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REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Community Safety Partnerships were introduced by Section 6 of the [Crime and Disorder Act 1998](#). The multi-agency strategic approach is built on the premise that no single agency can deal with, or be responsible for dealing with, complex community safety issues, and that these issues can be addressed more effectively and efficiently through working in partnership. The Safer Bromley Partnership (SBP) fulfils this duty for the borough of Bromley.

1.2 In accordance with the [Crime and Disorder \(Formulation and Implementation of Strategy\) Regulations 2007](#) the SBP have been developing the Community Safety Strategy for the next 3 years.

1.3 The introduction of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 gives greater focus on working together to prevent and reduce violence, both within and outside the home, and on our collective ability to effectively safeguard and protect those within our communities who are vulnerable to these forms of harm. It is proposed the SBP Strategy will incorporate the requirement to develop strategies to reduce serious violence and tackle domestic abuse.

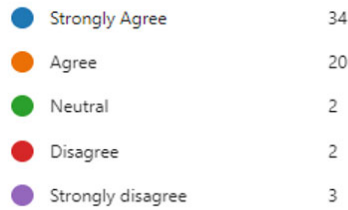
1.4 The SBP Strategy will be supported by a Communications and Engagement Plan and delivery plans to ensure that progress can be effectively monitored by the SBP.

2. Strategy Development

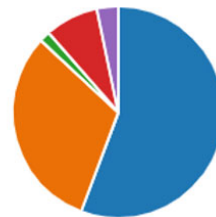
2.1 The 2023 Strategic Assessment was completed in draft and circulated to SBP partners on 24 August 2023 and a summary of the draft findings were then presented to the SBP meeting on 19 September with a request for partners to consider the draft assessment and advise of any amendments or additional information they may be able to

provide. The Strategic Assessment Executive Summary is shown at Appendix A.

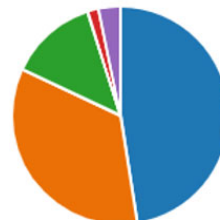
- 2.2 A Strategic Development Workshop took place on 16 November. Those invited were provided with proposed priorities and strategic principles. The workshop was facilitated by the SBP Co-Chair Panel, Louise Watkinson, Assistant Director of Public Protection, Metropolitan Police Superintendent Luke Baldock and London Fire Brigade Borough Commander Chris Line.
- 2.3 Those who were unable to attend the session in person were provided an online opportunity via a survey in advance of the meeting to feed into the process. The survey was updated following the workshop and recirculated to allow further comment.
- 2.4 A draft Plan on a Page summarising the high-level priorities that were developed at the Workshop and the cross-cutting principles was presented at the SBP meeting on 6 December. These were agreed in principle to proceed to public consultation.
- 2.5 An online public survey commenced on 5 January 2024 and concluded on Monday 12 February 2024. The link and QR code were promoted to community and voluntary groups known to be involved with community safety issues, such as the Safer Neighbourhood Board, Community Links and Neighbourhood Watch, who were encouraged to circulate these to their members. The consultation was also promoted.
- i. on the Bromley Council website.
 - ii. by the Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams to residents and businesses in their Wards.
 - iii. to Councillors to respond and share with their constituents.
 - iv. by officers when engaging with public at the Community Impact Days.
- 2.6 The survey was completed anonymously. There were 61 respondents. Respondents were asked if they lived, worked or regularly visited the borough of Bromley and could give more than one answer. Fifty-five respondents live in the borough of Bromley, 20 work in the borough and 16 visit the borough regularly. The responses are summarised below. The full responses to the consultation are provided in Appendix B.
- 2.7 90% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that building resilient communities by delivering a comprehensive crime **prevention** programme to improve safety should be a priority for the London Borough of Bromley.



2.8 86% of respondents agreed that protecting **people** by delivering targeted early intervention to people who are at risk of being impacted or affected by crime should be a priority for the London Borough of Bromley



2.9 82% of respondents agreed that being stronger together by designing targeted crime and disorder reduction measures, in collaboration with communities, in areas with the highest levels of reported crime and disorder should be a priority for the London Borough of Bromley.



2.10 Respondents were asked to explain their responses, these are given in full in Appendix B. It is important to understand the reasons those who did not support the proposed priorities gave and how these will be addressed by the SBP, these are summarised below:

Ref.	Reason	SBP Response
Q1.a	Concern that any new measures to improve safety may have harmful consequences on the environment and climate.	Activity that may involve significant physical changes to public spaces will go through the local authority authorisation and scrutiny processes. These processes include the requirement to explain how the project may support carbon reduction and social values, health and wellbeing and the impact it will have on children and vulnerable adults.

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Q1.b	That the proposed wording uses 'buzzwords' that are 'meaningless'.	The proposed wording is a high-level strategic statement which is supported by a delivery plan to ensure that it is translated into meaningful activity.
Q1.c	Public confidence in the criminal justice system is low and until this is addresses other action is unlikely to be successful.	It is intended that the local strategy will complement the pan-London and national strategies adopted by the Police and government to improve confidence in the criminal justice system.
Q2.a	All people should be protected.	Bromley is consistently one of the safest London boroughs. All SBP partner agencies continue to provide their core duties to the public, however, it is important to acknowledge that the large majority of the Bromley community are unlikely to be directly affected by crime. However some groups of people are at higher risk of being affected by some offence types, for example due to their age, and require a focussed approach to reduce that risk.
Q2.b	It is unclear who will be the focus for this proposed priority.	The complexity of criminality means people affected by crime can sometimes be both victim and offender. The focus will vary depending on the type of crime. The SBP will use an intelligence led approach to develop appropriate initiatives under this priority.
Q2.c	Tackling offenders should be a priority, through intervention and enforcement.	
Q3.a	More Police activity is needed.	It is intended that the local strategy will complement the pan-London and national strategies adopted by the Police and government to improve confidence in the criminal justice system.

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Q3.b	Local communities have other priorities and may not get involved.	The SBP is working closely with community and voluntary groups that are already active across the borough and will support them to continue to engage and deliver locally designed activity with local communities.

- 2.11 The draft SBP 24-27 Strategy is provided at Appendix D.
- 2.12 The initial delivery plan is provided at Appendix E. It is intended that this document is a 'live' document that continues to evolve through the lifespan of the strategy. This is to allow the SBP to be agile in adapting to the changing needs of the borough.
- 3.0 For SBP Discussion and Decision**
- 3.1 Considering the responses to the consultation does the SBP agree the proposed priorities for the 24-27 Strategy?
- 3.1.1 Please note that SBP members are required to undertake their own approval processes to confirm acceptance of the SBP Strategy 2024-27 by their organization and should advise the Co-Chair Panel of acceptance by 31 March 2024.
- 3.2 It is proposed the SBP Strategy will incorporate the requirement to develop strategies to reduce serious violence and tackle domestic abuse. Negating the need for separate strategies to be developed. Are the SBP satisfied with this approach?
- 3.3 It is suggested that the SBP Strategy will be provided on-line only due to the costs associated to professional design, printing, storage and distribution and no budget being available for this activity. Does the SBP consider this appropriate?
- 3.4 SBP members should consider the contribution they can make to the delivery plan to support the delivery of the agreed priorities.
- 3.5 The communication and engagement strategy has been drafted for consideration and development. SBP members are asked to consider and advise how their agencies can contribute to its development and delivery.