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

Date: Tuesday 19 March 2024

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP (SBP) UPDATE

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Ward: All

1. Reason for decision/report and options

1.1 To update the Committee on the February meeting of the Safer Bromley Partnership.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members to note the update.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. The Safer Bromley Partnership (SBP) brings together statutory agencies, Bromley Council, Metropolitan Police, London Fire Brigade, South East London Integrated Care Board and National Probation Service, commissioned services and community and voluntary representatives are working together at a strategic and operational level to develop preventative and early intervention approaches using intelligence and insights to minimise the impact and trauma caused by crime and reduce re-victimisation and repeat offending

Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy. Making Bromley Even Better Priority:

(1) For children and young people to grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish and are happy to call Bromley home.

- (2) For adults and older people to enjoy fulfilled and successful lives in Bromley, ageing well, retaining independence, and making choices.
- (3) For people to make their homes in Bromley and for business, enterprise and the third sector to prosper.
- (4) For residents to live responsibly and prosper in a safe, clean and green environment great for today and a sustainable future.

Financial

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| 1. Cost of proposal: | Not Applicable |
| 2. Ongoing costs: | Not Applicable |
| 3. Budget head/performance centre: | Not Applicable |
| 4. Total current budget for this head: | Not Applicable |
| 5. Source of funding: | Not Applicable |

Personnel

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| 1. Number of staff (<i>current and additional</i>): | Not Applicable |
| 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: | Not Applicable |

Legal

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

Procurement

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| 1. Summary of Procurement Implications: | Not Applicable |
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Property

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| 1. Summary of Property Implications: | Not Applicable |
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Carbon Reduction and Social Value

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| 1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: | Not Applicable |
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Impact on the Local Economy

Summary of Local Economy Implications:

1. Keeping Bromley safe supports the economic development of the borough by making it a desirable option for visitors wanting to use local businesses and enabling them to thrive.
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Impact on Health and Wellbeing

Summary of Health and Wellbeing Implications:

1. The SBP consider a range of crimes which are linked to health and wellbeing, including but not limited to serious violence, domestic abuse, sexual exploitation, drug supply and the trauma associated to being a victim of crime. The Integrated Care Board are a statutory partner of the Safer Bromley Partnership to ensure that the impact on the health and wellbeing of those involved affected by crime are considered and represented.
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Customer Impact

1. The role of the Safer Bromley Partnership is to keep Bromley a safe borough for all residents, businesses, and visitors.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The SBP met on 29 February, Chaired by Fire Brigade Commander Chris Line. This report summarises the key issues arising from that meeting.
- 3.2 An update on crime was presented to the SBP followed by discussion around shoplifting, knife crime and domestic abuse, summarised below:
- Shoplifting – it was questioned whether the focus should be on shoplifting or wider retail crime. Supt Baldock explained that most violence and retail crime is committed against retail staff is as a result of them trying to intervene in shoplifting. In turn as women represent a large proportion of retail staff this also impacts on violence against women. Luke explained there had been a meeting in January to discuss the action to be taken around this subject, which included representation from the Retail Crime Reduction Partnership and BID. Further meetings are being scheduled, suggestions were made for additional retail representatives to participate.
 - Domestic Abuse – there has been a recent report from the Domestic Abuse Commissioner which indicates that the Police figures may be distorted by reporting practices. Supt Baldock advised he would seek clarification on the statistics and update at the next meeting.
 - Knife crime – there were concerns about the increase in knife crime, particularly in the NE corner of the borough. There was a discussion about the range of work taking place to reduce access to knives and the cross-border work with neighbouring police teams to address the incidents occurring on borough boundaries. It was agreed further action was needed to better understand the profile of offending, which is a key action under the new strategy, and to explore the options for a 'RedThread' worker in A&E. RedThread provide a worker in A&E departments to engage with young people who present with injuries sustained from violence and provide them support at a time when they may be most open to it. This will be scheduled for progression through the new Delivery Group structure.
- 3.3 The extension of the borough wide ASB PSPO was discussed and the SBP supported the proposal. This is the subject of a separate report to the Committee, ES20363.
- 3.4 The Quarter 3 update on progress against the current Safer Bromley Partnership Strategy was noted.
- 3.5 The Safer Neighbourhood Board provided a written update for the SBP, which was noted.
- 3.6 The Domestic Abuse Strategic Lead Officer gave a presentation on the progress made through the Domestic Abuse Strategy. There was some discussion about the importance of retaining a focus on the Domestic Abuse agenda once it is absorbed into the Safer Bromley Strategy as it is the cause of significant demand on services that are in place to support families and residents.
- 3.7 The draft Safer Bromley Strategy and proposed delivery structure was presented. This is the subject of a separate report to the Committee, ES20374.
- 3.8 The Community Safety Officer gave a presentation on the Community Impact Days (CID). The development of the CIDs is a key action for exploration through the Delivery Structure.
- 3.9 The draft Risk Log was circulated. It was noted that this will be further developed as risks may be identified through the strategy delivery planning process is undertaken.

- 3.10 The Forward Plan for the SBP was circulated and partners were asked to consider what items they would like added for future SBP meetings.

4 IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- 4.1 The Safer Bromley Partnership (SBP) brings together statutory agencies, Bromley Council, Metropolitan Police, London Fire Brigade, South East London Integrated Care Board and National Probation Service, commissioned services and community and voluntary representatives are working together at a strategic and operational level to develop preventative and early intervention approaches using intelligence and insights to minimise the impact and trauma caused by crime and reduce re-victimisation and repeat offending.

5. TRANSFORMATION/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Safer Bromley Partnership supports the delivery of the priority of 'Making Bromley Even Better'.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Not applicable

8 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9 PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Not applicable

10 PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Not applicable

11. CARBON REDUCTION/SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Not applicable

12. IMPACT ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY

- 12.1 Keeping Bromley safe supports the economic development of the borough by making it a desirable option for visitors wanting to use local businesses and enabling them to thrive.

13. IMPACT ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- 13.1 The SBP consider a range of crimes which are linked to health and wellbeing, including but not limited to serious violence, domestic abuse, sexual exploitation, drug supply and the trauma associated to being a victim of crime. The Integrated Care Board are a statutory partner of the Safer Bromley Partnership to ensure that the impact on the health and wellbeing of those involved affected by crime are considered and represented.

14. CUSTOMER IMPACT

14.1 The role of the Safer Bromley Partnership is to keep Bromley a safe borough for all residents, businesses and visitors

15. WARD COUNCILLOR VIEWS

15.1 Not applicable

Non-Applicable Headings:	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Crime Update SBP Strategy Q3 Update Safer Neighbourhood Board Update Domestic Abuse Strategy Update Presentation Community Impact Days Presentation Risk Log Forward Plan