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

**Date:**                      Tuesday 16 March 2021

**Title:**                      **MOPAC UPDATE**

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**Ward:**                      (All Wards);

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1.    Reason for report

This report follows the previous MOPAC updates to this committee, and provides a summary of the projects delivered by MOPAC's London Crime Prevention Fund and Violence Reduction Unit Funding in 2021-2022.

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2.    **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 The committee are asked to note and comment on the report.

### Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: All of the projects referred to in this report seek to provide a positive impact on vulnerable adults and children.
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### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable:
  2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People Excellent Council Quality Environment Safe 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: £367,140
  5. Source of funding: Mayor's Office for Policing & Crime through the London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) and the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) Fund
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### Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): Number of staff (current and additional): 3.7 FTE across various projects detailed below, plus staff covering the out of hours noise service, 132 hours per week and a commissioned VAWG service.
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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### Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: N/A
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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, as well as the wider community. The out of hours noise service covers all residents in Bromley
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable

2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

### **3. COMMENTARY**

#### **MOPAC Funds Overview**

- 3.1 The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) provides financial support to deliver a variety of crime reduction projects which are supported through two funds, the London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) and the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) Fund these funds are broken down further below.
- 3.2 The LCPF was established by MOPAC in 2013, awarding grants to projects working across London to reduce crime and disorder, as set out in the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. The VRU Fund was established in 2019 and is in place to deliver interventions and provide support and diversionary activities for young Londoners with the intention of reducing street based violent crime.

#### **The London Crime Prevention Fund in Bromley**

- 3.3 With regards to the LCPF In Bromley, in the year 2020-21 the Council received £317,140. The funding for 2021-22 has once again been set at £317,140.
- 3.4 This amount of funding is determined by way of a funding formula applied by MOPAC. Each borough across London receives a different amount dependant on local data, crime figures and statistics.
- 3.5 For the 12-month period The LCPF in Bromley funds:
- (i) Domestic Violence against Women & Girls Service £205,840
  - (ii) Bromley Mentoring Initiative £40,600
  - (iii) Community Impact Days, £33,700
  - (iv) Out of Hours Noise Service, £30,000
  - (v) Reducing reoffending coordination, £7,000

#### **Domestic Violence against Women & Girls Service**

- 3.6 Domestic Violence against Women & Girls Project and VAWG Strategic Lead. This project continues to deliver services through three targeted sub-projects, as it has in previous years. Each project has specific deliverables and targets, each has a different focus. All programmes are delivered by external providers through a commissioned process.

- (i) The Independent Domestic & Sexual Violence Advisors (IDSVA)

IDSVA's support females experiencing abuse. There is a provision of a Young Person's IDSVA working with the MASH service and Early Intervention Teams for young victims who have disclosed domestic abuse and need support. A further IDSVA is based withing the Police custody suite Provision for specialist adult support IDSVA for elder victims of domestic abuse, service users with complex additional needs including substance misuse and those with mental health conditions is also available. A service for male victims is available. IDSVA's also raise awareness of the service and promote the service to the voluntary statutory and community sector.

- (ii) Community Domestic Abuse Programme

This sub-project includes provision of a One-Stop Shop, offering a wide range of services under one roof, meaning a victim seeking help may obtain advice from various support services in one visit. Also, in this strand is the domestic abuse support group, often recognised as “The Freedom Programme”, empowering women to break free from domestic abuse and recognise the behaviours of an abusive partner. Awareness raising of these services is also undertaken.

(iii) The Drive Programme.

A new dedicated domestic violence perpetrator project will be delivered in 2021/2022, working with partners across the Met Police Basic Command Unit to embed this project and establish effective delivery, as has proven effective in Croydon already.

### **Bromley Mentoring Initiative**

- 3.7 The Bromley Education Business Partnership are funded to provide 125 mentor relationships each year with the ambition of improving a young person’s confidence, self-esteem, motivation and self-belief to drive further improvements in the young person’s circumstances with regards to education, training and employment. A focus is put on ensuring the young person is supported away from becoming involved in crime & entering the Criminal Justice Service for the first time. Mentoring provides support that enables young people to play an appropriate role in society & helps to prepare them for a better future.

### **Community Impact Days**

- 3.8 Coordinated by the Community Safety Team within Public Protection and supported by representatives from across the Council and Safer Bromley Partnership. This fund delivers a day of action every month making visible environmental improvements, taking enforcement action wherever possible and supporting residents where necessary to feel safe enough to report crime and ASB. Community Impact Days take place in the areas in most need across the borough, focussing on priorities shared by our partners, often being fly tipping, ASB, deliberate fires, off road bikes, blue badge parking misuse and other relevant issues. These days are supported by the Met Police, LFB, Clarion, Friends of the Parks, Youth Services, and many more partners. Many of the resources on the day are offered in-kind, maximising the value of the LCPF.
- 3.9 A full briefing on the success of these days was provided to the committee on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### **Out of Hours Noise Service**

- 3.10 The Out of Hours Neighbourhood Noise Service addresses noise complaints out of normal office hours. This initiative responds to and investigates noise complaints outside of normal office hours, operating from 1700 – 0300 Monday – Friday and 0800 – 0300 on weekends, bank holidays and concessionary days. The service provides remedial action using both informal and formal powers of enforcement and all available noise abatement legislation. The service provides a rapid response (within one hour) to complaints enabling witnessing and resolution of nuisance while it is ongoing.

### **Reducing Re-offending Coordination**

- 3.11 The LCPF provides a contribution to part fund a reducing reoffending coordinator. The coordinator plays a pivotal role in bringing together agencies at delivery level responsible for reducing reoffending and ensuring opportunities are there for entrenched offenders to break the cycle of offending, matched with action for those who continue on a criminal pathway.

## **Violence Reduction Funding in Bromley**

3.12 With regards to the VRU In Bromley, in the year 2020-21 the Council received £50,000. The funding for 2021-22 has also been set at £50,000. For the 12-month period the VRU funding provides:

- (i) **A Targeted Mentoring Service:** (£12,000) The Project focuses on supporting siblings of young people known to be involved in violence, with the intention of preventing young people from becoming involved in crime. It provides support that enables young people to play an appropriate role in society & helps to prepare them for a better future. Aims include: Raised self-esteem & confidence, increased motivation, access to educational & career advice and improved interpersonal skills.
- (ii) **A Serious Youth Violence Single Point of Contact** (£38,000). This Officer provides multiagency oversight and understanding of the Serious Youth Violence picture across the borough to reduce violent recidivism. The Single Point of Contact (SPOC) coordinates strategic vision outlining a joined-up partner response to Bromley's emerging gang problem. Implementation of the strategic vision with relevant partners from across the partnership brought together at a strategic and practitioner level resulting in enhanced ownership and coordination of the Violence Reduction Action Plan. Obtaining local gang analysis to shape the work of the strategic group and Implementing MOPAC's Violence Reduction Unit recommendations.

## **Future Funding and Service Provision**

3.1 The Mayoral Election was cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. As a result of the postponement the funding for LCPF and VRU projects was rolled over for a further 12 months. It is hoped that funding will continue for these workstreams and new bids will be submitted once the application process is open. It is nevertheless important to note that MOPAC funding is discretionary and not assured. Should external funding be withdrawn it would be necessary to request Members to consider whether they would support the Council making additional budget provision available to fund any gaps that arise or stop doing the work entirely.

## **4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN**

The Bromley Mentoring Initiative 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 abuse and the children in those families who may be at risk from the perpetrator; Community Impact Days aim to reduce the fear of crime and reduce anti-social behaviour in areas where vulnerable adults and children are at most risk; the noise service seeks to respond to complaints of noise in the community which can impact the health and wellbeing of all residents.

## **5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The project outcomes contribute to the Building a Better Bromley priorities, the Safer Bromley Partnership, Violence Against Women and Youth Justice strategies.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The Council's MOPAC grant funding in 2020/21 is £367,140 and the same amount is expected for 2021/22.

6.2 Details of how this grant funding is distributed across the projects are set out in 3.5 and 3.12.

## 7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The ongoing ability to provide the services and schemes as listed in paragraph 3.5, is fully reliant on the provision of ongoing funding. Any reduction in funding will adversely impact service delivery, and should redundancies become a risk, a full consultation in line with the Councils Managing Change procedures will be undertaken with employees affected, as well as staff representatives.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Legal Implications Procurement implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	