

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

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Title: MOPAC UPDATE

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Ward: All

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 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), in particular the progress of the Community Impact Days.
- 1.2 A separate report for the Violence Against Women and Girls element of the Fund has been produced and is listed as another agenda item.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 Members of the Public Protection and Safety Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note and comment on the content of this report.
- 2.2 To note that a further report will be submitted to the January PDS meeting with proposals for a reduction in service to match the funding available for 2018/19.

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 Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres Healthy Bromley
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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 (2017/182018/19).
 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: Statutory Requirement: Further Details: noise service only
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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Procurement

1. NA.
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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. Details of the full project were provided to this committee on 29th June 2017 and are attached as Appendix 1.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: NA

3. COMMENTARY

3.1 A report to this committee in June 2017 gave details of the LCPF grant funded projects. 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.

3.2 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

3.3 This report updates the committee on the progress of Community Impact Days, Bromley Mentoring Service, Integrated Offender Management and the Out of Hours Noise Service. Appendix 1 sets out the details of the projects.

3.4 There is a separate report with an update on the VAWG services funded by MOPAC, elsewhere on this agenda.

Community Impact Days

3.5 Community Impact Days are LBB lead MOPAC funded operations focusing on areas of the Borough which have been identified as areas where there is a high instance of antisocial behaviour (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.

3.6 The planning hub is chaired by the 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 carries out detailed analysis of statistics and monitors the designated areas. Affinity Sutton is in the process of nominating a member to join the planning.

3.7 There have been seven Community Impact Days since April 2017. Operations are centred on the four main Crime and ASB areas of the Borough. Highlights so far are:

- 11 Crime arrests have been made
- 2 Firearms recovered
- 50 tons of rubbish cleared (the total is going down at each location)
- 803 square metres 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 MOPAC areas
 - 43 High Profile offenders visited about 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.
- 3.8 Prior to Community Impact Days commencing the LFB highlighted concerns with the level amount of arson in the Borough. Arson reports recorded by the LFB are currently down by 50% as a result of prompt removal of rubbish identified as suitable for arson alongside other collaborative work.
- 3.9 Dilapidated garages are becoming a focal point for ASB/drugs and arson and MOPED Crime. Work is underway to identify garages where action can be taken to neutralise the location as a site of crime, ASB and arson.
- 3.10 The ASB Unit continue to undertake actions under the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014. 13 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) and 2 Criminal Behaviour Order notices were served during this time. One ABC has been put on hold as the individual concerned was moved out of the borough by social services.
- 3.11 A multiagency ASB panel has been established, previously the Registered Social Landlord panel, in order that issues around persistent anti-social behaviour is discussed, shared and targeted.

Bromley Mentoring Service

- 3.12 The Bromley Mentoring Initiative continues to match mentors with young people. Currently 78 young people are receiving one to one support from Mentors. 36 new mentors have been recruited since April 2017.
- 3.13 The target population for the Bromley Mentoring Initiative focuses on those young people who experience the following issues which are likely to make them more at risk of offending. The initiative is open to any young person aged 10 and above who is experiencing: poor housing/living in a neighbourhood with poor services, financial hardship, difficulties achieving at or attending school, bullying (victim or perpetrator), behavioural or anger issues, fixed/permanent school exclusion, specific learning difficulties (e.g. dyslexia), violence/conflict or drug/alcohol issues within the family/social environment, family/peer group attitudes which condone crime, spending time in local authority care, self-harm, self-confidence or esteem issues, NEET, or at risk of NEET, YOS Triage attendees and those involved or at risk of gang activity.

Integrated Offender Management

- 3.14 The Integrated Offender Management working group has received improved attendance from essential partners such as Oxleas to ensure opportunities to reoffend are minimised. The IOM Coordinator has led on planning a mini jobs fair. This involves the Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) Education and Training Coordinator, Blue Sky organisation and Go Train and is organised for the 16th November 2017. This will be a drop in event to offer advice on training and employment opportunities for ex-offenders.

Out Of Hours Noise Service

- 3.15 The service remains at the vanguard of public protection outside of normal working hours when day time Environmental Health Officers are unavailable for residents to contact. Since the start of this financial year just under 600 enquiries have been dealt with by the duty out of hours Officer.
- 3.16 The service is instrumental in providing a swift resolution to numerous issues, including witnessing construction noise outside of permitted hours, witnessing breaches of formal Notices and complementing day time officer work as required.

3.17 A number of successful prosecutions have resulted from the Service when it would not have been possible to witness the perpetrator during office hours. This has led to a reduction in resource required to resolve a number of complex cases.

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.

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	<u>257,000</u>	<u>234,830</u>	<u>491,830</u>
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	<u>93,000</u>	<u>58,600</u>	<u>151,600</u>
Total	<u><u>350,000</u></u>	<u><u>293,430</u></u>	<u><u>643,430</u></u>

6.2 A further report will be brought back to Members in January with proposals for reducing services to meet the decreased level of funding that is available for 2018/19.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The ASB Co-ordinator Post is dependent on continued funding. There is a reduction of £34,400 from April 2018 the Portfolio Holder will be supplied a report once the financial position has been confirmed. 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 There is a statutory requirement under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to investigate noise complaints.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Procurement Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	The MOPAC Update ES17039, 29 th June 2017