

Report No.
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London Borough of Bromley

Agenda
Item No.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: **Public Protection and Safety Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee and the General Purposes and Licensing Committee**

Date: **1 February 2011**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

TITLE: SCRUTINY SESSION ON ALCOHOL AND VIOLENT CRIME

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Ward: All borough

1. Reason for report

At the Meeting of the Public Protection and Safety Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on 1 February 2011, Members will receive a presentation relating to alcohol and community safety issues. In support of the presentation and to provide background reading to assist discussion, this report contains a copy of the Alcohol Needs Assessment for the borough and a document outlining details of alcohol related admissions at Accident and Emergency Departments.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members of the Public Protection and Safety Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee and the General Purposes and Licensing Committee are asked to note the information contained within the attached documents and delivered as part of the supporting presentation.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Building a Better Bromley, Local Area Agreement, Community Safety Strategy 2008 – 2011, Public Protection and Safety Portoflio Plan 2010/2011
 2. BBB Priority: Safer Bromley
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: N/A
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Public Protection and Safety
 4. Total current budget for this head: £4.1 million
 5. Source of funding:
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional) – N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours – N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
 2. Call in: Call in is applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected) - Borough wide
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 Members will receive a presentation that addresses the issues faced in the field of alcohol and community safety. In order to support the detail of the presentations, two documents have been attached to this report, the Alcohol Health Needs Assessment for Bromley and a report relating to Alcohol Attributable Admissions in London.
- 3.2 The Alcohol Health Needs Assessment has been developed in order to identify key issues relating to problematic use of alcohol, assess the health and social impact of alcohol misuse and identify gaps in services. The document will be used by the borough's Drug Action Team to inform commissioning decisions and action planning for addressing the gaps identified. The document relating to alcohol attributable admissions was commissioned by the Regional Public Health Group and sets out the detail of hospital admissions for alcohol attributable conditions. The extent of alcohol attributable admissions is considerable and it is also noted that the number of hospital admissions for conditions wholly or partially caused by alcohol continues to rise, with an average increase between 2003/2004 and 2008/2009 of 8% per year.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Reducing crime and disorder and the harm caused by drugs and alcohol in Bromley are key elements of both Building a Better Bromley and the Safer Bromley Partnership's Community Safety Strategy 2008 – 2011.
- 4.2 The Public Protection and Safety (PPS) Portfolio provides the lead for the delivery of the Council's activity to meet the vision of making Bromley a safer place. Unlike other Portfolios, the activities overseen by the PPS Portfolio Holder are the responsibility of several departments across the Council and of multiple partner organisations.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal Implications, Personnel Implications, Financial Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Alcohol health needs assessment for Bromley Alcohol Attributable Admissions in London