

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Safer Bromley Partnership Strategic Group</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Safer Bromley Partnership Budget – 2011/2012</b>
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## 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the details of the available partnership budget for the year 2011 – 2012. The report includes details of the notifications received in relation to funding, including an indication of the anticipated funding position in 2012 – 2013. Finally, the detail of the submission to the Government Office for London is provided for endorsement.

## 2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Strategic Group is asked to

- Note the budget position as set out in the report
- Endorse the allocations included within the grant claim for 2011 – 2012
- Comment and offer an initial position on the anticipated funding position for 2012 - 2013

## 3 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At the beginning of February 2011, the Home Office issued notification of the intentions for funding of Community Safety Partnerships (letter attached). The key points are noted below:

- The previous funding streams of the Safer, Stronger Communities Fund, Young People Substance Misuse Grant and Community Call for Action would be consolidated into one new grant, the Community Safety Fund.
- There will be **NO** additional Capital funding (approx £48,000 in 2010/2011).
- The available funding under the new fund for Community Safety will be reduced by 20.23% (£226,345 as opposed to £282,931 in 2010/2011). The Young People Substance Misuse allocation in 2011/2012 is £53,500.
- The funding will be made available in future from Police and Crime Commissioners and, for 2011/2012, through the Greater London Authority.
- The expectation is that the available budget for 2012/2013 will represent a 60% cash reduction on the 2010/2011 baseline.

3.2 On February 17<sup>th</sup>, notification was received from the Greater London Authority setting out the submission required to claim the allocated Community Safety Fund for Bromley in 2011/2012. As noted above, this included a 20.23% reduction on previous funding. In terms of funding available to the Partnership this represents a reduction of £56,586 in revenue funding and a reduction of £48,000 in Capital funding.

### ***How Has the Reduction Been Absorbed?***

3.3 A number of previous budget allocations that were made in 2010/2011 have been deleted completely:

- Domestic Abuse Advocacy
- Contribution to DAT work
- Integrated Offender Management
- Community Safety Project Officer
- Crime Prevention Material

3.4 A further range of budgets have been reduced significantly:

- Domestic Abuse Strategy Coordination
- Operation Payback Support (Protective Equipment)

The £32,000 that has previously been allocated as Capital funding for the Safer Bromley Van will no longer be available. However, in light of the positive work undertaken by the van and the priority placed on this project, it is proposed that £75,000 be made available to support the van over two years from the Local Area Agreement Reward Grant (£315,000 – the remaining allocation of £240,000 is proposed to support the Domestic Abuse Advocacy scheme (Agenda Item 9)).

### ***Application Submitted to the Greater London Authority:***

3.5 Having absorbed the changes outlined above, the submission for the Community Safety Fund of £226,345 set out the following areas of planned expenditure:

#### **1. Part funding for the Bromley Council's Anti Social Behaviour Unit. £67,400** (Additional funding provided from within the Portfolio Holder's budget)

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour has been adopted by the Safer Bromley Partnership as one of its key Control Strategy priorities for 2011/2012 within the Partnership's Strategic Assessment. This team aims to prevent, deter and reduce Anti-Social Behaviour through a programme of work that delivers a set of minimum standards for dealing with behaviour such as:

- Nuisance neighbours
- Yobbish behaviour and intimidating groups taking over public spaces
- Vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting
- People dealing and buying drugs on the street

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- People dumping rubbish and abandoned cars
- Begging and anti-social drinking
- The misuse of fireworks
- Reckless driving of mini-motorbikes.

The team is made up of both Council officers and seconded Police officers managed by the borough's Head of Community Safety. We are confident that this partnership approach has put us in an excellent position to respond to the recent Home Office review of powers to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour.

## **2. Domestic Abuse Strategy Co-ordinator £43,000**

Leading and facilitating the proactive borough-wide partnership response to domestic abuse i.e. to support victims and survivors and to bring to justice and rehabilitate perpetrators. Along with managing three multi-agency services the coordinator has responsibility for the development and delivery of the Domestic Abuse Strategy, managing the Domestic Abuse Forum and its associated Steering Group, and providing consultation and training to other professionals and community groups.

This allocation of funding further supports the Council's prioritisation of interventions to reduce the harm caused by domestic abuse within Bromley and agreement has recently been secured to finance the Independent Domestic Abuse Advocacy project for the coming three years.

## **3. Operation PAYBACK Support - Restorative Justice £7,745**

Personal protective equipment for 'Payback' offender teams working on graffiti clearance etc. This initiative contributes to the borough's commitment to utilising Payback teams as a high profile and visible tool in areas like rubbish clearance, graffiti removal and other reparation.

## **4. Safer Neighbourhood Officers £112,000**

These officers provide a unique link between the Council and Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Panels and other interested stakeholders to promote the objectives of the Safer Bromley Partnership and integrate the work of the Partnership into community initiatives. In addition to providing support to communities and police teams in applying for funding from the Safer Bromley Partnership and external trusts and grants these officers act as the single point of contact at panel meetings and action the various issues which arise. Taking the lead on many problem solving initiatives the officers are responsible for the development of projects in line with local and national trends e.g. developing the Arson Sub Group alongside other Safer Bromley Partners, increasing community capacity to tackle problems caused by problematic drug use (Enough is Enough campaign), supporting the Safer Bromley Van (providing security upgrades to victims of crime and the vulnerable). Finally, the officers are responsible for providing support to Neighbourhood Watch within

Bromley and other initiatives to recruit and support volunteers in work to make Bromley safer.

## **5. Junior Citizens Coordinator (£8,000)**

Co-ordination of Junior Citizen Scheme ensuring the various agencies such as the Fire Brigade, The British Red Cross, Victim Support, Crimestoppers and Hope UK deliver their specific safety/community message to year 6 primary school children i.e. how to deal with everyday dangers safely and effectively, encouraging good citizenship and a sense of community responsibility. A scheme that targets the critical bridging year before commencement of secondary schooling and has received widespread positive feedback both from partners, schools and the school pupils engaged.

## **6. Young Victim's Project (£8,200)**

This allocation provides part funding for a dedicated youth victim project within Victim Support in Bromley. The project has a dual emphasis on working with young victims of crime (both within schools and in the community) whilst also seeking to recruit a younger cohort of volunteers in an effort to make victim support services more accessible to young people.

- 3.6 In relation to the £53,500 allocated under what was previously the Young People Substance Misuse Grant, this has been allocated to work in support of work to tackle issues related to teenage pregnancy (£18,910) and the remainder (£34,590) will be used as a contribution to the costs of running the Young People Treatment service.
- 3.7 The deadline for submission of the statement of planned expenditure was 4 March and Bromley's submission was made on 3 March. At the time of completing this report, no feedback had been received but it is hoped that an update will be available at the meeting of the Strategic Group.