

Safer Bromley Partnership

ASB and Envirocrime Update

Strategic Group Report

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Operational Update:

Community Impact days are an LBB lead MOPAC funded operation focusing on areas of the borough which have been identified as areas where there is a high instance of ASB, environmental crime, arson and other crime. In addition to various LBB departments and contractors, the operation is in partnership with the Metropolitan Police, London Fire Brigade and Affinity Sutton.

- **The aim is to reduce ASB in the designated areas by 5 %**
- **To increase public satisfaction in the designated areas.**

The planning hub is chaired by the Borough ASB Coordinator who is responsible for the overall delivery of all elements of the plan.

The planning team consists of the designated MPS officer who is responsible for the delivery of the police element of the plan. The LFB Commander is responsible for the LFB Operational Plan. An LBB analyst undertakes detailed analysis of statistics and monitors the designated areas for the Coordinator. Affinity Sutton is in the process of nominating a member to join the planning hub with regards to arson reduction /garages (see below).

The operation is concentrated on 4 main areas which were identified by using statistics from LBB, MPS and LFB. These areas are Cray Valley East, Cray Valley West, Crystal Palace and Penge and Mottingham.

The areas are considerably bigger than those of the previous **CRYSTAL** Plan.

Operations started on schedule in April 2017 and are being delivered at the rate of one per month on a 4 week cycle. So far 6 operations have been delivered.

A considerable amount of planning and tasking goes into each operation, and thanks should be given to LBB Street Services officers who together with Affinity staff, carry out detailed surveys of the areas. Local police teams plan operations around ASB and crime and assist LBB and Affinity staff with the delivery of operations around identified individuals and locations. LFB officers carry out detailed fire audits. All submit their plans to the Coordinator who collates and is responsible for the delivery of the plan.

Strategic Group Update:

ARSON

Arson is a major issue in Bromley which is the worse borough for arson. The new Assistant Commissioner of the Fire Service has demanded that LBB take action to reduce these incidents. Most incidents are occurring in our MOPAC areas and I am working with LFB to factor in LFB operations in these areas. I have a commitment from LFB for two officers who will work on these areas looking at arson.

The LFB envisage these officers to be equipped with off road mountain bikes.

OFF ROAD MOTORCYCLES

Moped crime is on the increase. On MOPAC days when Police resources are available we have been deploying the two remaining off road motorcycles to patrol identified areas. Some success has been obtained and we need to look at refreshing this resource so we can expand the targeted deployment. We are currently looking with the Police at what equipment is available.

DILAPIDATED GARAGES

The LFB have raised the issue of the prolific amount of arson being committed in the Borough. Dilapidated garages are becoming a focal point for ASB/drugs and arson and moped crime. I am with the planning team devising a plan-- working with SNTs and Affinity Sutton to identify garages where action can be taken to neutralise the location as a site of crime, ASB and arson. (Garage plan up and starting 19th October. This is linked with the MPS Moped Crime Operation.)

OPERATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

It is far too early to look at statistics over the long term; however as part of the targeted visits to high profile addresses and nominals, officers in the area report a drop in on street ASB. (Following a 4 month review we are looking at making these visits even more effective).

Sample of results:

- 11 crime arrests have been made,
- 2 firearms recovered,
- 50 tons of rubbish cleared (the total is going down at each location)
- 803 square meters of graffiti cleared
- 60 targeted stops
- 13 stolen vehicles seized or recovered.(mainly by the Off Road Motorcycle Team)
- Arson reduced by 50%
- 4 warrants executed and a substantial amount of drugs recovered.
- 25 FPNs issued for various offences
- 83 vehicles stopped for various offences-- 8 seized
- 2 Section 59 seizures (Mopeds)
- 2500 MOPAC Day leaflets delivered to households in the MOPAC areas
- 43 high profile offenders visited concerning ASB and Nuisance
- 6 ABCs issued to high profile ASB nominals.
- 22 abandoned vehicles dealt with.
- Considerable interaction with the local community in the four areas.

Action Plan Update

- Because of the demand in Cray Valley East, Cray West and Penge on Street Services-- there will be a Kier upgrade on these days of 2 extra men and a van
- Further funding is available to supply ID Verdi staff to undertake the cutting back of vegetation that is highlighted on EVAs prior to operations as a fly tipping or crime location.

Action for Safer Bromley Partnership:

If possible-- sponsorship for two bikes and servicing.

It would cost around a maximum £1600 to purchase two suitable bikes, a service plan, logos and personal equipment.

Could enquiries be made with the Portfolio Holder to see if funding would be available to cover the cost? The bikes would be deployed 7 days a week on the identified MOPAC areas and would further cut arson, and they would also assist LBB Street Services with other areas of the Borough.

To look at the purchase of two off road motor bikes for use by MPS officers on MOPAC days and daily patrols.

The two available officers have had an impact with arrests and interventions when deployed. Should the principle be agreed, then work will start on identifying a suitable supplier and motorcycle.