

Decision Maker: Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Holder

**For pre decision scrutiny by the Public Protection and Safety
PDS Committee on**

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

Title: MOPAC

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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)**

The Portfolio Holder agrees to:

- 2.1 Continue the current projects in year one, subject to a review of those existing projects to ensure they continue to offer value for money and are fit for purpose.
- 2.2 Delegate the decision making in respect of any variations to those projects to the Executive Director, who will consult with the Portfolio Holder and partners.
- 2.3 Receive a further report in due course to report on year two funding when further detail is available.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

All the projects impact on vulnerable adults and children. For example, in addition to referrals from victim support, the Safer Bromley Van is promoted by trading standards officers when they visit older victims of doorstep crime and scams; the mentoring programme targets young people most at risk of developing criminal and anti-social behaviours; the full range of activities within the VAWG projects impact directly on victims of domestic violence and the children in those families who may also be at risk from the perpetrator.

Corporate Policy

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

1. Cost of proposal: £401,731 for 2017/18
 2. Ongoing costs: £401,731 for 2017/18 and £241,699 for 2018/19, subject to MOPAC approval
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Community Safety
 4. Total current budget for this head: £1.481m over 4 years from 2013/14 and £643,430 for two years from 2017/18
 5. Source of funding: Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 4.2 ftes and staff time covering the out of hours noise service
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: NA
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Legal

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

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Corporate procurement guidance for the tender evaluation against the suppliers proposal will be adhered to and guidance requirement for VFM 60% price and 40% quality will be met.
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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 a four year grant from the Local Crime Prevention Fund released by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime. The grant agreement will end in March 2017.
- 3.2 The grant requires quarterly monitoring of outcomes and outputs which are collected and submitted to MOPAC, with a final end of year return. Annual dialogue meetings with MOPAC have resulted in minor amendments to the agreement.
- 3.3 MOPAC have agreed the LCPF will continue in April 2017 for an additional four years funding and LBB, together with partners, are preparing a new plan which will be submitted to MOPAC at the end of this year. The funding allocation for LBB is detailed as follows:

<u>2017/18 allocation</u>	<u>2018/19 allocation</u>	<u>Combined 2 year allocation</u>
£401,731	£241,699	£643,430

- 3.4 The 2018/19 funding is indicative of the level of funding LBB can expect in 2019/20 and 2020/21. This figure includes a 30% top slice for co-commissioned services, details of which will be made clear in the new year.
- 3.5 The table below provides a summary of the projects. The annual submission for 2015/16 is attached as an appendix.

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 available for their female partners or ex partners. 	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 in response to a 2012 audit, which found there was no provision for perpetrators of domestic violence who wish to change their behaviour.

Safer Bromley Van	Funding used for the Borough's portion of a shared service with Lewisham 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 re-victimisation for victims of burglary and other vulnerable people.
Community Mentoring Programme	Funding used to extend the Community Safety 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	Funding will be used for the organisation of Operation Crystal and a targeted 'out of hours' noise service – Targeted Neighbourhood Noise. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Crystal will target 16 antisocial 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. 	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- 4.1 Anti-social behaviour can seriously damage people's quality of life through fear of crime and long-term effects of harassment and intimidation. Older people living alone are particularly susceptible to perceptions of crime, often allowing themselves to become prisoners in their own homes.
- 4.2 Older victims of domestic violence experience abuse for twice as long as those aged 61 and under. Nearly half have a disability yet older victims are hugely under represented among domestic abuse services. In research conducted by SafeLives they found that older victims are less likely to attempt to leave in the year before accessing help and more likely to be living with the perpetrator after getting support
- 4.3 Research by the NSPCC highlights the impact domestic abuse on children living in the family with 1 in 5 children witnessing domestic abuse. A third of children witnessing domestic abuse also experience another form of abuse. Young people that witness abuse in the home are more likely to develop long term problems such as depression, trauma related symptoms and be violent in their own adolescent and adult relationships.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The project outcomes contribute to the Building a Better Bromley priorities, the Safer Bromley Partnership Strategy and the LBB Violence against Women and Girls Strategy.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The table below details the total funding from MOPAC over the four year plan to March 2017.

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

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

6.3 MOPAC have agreed an allocation of funding of £643,430 for Bromley over the next two years as detailed in 3.3 above. The 2017/18 funding remains the same and it is recommended that the current projects continue, subject to a review of those existing projects to ensure they continue to offer value for money and are fit for purpose

6.4 The 2018/19 funding will be 40% less than the amount allocated for 2017/18 and officers will have to reflect this reduction in the proposed plan that will be submitted to MOPAC at the end of this year. A report will be brought back to Members with details of the funding for year two.

6.5 All the services listed above are reliant on MOPAC grant funding. The continuation of these services and any new areas identified as a result of local priorities will be dependent on MOPAC approval of the spending plan.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The VAWG, ASB Co-ordinator and two Mentoring Programme Posts are dependent on the continued funding. Where any posts are at risk of redundancy full consultation in line with the Councils Managing Change procedures will be undertaken with employees affected and staff representatives.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Health, social and related services are covered by Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts regulations 2015,

9. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 In respect of the expected continuation of funding from MOPAC and the re-tendering of existing or new services corporate procurement guidance for the tender evaluation against the suppliers proposal will be adhered to and guidance requirement for VFM 60% price and 40% quality will be met. The evaluation of tenders will follow contract procedure rules.

Non-Applicable Sections:	[List non-applicable sections here]
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	[Title of document and date]