

**Decision Maker:** PUBLIC PROTECTION & SAFETY PORTFOLIO HOLDER

**FOR PRE-DECISION SCUTINY BY PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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

**Title:** DRAFT PORTFOLIO PLAN 2017-18

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**Ward:** All Wards

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1. Reason for report

This report provides a draft of the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Plan for 2017/18

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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 The Public Protection and Safety Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee is invited to comment on the proposed Portfolio Plan for 2017/18. The plan includes an outline of activity in all areas of Public Protection work delivered by the Council, and through the Council's leadership of the Safer Bromley Partnership.
- 2.2 Subject to comments from the Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee, the Portfolio Holder is asked to adopt the attached Portfolio Plan for 2017/18.

## Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact:
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### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
  2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People Excellent Council Quality Environment Safer Bromley Supporting Independence Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Public Protection and Safety Portfolio
  4. Total current budget for this head: £1.963m and MOPAC grant funding of £350k
  5. Source of funding: Existing controllable revenue budgets 2017/18 and MOPAC Funding
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### Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 44.4 FTEs
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not applicable
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement: numerous statutes covering Public Health and Safety, Environmental Protection, Licensing, Consumer Protection, Anti-Social Behaviour, Food Safety, and Control of Communicable Diseases, etc.
  2. Call-in: Applicable
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### Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications:
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All of the Council's customers (including council tax payers) and users of the services.
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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 The Public Protection and Safety Portfolio leads the delivery of the Council's activity to ensure that Bromley continues to become a safer place for its residents and those that visit the borough. The scope of the Portfolio is wide and cuts across many of the key areas of work within the authority. While much of the work outlined within this plan is delivered by the Public Protection team (Environment and Community Services), it is acknowledged that the development of effective partnerships, and the support for other areas of activity, are crucial in delivering a safe and secure borough.
- 3.2 For 2017/18, the focus of activity will be to continue to achieve positive outcomes, while ensuring that services remain value for money. In particular, the following priorities have been highlighted:
- Support the Safer Bromley Partnership, and co-ordinate the council's response to its statutory duty under PREVENT.
  - Tackle the sale of age-restricted products, particularly knives, alcohol and tobacco, through test purchase operations.
  - Take action against rogue traders, particularly those who target the vulnerable, through preventative and enforcement activity with banks and adult safeguarding partners.
  - Inspect 100% of high-risk food businesses (Risk Category A and B hygiene) to ensure food safety standards are met.
  - Contribute to maintaining a safe environment by providing the CCTV monitoring service for town centres and other key areas.
- 3.3 These ambitions are reflected within the 2017/18 Portfolio Plan, and it is divided across the range of service functions provided by the Public Protection and Safety Division (Environment and Community Services). The Portfolio Plan also acknowledges the important role played by other agencies, and, in particular, the support for effective partnerships that deliver reductions in offending and anti-social behaviour. As such, the Portfolio Plan includes a section relating to these partnerships and the associated priorities for action. The Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Holder and Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee will continue to manage and deliver services that will support work to reduce harm caused by knives and illegal drugs, reduce youth offending, and protect vulnerable adults within the borough.
- 3.4 The proposed Portfolio Plan for 2017/18 is attached in Appendix 1 and sets out the details of the targets for the coming year. It is intended that the information and activity contained within the Plan are indicative of a broader approach to protecting our environment and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in the borough. Throughout the year, Members will be provided with updates on the targets identified and will receive presentations on the broad range of work that is undertaken in order to maintain the borough's reputation as a safe environment. Members are asked to provide comments on the attached plan, and to recommend to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety that the proposed Portfolio Plan is adopted for 2017/18.
- 3.5 The Public Protection Division also manages the Emergency Planning Service. For information, the main aim for this service for 2017/18 is to review the council's emergency planning process, in particular support the production and review of service unit business continuity plans and the wider corporate coordination of these plans.
- 3.6 A summary of the PP&S contracts are provided in Appendix 2.

### **4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN**

The work of the Public Protection and Community Safety Division positively impacts on vulnerable adults and children. The work of the Trading Standards team to tackle rogue traders and doorstep crime directly affects some of our most vulnerable members of the community. Positive results in 2016/17 and already in 2017/18 have meant that unscrupulous individuals have been either fined or face custodial sentences for attempting to defraud individuals out of money and possessions. The work to prevent underage sales of tobacco, fireworks, knives and alcohol directly impacts the well-being of young people and contributes to the overarching priorities of Bromley's Safeguarding Children's Board and wider public health agenda.

Staff continue to work in partnership with colleagues from other LBB business units and external agencies as part of the Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board

**5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The attached Portfolio Plan is recommended as a summary of activity and accountability in relation to the Council's role in making the borough a safer place. Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour continue to be significant priorities for the Council, both in the activities delivered across a wide range of services, and in the Council's leadership of key multi-agency partners.

**6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The priorities, as set out in this report, will be delivered within the resources identified in the Portfolio budget for 2017/18 (£1.963m), together with any further external funding that can be secured.

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| <b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>                       | Legal and Personnel Implications |
| Background Documents:<br>(Access via Contact Officer) | [Title of document and date]     |