

Report No.
ES19016.

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: PUBLIC PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY
DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 30 January 2019

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Key

Title: MOPAC UPDATE

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Chief Officer: Executive Director of Environment & Community Services

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report updates the Public Protection and Safety Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on the Local Crime Prevention Fund granted by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and follows the report ES18044 dated 3rd July 2018.
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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.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: All the projects delivered under the London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) grant impact on vulnerable adults and children: the mentoring programme targets young people most at risk of developing criminal and anti-social behaviours; the VAWG [programme impacts directly on victims of domestic violence and the children in those families: and the Community Impact days 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 Excellent Council Safe Bromley Supporting Independence Healthy Bromley:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: £634.28k
 2. Ongoing costs: £317.14k per annum for 2019/20 and 2020/21
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Community Safety; Education, Care & Health Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £317.14k
 5. Source of funding: London Crime Prevention Fund
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 1.16fte 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: Statutory Requirement: Further Details – Noise Service only
 2. Call-in: Not 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): The projects cover a wide area of groups as detailed in the grant agreement. The wider community benefits from the project outcomes.
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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 The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) has responsibility for the London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) which was created to be distributed across London local authorities to deliver community safety and crime reduction initiatives.
- 3.2 The first tranche of funding was released to the Council in 2012, and provided a total of £1.481 million over four years to March 2017. The projects delivered included: initiatives to tackle Anti-social behaviour, out of hours noise complaints, mentoring for young people and domestic violence. Each project area was agreed by MOPAC and accompanied by a set of performance indicators which were reported against quarterly and annually.
- 3.3 MOPAC continued the current LCPF for a further four years (2017 to 2021), but used a new formula for the allocation of grants. As a result, 30% was top sliced for co-commissioned projects, and the funding received by the Council was reduced. The grant agreement was a two plus two year allocation, with the amount allocated in year 1 and year 2 proportioned at the discretion of the Authority. The allocation for Bromley was £643,430 in total.
- 3.4 Proposed funding for the second two years (2019 to 2021) was predicted to be £483,398, however since July 2018 MOPAC have reviewed the scoring indicators upon which the substantive LCPF allocation for the remaining two years would be based.
- 3.5 On 23rd October 2018 MOPAC wrote to the Council confirming that the funding allocation for 2019/20 and 2020/21 would be £634,280. This equates to £317,140 per year, and represents an increase of £150,882 compared to the previously predicted figure of £483,398.
- 3.6 The Council submitted project proposals to MOPAC on 23rd November 2018 which MOPAC reviewed and provided feedback in December 2018. On considering the feedback, the submission was amended and re-sent to MOPAC on 18th January 2019, and it is expected they will agree and confirm the new grant agreements by the end of January 2019.
- 3.7 All the existing projects have been agreed and the allocation of funds is as follows:

MOPAC approved Projects	2019/20	2020/21	Total
	£	£	£
1. Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG)			
IDVA project	120,000	120,000	240,000
Community Domestic Abuse	29,000	29,000	58,000
DV Perpetrator Programme	30,000	30,000	60,000
VAWG Strategic Manager	26,840	26,840	53,680
TOTAL VAWG	205,840	205,840	411,680
2. Children and Young People (Mentoring)	40,600	40,600	81,200
Total for ECHS Department	246,440	246,440	492,880
3. Wider Criminal Justice System (IOM)	7,000	7,000	14,000
4. Neighbourhood Policing (ASB & Noise)	63,700	63,700	127,400
Total for ECS Department	70,700	70,700	141,400
TOTAL LCPF FUNDING	317,140	317,140	634,280

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

4.1 The Bromley Mentoring project targets young people most at risk of developing criminal and anti-social behaviours; the VAWG programme impacts directly on victims of domestic abuse and the children in those families; Community Impact Days aim to reduce the fear of crime and reduce anti-social behaviour in areas where vulnerable adults and children are most at risk; the noise service seeks to respond to complaints of noise in the community which can impact the health and well-being of all residents.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Bromley has received a provisional allocation of LCPF funding totalling £634,280 for 2019/20 and 2020/21. Confirmation is expected from MOPAC at the end of January 2019.

6.2 The table in 3.7 sets out the grant funding and how it will be distributed across the projects, over the two year period.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The ASB Co-ordinator post is dependent on the LCPF grant. The reduction in the grant was bridged in Year 1 and 2 with the re-alignment of the total budget for the ASB & Noise project. The funding from 1st April 2019 for this project will not be sufficient to deliver the Out of Hours Noise service and a full time ASB Coordinator post. Should this post become at risk to redundancy a full consultation in line with the Councils Managing Change procedures will be undertaken with the employee affected and staff representatives.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There is a statutory requirement under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to investigate noise complaints.

8.2 Domestic abuse sits within an increasingly growing body of legislation, policy and guidance that is applicable to victims, perpetrators and children, including the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 which places a duty on local authorities and the police to work together with other agencies to tackle crime at a local level through the provision of a Community Safety Strategy.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Procurement Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	ES18044 3 rd July 2018