

Decision Maker: PUBLIC PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Public Protection & Enforcement PDS Committee on

Date: 26 June 2019

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Key

Title: Public Protection and Enforcement Portfolio Plan 2019/20

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Ward: All Wards

1. Reason for report

This report presents the draft 2019 Public Protection and Enforcement Portfolio Plan for scrutiny by PDS Members and subsequent endorsement by the Public Protection and Enforcement Portfolio Holder.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **That the Public Protection and Enforcement PDS Committee:**

- **Considers the draft Portfolio Plan (Appendix 1) and provides comments to the Portfolio Holder.**

2.2 **That the Public Protection and Enforcement Portfolio Holder:**

- **Endorses the outcomes, aims and performance measures set out in the draft 2019 Public Protection and Enforcement Portfolio Plan, taking into account the 2019 budget and the views of this Committee.**

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Public Protection and Enforcement services are used by all residents, including vulnerable adults and children. Where vulnerable adults or children may potentially be affected by a proposal or contract, the issues would be covered in that particular report, plan or contract rather than this strategic document.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council Quality Environment Safe Bromley Supporting Independence Healthy Bromley
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: N/A
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Public Protection & Enforcement Portfolio
 4. Total current budget for this head: £2.61m
 5. Source of funding: Existing controllable revenue budget for 2019/20
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 51.1FTEs
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Detail of the service contracts to which this portfolio plan relates are maintained on the Council's Contracts Database, summaries of which are reported to this Committee as part of the Contract Register on a bi-annual cycle. Contractor Performance is scrutinised on a regular basis and contracts are procured in line with all applicable legislation and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All residents and visitors
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Public Protection and Enforcement Portfolio leads the delivery of the Council's individual and coordinated activity to ensure that Bromley continues to being a safe and healthy place for those who live, visit or work in the borough, now, and for future generations. The scope of the Portfolio is wide and cuts across many of the key areas of work within the authority. Essentially if an enforcement issue affects the health, wellbeing or safety of the public, or the stewardship of our natural or built environment, it is likely that services within the Portfolio will have an active role to play.
- 3.2 In addition to Public Protection, this portfolio plan encompasses Planning Enforcement, Neighbourhood Management Environmental Enforcement, and Parking Enforcement.

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- 4.1 Vulnerable adults and children are at increased risk from the adverse impacts of issues such as: unfit food, poor housing conditions and being targeted by rouge traders. The enforcement work of all the teams within the Public Protection Division play a vital part in safeguarding the health, safety and wellbeing of vulnerable groups; specific examples from the Food Safety, Housing Enforcement and Trading Standards Teams are given below.
- 4.2 The Food Safety Team plays a vital part in safeguarding the vulnerable particularly in relation to educational and care homes settings. Good nutrition and safe food are essential to everyone's health and wellbeing which is further enhanced in terms of vulnerable adults and children. The enforcement of food regulations ensures that food provided in these settings is safe, therefore protecting our vulnerable residents.
- 4.3 The impact of poor housing is exacerbated for vulnerable adults and children, and the Housing Enforcement team works to ensure acceptable standards are maintained and enforcement action is taken if these standards are not met. In addition, the work of the Trading Standards team to tackle rouge traders and doorstep crime directly affects some of our most vulnerable members of the community. Positive results in 2018/19 and 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 and alcohol protects vulnerable children from the harmful effects of these products and seeks to educate and enforce against those who flaunt the law.
- 4.4 Officers continue to work in partnership with colleagues from other LBB business units and external agencies as part of the Adult Safeguarding 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 and healthier 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 Public Protection and Enforcement Portfolio's priorities will be delivered within the resources identified in the 2019/20 budget, including any further external funding that can be secured.

7. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Most of the Portfolio Plan's priorities are underpinned by contracts and where these have a Total Contract Value (TCV) greater than £200k, they are reported in the Corporate Contract Register. The procurement status of contracts with a TCV >£50k is also reported to the PDS Committee for detailed scrutiny.
- 7.2 PDS Committee also scrutinises 'Procurement Strategy' and 'Award of Contract' reports, and monitors individual contracts and scrutinises the contractors themselves as appropriate.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Personnel implications, legal implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	PDS Committee agendas and minutes Building a Better Bromley