

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

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Title:	COMMUNITY IMPACT DAYS UPDATE BRIEFING
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1. Reason for Briefing

To provide the Committee with a summary of the work undertaken by Public Protection in relation to delivering the Community Impact Days for the financial year 2019 – 2020.

3. **COMMENTARY**

- 3.1 This report sets out a summary of the action taken on Community Impact Days by the Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour Team and associated partners across the Partnership between March 2019 and April 2020.
- 3.2 Community Impact Days (CID) were established by Senior Leadership Officers from the Police, London Fire Brigade, Clarion and Bromley Council in response to priority locations coming to notice for problems such as increased levels of fly tipping, deliberate fires, anti-social behaviour, tenancy issues and increased reporting of crime to Police. They are coordinated by an officer at Bromley Council, pulling together partners from organisations across the borough to deliver on their agreed priority areas. The cost of the Impact Day is largely 'in kind' costs from contributions across the partnership with the funds from MOPAC being spent on the Coordinating post as well as some costs associated with the removal of fly tips. This makes for an extremely cost-effective approach.
- 3.3 The priority areas identified were: Cray Valley East, Mottingham & Chislehurst North, Penge & Cator and Cray Valley West, and CID alternate between these locations.
- 3.4 According to the 'broken windows' theory, research shows that if an area looks tidy and cared for, then the residents are more likely to continue to look after the space; this in turn boosts the community spirit of those living there. Moreover, if this status is sustained over a period of time, a greater sense of ownership is achieved, and the community develop intolerance towards fly tipping and other behaviours detrimental to an area.

3.5 The agency presence on these days is highly visible, however, it is not exclusively around 'enforcement', there is also emphasis placed on dealing with issues arising within the areas of safeguarding, vulnerable adults and education welfare. Prior to CID commencing, agencies identify locations needing attention, households in need of a visit and other problems requiring a multiagency response. The Impact Day planning includes a briefing from an allocated Police Sgt and the Council Lead to inform all officers of the plan on the day, setting priorities and arrangements concerning reporting. This is ensure all officers understand their role fully.

3.6 Achievements 2019-2020

3.7 CIDs are considered to be an example of exemplary partnership working, and the relationships created are long lasting, and help to increase cohesive working throughout the month, and well beyond the day themselves.

3.8 Partners continued to deliver good results throughout Covid restrictions including the national Lockdown. The Partnership considered it vital to ensure local community action was continuing during the pandemic in the hot spot areas to maintain confidence and trust. It was also considered highly valuable to remind likely fly tippers or other asb perpetrators that enforcement action will be taken wherever appropriate as it is a key priority.

3.9 In this financial year the Safer Bromley Partnership worked together to deliver a total of 12 Community Impact Day across the year, in keeping with the terms of the funding agreed with MOPAC. The outcomes include:

- 43,770 KG's of fly tip removed
- 35 Weapons Sweeps completed
- 101 vehicles stops
- 14 arrests conducted
- 157 square metres of graffiti cleared
- 41 shops visited by Trading Standards
- 2,500 leaflets distributed informing residents of activity
- 60 multiagency visits to residents coming to notice for ASB

3.10 MOPAC funding has been agreed until 2022, and CID will continue to take place in a dynamic manner, allowing agencies to flex and react to whatever problems may be facing a local community as well as the priorities identified by the local Safer Neighbourhood Team.