

# BROMLEY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY

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# Abbreviations/Acronyms

- ASB Anti-Social Behaviour
- BCU Borough Command Unit
- CCTV Close Circuit Television
- CPN Community Protection Notice
- CPW Community Protection Warning
- DHR Domestic Homicide Review
- DO Dispersal Order
- DVIP Domestic Violence Intervention Programme
- JAG Joint Action Group
- LFB London Fire Brigade
- MACCA Multi Agency Child Criminal Exploitation
- MARAC Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
- MASH Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub
- MEGA Missing, Exploited, Gang Affiliated
- MOPAC Mayor's Office for Policing & Crime
- MPS Metropolitan Police Service
- NHS National Health Service
- PSPO Public Space Protection Order
- SBP Safer Bromley Partnership
- SNB Safer Neighbourhood Board
- TTCG Tactical Tasking Coordination Group
- VAWG Violence Against Women & Girls
- YOS Youth Offending Service

# FOREWORD.



We are pleased to introduce the Safer Bromley Partnership (SBP) Community Safety Strategy 2020-2023, which incorporates the Community Plan and the Crime Reduction Strategy into a single document. It has been produced by the Community Safety Team on behalf of the SBP, and the overarching aim for the Partnership is for Bromley to continue to be one of the safest boroughs in London. In attempting to maintain and indeed improve Bromley's current position, broad strategic themes have been identified as priorities within this strategy. This enables flexibility in responding to changing crime trends and any emerging issues. Delivery will be reviewed annually in line with Bromley's annual strategic assessment and local trends, to ensure that delivery reflects need whilst also maximising opportunities for joint working across the borough.

Delivering on the priorities outlined in this strategy requires a range of partner organisations working together, to share the skills, powers and resources that are available to them. The SBP has established a structure that brings together partners at a strategic, performance and operational level, that of the Safer Bromley Partnership Board (SBPB). The SBPB holds the overarching responsibility for the SBP Strategy, and works closely with other key strategic boards, to support the delivery of the priorities set out in this strategy. Issues such as violence against women and girls, tackling serious violence and keeping children and young people safe, requires a safeguarding focus and long term interventions, to ensure that the underlying causes are addressed. To be effective, a number of the priorities, cross cutting themes and emerging trends outlined in the plan are shared across the strategic partnerships. As such, the intention within the SBP Strategy is not to provide comprehensive, prescriptive detail on Partner actions, but to provide a broad outline of Partner ambitions in supporting the priorities within, and further signpost the Partner Strategies, Policies and Plans that contain their respective detailed actions (page 17).

Since the publication of the last strategy in 2017, the Metropolitan Police introduced a new policing model, and created 12 Basic Command Units (BCUs), which replaced the previous 32 borough model. Bromley, Sutton and Croydon now form the South BCU, which is the largest in the MET. As the SBP Board recognises that crime practices often extend beyond geographic boundaries, and can impact on several geographical locations, the partnership will focus on an intelligence led approach to tackle any cross boundary issues that may affect the residents of this borough.

Finally, every member of the community has a role to play in reducing the negative impacts caused by crime and disorder and the challenges we are facing, and we will look to increase our work with communities to assist us in our ambition to keep Bromley a safe borough, now and for future generations.

# The Safer Bromley Partnership Board

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This SBP Board comprises of statutory and non statutory partners. It brings the organisations together so that they can cooperate at a strategic level to improve community safety outcomes for the residents of Bromley.

The Board has the responsibility for developing a Strategy that delivers the priorities determined by MOPAC, as well as those that are important to our residents.



## STATUTORY PARTNERS

Mayor's Office Police and Crime



Community Safety & ASB



Police and Fire Brigade



National Probation Service & Community Rehabilitation Service



NHS Clinical Commissioning Group



NON-STATUTORY PARTNERS



## OUR 4 PRIORITIES

## We chose our priorities by:



Incorporating the agreed Borough specific priorities within the Policing and Crime Plan 2017-21, as determined by MOPAC, and undertaking a strategic assessment of crime data;



Taking the concerns of residents into account through analysis of the results of the Crime Survey, which highlighted those issues that impact on their quality of life;



Considering collective partnership impact, and identifying areas of work where the Partnership is best placed to have the largest cooperative impact, due to cross cutting and coordinated themes;



By considering impact on victims, as some crimes have a more significant impact on a victim than others. For example, the differing impact of shoplifting compared to that of residential burglary or domestic violence are hugely contrasting for a victim;

Each priority has associated delivery mechanisms to drive them forward, and will be reviewed annually to ensure that they are relevant, and monitored periodically to determine progress. If priorities are changed in the future this document will be updated to reflect them.

# Metropolitan Police Reported Crime Data showed us that between Feb 19 and Jan 20 .....

What did our police data say?...

## Personal Robbery

428  
(up 14%)

## Residential Burglary

2122  
(down 3%)

## Criminal Damage

1918  
(down -3%)

## Motor Vehicle Theft

977  
(up 10%)

## Public Order Offences

1637  
(up 7%)

## Arson

99  
(up 18%)

## Race and Religious Hate Crime

460  
(up 6%)

## ASB

6772  
(up 16%)

## Possession of Drugs

1074  
(up 50%)

## Possession of a Knife

65  
(down 44%)

## Violence Against The Person

2185  
(up 2%)

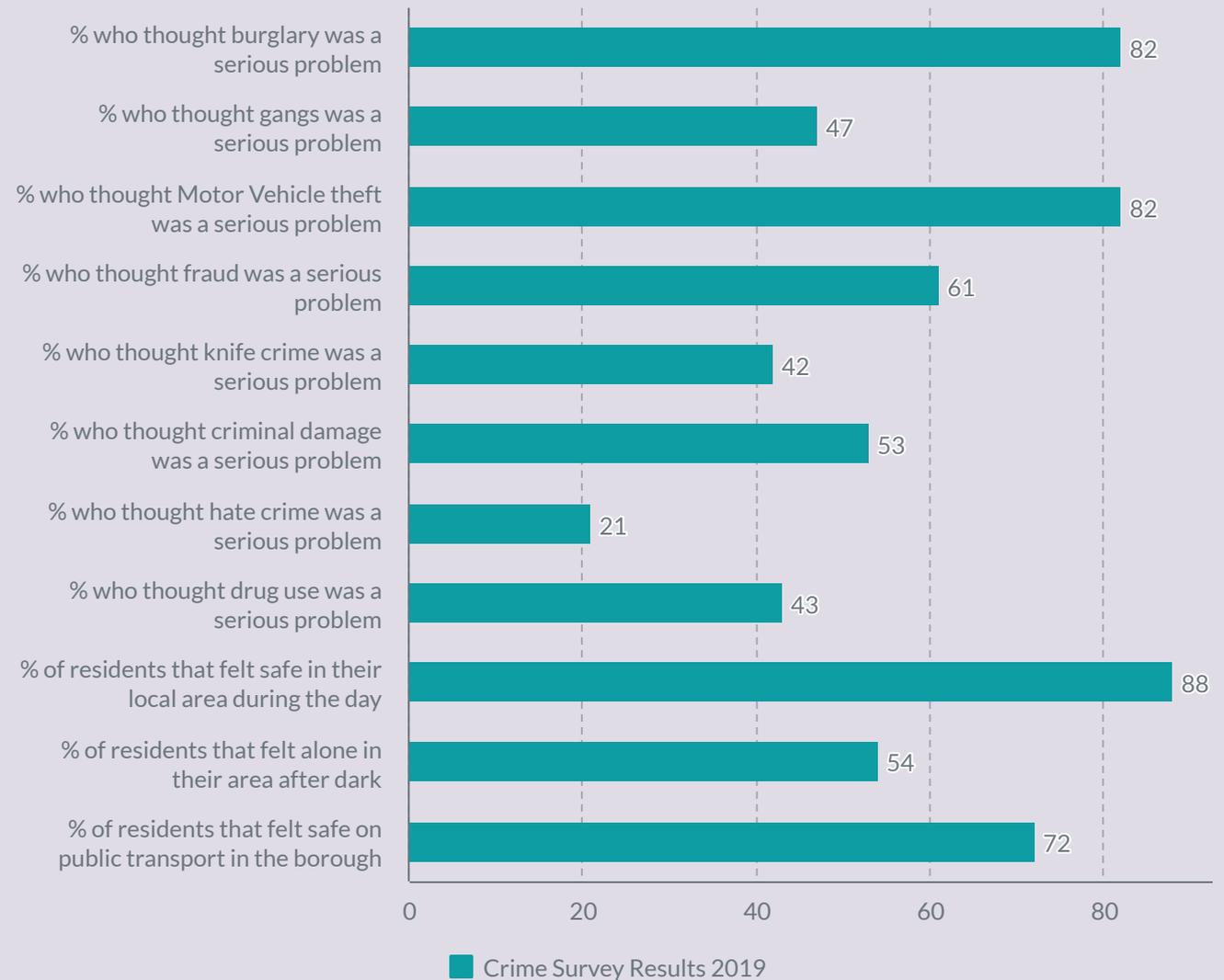
## All Crime Types

25279  
(up 9%)



What did our residents say?...

# In 2019-20 the Community Safety Team surveyed residents to find out what their concerns and perceptions were.....



# PRIORITY 1: SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

This Priority looks at the crime and anti-social behaviour that concern our residents the most, and that MOPAC has identified as relevant to our borough.

We will tackle issues across the borough as well as targeting resources on those areas that are highlighted as hot-spots through either the highest levels of crimes reported, or through noted increases.

Our aim will be to reduce crime, reduce ASB and improve the confidence of residents and provide reassurance.

There are key inter-relationships between this priority and our priorities For: Violence Against Women and Girls (2), Keep Children and Young People Safe (3), and Stand Together Against Hate Crime and Extremism (4).

## OUR AIMS:

**to achieve reductions in crimes that are deemed by MOPAC, the Police and Residents to be local priorities, these being:**

- Non-domestic Violence with Injury;
- Residential Burglary;
- ASB;
- Crime Against the Elderly and Vulnerable (Financial Abuse).

## What we will tackle

Take a joint problem solving approach in respect of those crimes that affect our residents and businesses the most, including:

### Non-domestic Violence with injury

Establishing a specific Police led tasking group to tackle and reduce violent crime.

Taking an intelligence led partnership approach to tackle violent crime, serious youth and gang violence and hate crime to develop taskings, and further deliver against the actions within any associated plans or strategies pertaining to these issues;

### Residential Burglary

Establishing a specific Police led tasking group to tackle and reduce residential burglary and also theft of and from motor vehicles in identified hot-spots;

### ASB

Managing high volume and problematic areas of anti-social behaviour including fly-tipping;

### Financial Abuse of the Elderly & Vulnerable

Working with all stakeholders to protect older and otherwise vulnerable residents from scams and doorstep crime.



# What we will do....



**Improve partnership and stakeholder engagement and collaboration:** Through improved communication between all interested parties, to ensure that stakeholders have the opportunity to provide feedback on their concerns, and that the work of partners is optimised through aligning strategic aims, targeting resources based on evidence, and by avoiding duplication. A framework will be established for consultation and engagement with partners and the wider community through networks, meetings and other mechanisms (email, bulletins etc). Community Impact days will continue to be held 12 times a year, to tackle ASB hot-spot areas for reductions in issues including: fly-tipping, arson, carrying of weapons, nuisance mopeds etc, and neighbourhood policing teams will be used to better protect and support vulnerable children and adults.



**Use an intelligence led approach:** Through use of data analytical tools and partnership tasking groups (e.g TTCG and JAG), to track and respond to local crime trends in real time, and to provide local input to develop appropriate responses to Borough concerns. This will include the development of a bespoke intelligence package, and the introduction of specific police tasking teams. These teams (**the Serious Inquisitive Crime Team and the Violence Reduction Team**), will be dedicated to reduce local priority crimes including non-domestic violence with injury, residential burglary, motor vehicle theft, and ASB in general.



**Make use of legislation:** Through appropriate use of the powers within various Acts including the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and Antisocial Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014, to ensure that all available remedies are considered, including the use of DO's CPW,s CPN,s PSPO.s and dispersal orders, subject to a balanced approach involving support and treatment outreach services and enforcement where necessary.



**Reducing violence:** Through delivering the work streams within the Violence Reduction Action Plan, the Gang Violence Matrix, the VAWG strategy, the Youth Justice Strategy and the Police Police led Violence Reduction Team.



**CCTV:** Through ensuring the effective use of public space CCTV on targeted areas as determined by intelligence, and the investment in new deployable cameras.



**Reduce risk of financial abuse of the elderly or vulnerable:** Through targeted communications campaigns and enforcement.

# PRIORITY 2: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

This priority looks at protecting women and girls from violence. Too many women and girls suffer harassment, abuse and violence on a daily basis; whether at the hands of partners, family members or strangers, this is always unacceptable. We support MOPAC in their stance of taking a zero-tolerance approach wherever this violence and abuse takes place, with meaningful support for victims and survivors, and significant consequences for perpetrators. This does not mean that we diminish or ignore the suffering experienced by men and boys. The services we commission will support victims and survivors whatever their gender. The Metropolitan Police Service has made tackling domestic abuse a high priority, and has a dedicated unit within the BCU. They will investigate all instances of domestic abuse, even in cases where a victim has not reported it themselves. There are key inter-relationships between this priority and our priorities for: Safer Neighbourhoods (1), Keep Children and Young People Safe (3), and Stand Together Against Hate Crime and Extremism (4).

## OUR AIMS:

**to reduce violence against women and girls, change the culture that allows this to happen, and empower them to take control, in doing so we will:**

- Better protect women and girls, and Improve support for those affected; and
- Target offenders.

## What we will do

**Take a joint problem solving approach to better protect women and girls in the borough by:**



### Prevention

Changing attitudes and preventing violence by raising awareness through campaigns, safeguarding and educating children, early identification, intervention and training;



### Provision

Assisting survivors to get on with their lives by providing effective provision of services, advice and support;



### Partnership

Developing a coordinated multi agency approach by ensuring that the response to domestic abuse is shared by all stakeholders;



### Protection

Providing an effective criminal justice system by working towards effective prosecution, supporting victims and providing perpetrator interventions.

# How will we do it?....



**Provide strategic direction:** By refreshing the VAWG 2016- 2019 strategy and update the DHR protocol



**Communicate:** By developing a communication plan to increase awareness of the services VAWG provide. Tackle under-reporting through media engagement, partnership and information sharing between professionals (particularly health), and engaging the third sector including campaign groups.



**Take an intelligence led approach:** By improving the response to victims by developing mechanisms to capture data in addition to that provided by the Police, to enable accurate mapping of the prevalence of VAWG and implement appropriate responses and services where needed.



**Protect high risk victims:** By supporting them through an effective and robust MARAC, implementing any learning points from DHRs, and by ensuring that all local domestic violence services are aware of the relevant support services that are available, including: The One Stop Shop , Outreach Support and the Domestic Violence Intervention Programme (DVIP).



**Make use of legislation:** To ensure that perpetrators of violence against women and girls are held accountable according to the law, and are provided with assistance to change their abusive behaviour in order to prevent them from causing harm or violence to their current, past or future partners.



**Work in partnership:** With Children's Social Care and Children's Early Intervention Teams to provide support, advocacy and deliver age appropriate work in a range of educational, youth and community settings.

How will  
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we are on  
track?



## Safer Neighbourhoods PRIORITY 1



#1

This theme will be included as a substantive discussion item at the SBP Board in quarter 1; Police will provide a crime update at each SBP board, and Partners will present an end of year update in quarter 4.

#2

Local data via the MPS crime dashboard (updated monthly) will be monitored, and Community Safety will attend TTCG each month to provide input into tasking and analyse effectiveness of responses.

#3

Local data via the MOPAC performance framework and monthly updates on high harm crime across boroughs will be monitored to identify trends and developments and analyse effectiveness of responses.

#4

Police will present an update to the Public Protection & Enforcement Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee every quarter.



## Violence Against Women and Girls PRIORITY 2



#1

This theme will be included as a substantive discussion item at the SBP Board in quarter 2, whereby VAWG, Police and associated Partners will provide an update. Partners will also present an end of year update in quarter 4.

#2

The Domestic Violence and VAWG subgroup will lead on the effective monitoring and scrutiny of partner agencies in their service delivery, present findings within that setting, and report exceptions to the SBPB if they occur.

#3

Update the VAWG Strategy and the DHR Protocol by August 2020

## PRIORITY 3: KEEPING YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE

Our ambition is for our borough to be safe for our children and young people, where they can grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish, and are happy to call Bromley home. To achieve this we want to improve neighbourhoods affected by ASB and crime. We want to reduce crimes that cause the most harm to children and young people, by preventing them through early intervention (where possible) for those who are at risk of offending, or re-offending. There are key inter-relationships between this priority and our priorities for Safer Neighbourhoods (1), VAWG (2), and Stand Together to Tackle Hate Crime and Extremism (4).

**OUR AIMS: are to improve outcomes and life chances for children and young people in contact with the youth justice system, or at risk of becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour by:**

- Reducing the number of first time entrant children in the youth justice system, and reduce re-offending;
- Reducing the number of knife crimes, by volume and repeat victims and reduce levels of serious youth violence ;
- Preventing and reducing substance misuse.

### What we will do

through the delivery of the prevention and support programme we will work with partners to take a holistic approach to address the issues that can compromise the safety of our young people by:



#### Reducing first time entrants into the criminal justice system and by reducing reoffending

Supporting young people on the cusp of offending through the offer of the prevention support programme, through providing support to parents, and working closely with our probation partners.



#### Reducing the number of knife crimes and levels of serious youth violence

Diverting, disrupting and preventing those at risk of serious youth violence and gang involvement becoming tomorrow's offenders



#### Enforcing against businesses that sell age restricted products to children and young people

Detering businesses from selling age restricted products to young people with the intention of improving community safety and public health

# How will we do it?....



**Provide support:** By setting up an in-house Prevention Support Programme working closely with Community Safety and Children's Social Care to assist children early away from offending, and publish a serious youth violence toolkit. Also by delivering the cross cutting key actions within the Youth Justice Strategy 2019-21 and the Serious Youth Violence strategy 2018.



**Work with partners to disrupt gangs:** By tracking and sharing information on those young people who have associations with gangs, through the weekly MEGA meetings. In addition by providing gang awareness training and by supporting young people to exit gangs, as well as applying for gang injunctions where appropriate.



**Work with partners to tackle knife crime, serious youth violence, child exploitation and ASB:** By delivering the knife crime intervention programme for young people who carry weapons, working on a robust approach to prevention in identifying young people through Merlin reports, and using partnership taskings to develop and deliver the Violence Reduction Action Plan. By working with partners to recognise that child exploitation must also be understood in terms of its connectivity with a wider range of vulnerabilities that young people can be exposed to, including: harmful sexual behaviours, missing children, gang involvement and youth crime. By working in partnership with the Police ASB Team, and schools to address ASB issues, through the adoption of an early intervention approach, that utilises informal approaches that can be escalated to formal enforcement where necessary or appropriate.



**Carry out joint operations with Trading Standards, Licensing and Police:** By delivering a programme of test purchasing in respect of age-restricted legislation pertaining to products and activities including, sale of alcohol, cigarettes knives, as well as underage gambling and drinking on licensed premises.

# PRIORITY 4: Stand Together Against Hate Crime and Extremism

This Priority focuses on work to tackle those crimes that are motivated by malice or ill-will towards a social group, on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or gender identity or other protected characteristic.

Communities that are divided and fearful are more susceptible to intolerance, hatred and targeting. In addition to the aforementioned often targeted groups, there is emerging recognition that financial abuse of the elderly (or otherwise vulnerable residents) should also be considered as a hate crime, as perpetrators deliberately choose their victims on the basis of the perceived vulnerability that may be associated with their age.

There are key inter-relationships between this priority and our priorities for Safer Neighbourhoods (1), Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (2) and Keeping Young people Safe (3).

## OUR AIMS:

**to improve reporting of hate crime and to reduce repeat victimisation of victims of hate crime**

## What we will do

Protect our vulnerable communities by :



**Working to reduce the levels of Hate Crime and repeat victimisation;**



**Working to raise awareness of the issues;**



**Working to gain community support;**



**Working to understand the risks of and journey to radicalisation and extremism;**



**Recognising that targeted financial abuse of the elderly (or otherwise vulnerable) can be also be considered as a hate crime.**

# How will we do it?....



**Undertake ongoing analysis** of hate crimes levels, to ensure increases and trends are identified and tackled early.



**Work in partnership with Safer Neighborhood Police** together with Community and faith groups to raise awareness and tackle all forms of hate crime. Maintain a high visibility in the community by delivering talks and awareness raising events; ensure training on how to spot financial abuse is delivered to practitioners within social care, police and other relevant stakeholders; ensure a rapid response service is provided to all urgent requests for assistance;



**Encourage support from communities** to undertake community tension assessments if needed, and to report incidents of hate crime as they occur;



**Continue to fulfill our Channel and Prevent Duties** to process and signpost cases to ensure all requirements are met;



**Work to Support-** those who are victims of hate crimes;



**Explore** options for restorative justice mechanisms.



**Recognise** that by perpetrators deliberately choosing their victims on the basis of their perceived vulnerability that may be associated with their age (or otherwise) is akin to a hate crime. Provide a 2 hour rapid response service for those residents who are victims of doorstep crime or scams.

How will  
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## Keeping Young People Safe PRIORITY 3

#1

This theme will be included as a substantive discussion item at the SBP Board in quarter 3; and Partners will present an end of year update in quarter 4.

#2

First time entrants into custody and re offending will be monitored through national KPIs. Reports will be made to the YOS Board on a quarterly basis highlighting concerns within indicators.

#3

YOS will complete an in depth analysis to identify areas of focus for the above.

#4

Serious youth violence will be measured by the MOPAC Weapon enabled crime dashboard and also through local data. Repeats monitored by MOPAC dashboard and local data.

#5

Measure success of reduction in weapons crime through published data on MOPAC performance framework.

#6

Community Safety will attend and add value at YOS Board MEGA and MACCA.

#7

Victims will be monitored by local data over time to look at reductions of numbers.



## Standing Together Against Hate Crime PRIORITY 4

#1

This theme will be included as a substantive discussion item at the SBP Board in quarter 4; Partners will provide an update at each board, and present an end of year update in December quarter 4 .

#2

The Metropolitan Police Hate Crime and Special Crime Dashboard will be used to monitor increased reporting of victims of Hate crime. Data is published into the public domain monthly for each London Borough.

#3

Data through the MOPAC Hate Crime Dashboard for figures at a borough level will be monitored.

#4

Levels of early identification of hate crime and extremism through referrals will be monitored and tracked.

#5

The number of rapid response calls to the scam hotline, and the associated outcomes will be tracked and monitored.

# Supporting strategies and actions plans delivering the SBP Strategy

## OUR Supporting Strategies

	Safer Neighbourhoods 1	VAWG 2	Keeping Young People Safe 3	Standing Together Against Hate Crime 4
<b>Bromley Child Sexual Exploitation Protocol</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Building a Better Bromely</b>	✓		✓	
<b>Children's and Young Peoples Plan 2018-21</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Homelessness Strategy 2018-21</b>	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Police and Crime Plan 2017-21</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Public Protection &amp; Enforcement Portfolio Plan</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>VAWG Strategy 2016-19</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Youth Justice Strategy 2019-21</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Serious Youth Violence Strategy</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Violence Reduction Action Plan</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board Strategy</b>	✓			✓