

**Safer Bromley Strategy
2024 – 2027**

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SECTION 1

FOREWORD

The borough of Bromley is consistently one of the safest areas in London and we are committed to keeping it safe.

Whilst we are aware of the national and London-wide crime and disorder challenges, we are keen to ensure that our focus is on the issues that are most important to the people of Bromley.

During the Covid19 pandemic the UK experienced unprecedented challenges and the resulting impact on the criminal justice system is likely to last for many years.

Criminals also found new ways to exploit their victims and evade detection and we need to continue to change and adapt the way we work to prevent them from being successful.

This means we need to focus on being more proactive in preventing crime, both in person and online. We need to support people affected by crime and we need to help people who are engaged in harmful and offending behaviour to change.

This Safer Bromley Partnership Strategy sets out the priorities that were identified by the crime and disorder strategic assessment and how we intend to use our resources, tools and powers to ensure that Bromley stays one of the safest London boroughs.

SECTION 2

SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP (SBP)

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended by section 97 and 98 of the Police Reform Act 2002, places a requirement on Community Safety Partnerships to develop Strategies every three years to set out how they will reduce crime and disorder.

The Safer Bromley Partnership (SBP) is the statutory 'community safety partnership' (CSP) for the borough of Bromley. It brings together the key statutory public bodies with community, voluntary and private sector partners for the purpose of keeping Bromley one of the safest areas in London.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and the Police, Crime and Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 introduced new duties for Community Safety Partnerships to address serious violence and domestic abuse. These duties reinforce the need to work together to develop evidence-based approaches to achieve systemic improvement. Coordinating our collective resources, tools and powers enables us to deliver a more effective and holistic approach to preventing crime, supporting victims and holding offenders to account.

The SBP have determined that, due to the complexity of crime and criminality, particularly in relation to serious violence and domestic abuse, the Safer Bromley Strategy 2023-27 will incorporate the new duties for domestic abuse and serious violence, which is defined as '*Any violence and exploitation affecting young people under the age of 25, domestic abuse, and sexual violence. Within the context of these types of violence, it encompasses homicide, grievous bodily harm, actual bodily harm, rape, assault by penetration, sexual assault, personal robbery, threats to kill and violence against property caused during the commission of one of these offences*'

The SBP will work collaboratively with other partnership boards in Bromley and across London to ensure a streamlined approach to issues. The SBP are also committed to continuing to develop our understanding of crime and disorder through data analysis and regular engagement with the people living, working and visiting the borough.

This Strategy is supported by 'live' delivery plans which will monitor the progress of activity and provide flexibility to adapt to the changing needs of the borough.

SECTION 3

PRIORITIES

2024 - 27

PREVENTION

Build resilient communities by delivering a comprehensive crime prevention programme to improve safety.

PEOPLE

Protect people by delivering targeted early intervention to people who are at high risk of being impacted or affected by crime.

PLACES

Be stronger together by designing and delivering targeted crime and disorder reduction measures in collaboration with communities in areas with the highest levels of reported crime and disorder.

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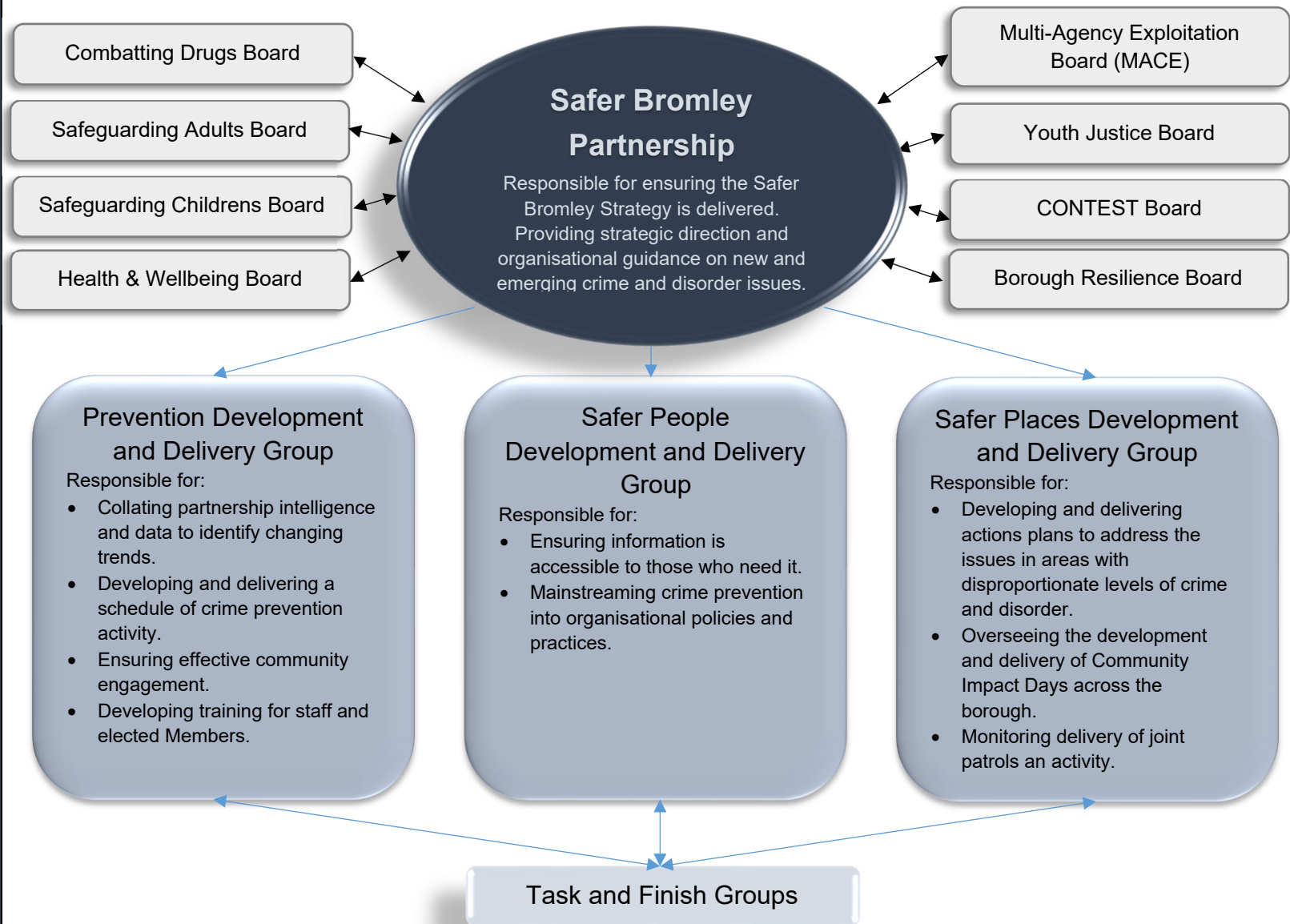
STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES

The Safer Bromley Partnership will work towards achieving its Priorities in line with the following strategic principles:

- a) Enhancing knowledge and understanding of crime and anti-social behaviour through better information sharing, so we may address the human, social and environmental factors that drive offending; the interventions likely to have a positive impact; and the ways we may work with communities to prevent and combat the negative drivers.
- b) Collaborating across agency and sector boundaries to plan, commission and jointly deliver to improve efficiencies for the benefit of the Bromley community.
- c) Ensuring victims and communities are central to the development, commissioning, and delivery of services.
- d) Being committed to developing a partnership that embraces equality, diversity, and inclusivity.
- e) Ensuring community safety issues are mainstreamed into corporate policies, procedures, and practices.
- f) Operating a robust performance management framework to measure what works and how to be more effective.
- g) Ensuring that safeguarding is and remains everyone's responsibility.

SECTION 5

DELIVERY STRUCTURE



SECTION 6

KEY ACTIONS

PREVENTION

Build resilient communities by delivering a comprehensive crime prevention programme to improve safety.

- Develop the data processes of all agencies to fill the knowledge gaps identified in the Strategic Assessment to inform activity can be focused to those people and areas of most need.
- Explore the development of a volunteer Community Crime Prevention Panel.
- Develop sustainable training for SBP organisations and Members.
- Develop and deliver focused crime prevention campaigns.

SECTION 6

KEY ACTIONS

PEOPLE

Protect people by delivering targeted early intervention to people who are at high risk of being impacted or affected by crime.

- Ensure front line staff, particularly those who engage with children, have training to identify people who may be at risk of domestic abuse, exploitation and radicalisation and can access information about support and referrals.
- Ensure that positive requirement to attend treatment are added to any enforcement action, such as Community Protection Notices, where substance misuse is identified as a causal or contributory factor.
- Explore opportunities to support the Youth Justice Service to deliver youth diversionary and intervention activities.
- Raise the awareness of professionals, families and the community about the risks of exploitation and the action to take when they identify a risk.
- Ensure that all partners are aware of the Prevent referral process.

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KEY ACTIONS

PLACES

Be stronger together by designing and delivering targeted crime and disorder reduction measures in collaboration with communities in areas with the highest levels of reported crime and disorder.

- Promote and encourage membership to Neighbourhood Watch and Online Watch.
- Develop a programme of activity for Community Payback to deliver within the community and develop opportunities for offenders.
- Identify opportunities for staff from different services and agencies to patrol locations together to show unity and coordination and, where appropriate, increase capacity.
- Work with local retailers and Business Improvement Districts to develop business crime prevention initiatives.
- Deliver high visibility operations at key transport locations.

SECTION 7

MONITORING OUR IMPACT

Delivery of the actions set out in the Safer Bromley Strategy will be monitored by the Safer Bromley Partnership, alongside the following Performance Indicators.

1. Monitor crime levels, acknowledging that some levels of reporting may increase as people have more access and confidence in the response they will receive, such as sexual offences and hate crime.
2. In addition to annual community surveys to establish public perceptions of crime and disorder and regular community engagement events, we will monitor customer feedback from commissioned support services.
3. Increasing numbers of active Neighbourhood Watches.