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Report Name:	Home Office Peer Review – Ending Gang and Youth Violence
Meeting:	Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Board (SCPB)
Meeting Date:	25 July 2014
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1. Summary

- 1.1 The Home Office have chosen Barnet to undergo a Peer Review that aims to support the community safety partnership in developing the way it delivers outcomes in tackling youth violence and managing associated risks to young victims and offenders.
- 1.2 The findings of recent analysis of youth crime show that Barnet has low levels of youth crime compared to other London Boroughs and is one of the safest Boroughs in London. However, there are a few areas in Barnet where youth crime is of concern to the wider partnership.
- 1.3 This paper and the attachment provides information to partners on the Home Office Peer review, what is required from partners.
- 1.4 The peer review will be co-ordinated by the Head of Community Safety and Chief Inspector Gary Randal.
- 1.5 It is important to re-iterate the peer review is not an inspection and is intended to be a constructive process.

2. Recommendations

Members of the SCPB:

- 2.1 Note the contents of this report and its attachments.
- 2.2 Nominate officers from their organisations that can meet with the peer reviewers.
- 2.3 Provide comments and feedback on the proposed peer review.
- 2.4 Highlight any particular areas they would like the peer review to focus on.

3. The peer review

- 3.1 **Appendix one** of this report is a short briefing from the Home Office providing information about the Home Office Ending Gang and Youth Violence (EGYV) programme and the feedback from previous peer reviews.

3.2 The review will take place over four days in October 2014. A date is yet to be agreed. The peer reviewers will meet with individuals across the partnership to gain an understanding of the work of the partnership. A list of individuals they propose to meet with includes:

- Assistant Chief Officer National Probation Service and CRC
- Chair of the Safer Communities Partnership Board
- Barnet Chief Superintendent – Metropolitan Police
- Council Chief Executive
- Head of Community Safety
- Borough Director for NHS
- Voluntary sector commissioned services
- Service users
- Director of Children Services
- Council press and media manager
- Department of Works and Pensions
- Head of Social Work (children)
- Crime Analyst
- Youth Offending Services
- Local immigration lead
- Victim Support
- Pupil referral unit
- DV and VAWG lead

4. Current work developed in Barnet to respond to and manage the risks related to Youth Crime.

3.3 In 2013, Barnet established A Youth Crime Prevention Strategy Group (YCPSTG), chaired by the Assistant Director of Children's Services, Duncan Tessier. It reports to both the SCPB and the Youth Matters Board. The aim of this group is to develop the partnership response to youth crime prevention in a wider context rather than a specific focus on 'gangs'. The focus includes the partnership approach to assessment and management of risk and harm to young people as both victims and perpetrators of crime and anti-social behaviour.

3.4 A 'Youth Crime Prevention Strategy' has also been drafted, with the help of partners and focuses on the following elements:

- Strong local leadership
- Mapping the problem
- Responding in partnership
- Assessment and referral
- Targeted and effective interventions: enforcement, pathways out and prevention
- Criminal justice and breaking the cycle
- Mobilising communities

3.5 A delivery plan has been developed with clear performance indicators to ensure partners remain focussed and that we are able to evaluate the impact of the interventions.

- 3.6 The final strategy will be presented to the Safer Communities Partnership Board at the next meeting in October 2014.

Appendix 1: Briefing from the Home Office



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