 to 0300), over weekends (2200 Saturday to 0400 Sunday), and at times of the year when anti-social behaviour through noise increases, e.g. Halloween. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Crystal is a Council-led operation to bring public resources together, targeting anti-social behaviour and enviro-crime, while also promoting local community pride. • The Targeted Neighbourhood Noise initiative is in response to the finding that noise is one of the main causes of anti-social behaviour complaints in the borough – and 2,500 are received out of hours.

3.4 MOPAC has agreed to minor amendments to the Grant Agreement to ensure that the programme directly aligns with local aims and targets. As the Borough has previously met or exceeded the majority of its performance indicators, MOPAC has requested that fewer indicators are submitted for review, in 2015/16.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The project outcomes contribute to the Building a Better Bromley priorities.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The table below details the total funding from MOPAC over the four years:

Project	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	2016/17 £
Domestic Abuse Strategy Co-ordinator	41,982	45,000	45,000	45,000
Domestic Abuse Advocacy Project	21,028	122,539	122,539	122,539
Community Domestic Abuse Projects	55,621	64,619	59,619	59,619
Safer Bromley Van	25,257	27,073	27,073	30,573
Community Safety Mentoring Programme	54,110	58,000	58,000	58,000
Bromley Anti-Social Behaviour	80,233	86,000	86,000	86,000
Total	278,231	403,231	398,231	401,731

5.2 It should be noted that the Community Safety Mentoring Programme is delivered from within the Education Portfolio.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Two FTE posts in the Anti-Social Behaviour and Community Safety team are dependent on the continued funding.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Not Applicable