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

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Title: MOPAC UPDATE

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Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

This report is presented to update the Public Protection and Safety Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on the Local Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) granted by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC).

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Members of the Public Protection and Safety Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the content of the report.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: All the projects impact on vulnerable adults and children; the mentoring programme targets young people most at risk of developing criminal and anti-social behaviours; the full range of activities within the VAWG programme impact directly on victims of domestic violence and the children in those families who may also be at risk from the perpetrator; the Community Impact Days will look to reduce the fear of crime, especially amongst the elderly.
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People Safe Bromley Supporting Independence:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not applicable
 2. Ongoing costs: Not applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Community Safety; Education, Care & Health Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £643,430 for years 1 and 2:
 5. Source of funding: Local Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF)
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 1.16 fte and staff time covering 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: In respect of the re-tendering of existing or new services, corporate procurement guidance for the tender evaluation against the suppliers proposal have been adhered to and guidance requirement for VFM 60% price and 40% quality 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 A report to this committee in November 2016 gave notice of the intention by MOPAC to sustain the current LCPF for a further four years (2017 to 2021) but a new formula for the allocation of grants under the LCPF would result in a reduction of the allocation to London Borough of Bromley.
- 3.2 In 2017/18 there are no reductions to the 2016/17 borough allocations of funding. Direct borough funding for 2 year periods (2017/18 to 2018/19 and 2019/20 to 2020/21) provided flexibility for the borough to apportion spend over a two year period. It is likely funding levels for year 2 will be indicative of funding for years 3 and 4.
- 3.3 The allocation for Bromley for 2017/18 is £401,731 and for 2018/19 it is £241,699. The combined 2 year allocation therefore is £643,430. MOPAC have indicated boroughs can decide how they choose to spend the allocation across years 1 and 2.
- 3.4 Bromley took the decision to apportion the grant to the following areas across the two years:

Table 1:

	Priority	Year 1 spend (FY 2017/18)	Year 2 spend (FY 2018/19)	Total
1	Violence against women and girls (VAWG)	£199,000	£194,230	£393,230
2	Wider criminal justice system (IOM)	£7,000	£7,000	£14,000
3	Children and young people (mentoring)	£58,000	£40,600	£98,600
4	Neighbourhood policing (ASB & Noise)	£86,000	£51,600	£137,600
Total proposed spend		£350,000	£293,430	£643,430
		Total allocation		£643,430

- 3.5 A description of each project area can be found in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.6 The commissioning proposal was for one organisation to deliver all LBB Domestic Violence and Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) services. As a result of a full tender process Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid were awarded the Domestic Violence and VAWG Contract. BCWA have worked in Bromley for more than 40 years, they have a proven track record of delivering accessible, innovative and sustainable services to the local community.
- 3.7 BCWA formed a partnership agreement with DVIP (The Perpetrator Programme) to deliver the services listed below. The new service will improve multi-agency working to provide support for not only the primary victims of domestic abuse but also their children and perpetrators.
- 3.8 The new service includes:
- Independent domestic and sexual violence advisors (IDSVA) project (Full description of the collocation model in Appendix 1)
 - A dedicated perpetrator programme
 - One Stop Shop
 - Victim/Survivor support group
- 3.9 In 2019/20 and 2020/21 (Years 3 and 4) 70% of the LCPF budget will be apportion to boroughs in accordance with a revised calculation of the borough funding formula. The formula will be reviewed in year 2 but it is expected, although not guaranteed, that funding for each of Years 3 and 4 will be £241,699.

- 3.10 From year 2, the LCPF budget is split between direct borough funding (70%) and funding for co-commissioning services (30%). The framework for the use of the co-commissioning fund is being developed in consultation with London Councils, boroughs and wider partners under the leadership of the London Crime reduction Board. A task and finish group met in February 2017. Bromley was represented by Cllr Kate Lymer. MOPAC are set to provide a detailed prospectus for the use of the co-commissioning fund by end of June 2017.

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.
- 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 gives a detailed breakdown of how the MOPAC funding for 2017/18 and 2018/19 will be spent across the two Departments: -

Project	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	Total £
Education, Care and Health Department			
1. Violence against women and Girls (VAWG)			
Independent domestic & sexual violence	120,000	120,000	240,000
Community domestic abuse	29,000	29,000	58,000
Domestic violence perpetrator programme	30,000	30,000	60,000
VAWG strategic partnership manager	20,000	15,230	35,230
	<u>199,000</u>	<u>194,230</u>	<u>393,230</u>
3. Children and younger people (Mentoring)	58,000	40,600	98,600
Total for Education, Care & Health Department	257,000	234,830	491,830
Environment & Community Services Department			
2. Wider criminal justice system (IOM)	7,000	7,000	14,000
4. Neighbourhood policing (ASB & Noise)	86,000	51,600	137,600
Total for Environment & Community Services Dept	93,000	58,600	151,600
Total	350,000	293,430	643,430

- 6.2 The table above shows that £491,830 will be spent within the Education, Care & Health Services Department and £151,600 will be spent within the Environment and Community Services Department (PPS Portfolio).
- 6.3 The VAWG projects have been planned on the basis of an equal allocation of funding across the two years. Allocations for the other three projects have been maintained at the previous year's level for Year 1, with a reduction for year 2. Officers will have to consider how these services can be scaled down in order to meet the reduction in funding available in Year 2.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The ASB Co-ordinator and Mentoring Programme Posts are dependent on the continued funding. As a result of the reduction in grant funding, the previous VAWG coordinator post has been deleted. Should any other posts become at risk of redundancy a 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 re-tendering of existing or new services, corporate procurement guidance for the tender evaluation against the suppliers proposal have been adhered to and guidance requirement for VFM 60% price and 40% quality met.

Non-Applicable Sections:	[List non-applicable sections here]
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