

## **Decisions of the Safer Communities Partnership Board**

28 October 2016

### **Members Present:-**

Councillor David Longstaff (Chairman)  
Kiran Vagarwal – London Borough of Barnet  
Jamie Blake – London Borough of Barnet  
Duncan Tessier – London Borough of Barnet  
Bridget O'Dwyer – Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group  
Laura Featley – Department for Work and Pensions  
Helen Twigg – Victim Support  
Sam Denman – National Probation Service  
Steve Leader – London Fire Brigade  
Wendy Manuel – 23red  
Superintendent Paula Light – Metropolitan Police

### **Apologies for Absence:**

Roger Kemp – Barnet Safer Neighbourhood Board  
Julie Pal – CommUNITY Barnet  
Peter Clifton – London Borough of Barnet  
Chief Superintendent Simon Rose – Metropolitan Police  
Jamie Keddy – MOPAC  
Temi Mwale

## **1. INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Chairman of the Safer Communities Partnership Board, Councillor David Longstaff welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 22 July 2016 be approved as a correct record.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation from the Police around the Be Safe project.

## **2. VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE POLICE ON THE BE SAFE PROJECT**

Wendy Manuel introduced the project and outlines that the Be Safe project is a crime prevention campaign using insight behavioural and data analysis to tap into Londoners' concerns and help overcome behavioural barriers in order for them to take control of their own and their families' security.

She outlined that there would be a focus on burglary where there was an element of fear. People preferred not to think about the possibility of burglary. There was also an element of helplessness, the fact that people don't know what to do and choose to do nothing.

The project aimed to motivate Londoners to take steps to protect themselves and create a collaborative environment where Londoners see it as their job to protect themselves. The 'be a hero' initiative was a fun and simple way to get people into the habit of protecting themselves.

Ms Manuel also outlined the timeline of the communications campaign and the channels through which they were going to target the audience. The aim was to change people's mind-set and the perception of what they could do to protect themselves.

They were also going to work with partners so that partners could disseminate the message to their communities. There would be newsletters, leaflets, physical material and work with partners to identify the best way deliver this message. They would try to make this as easy as possible for partners to participate in this project.

Councillor Longstaff asked how this project is related to the locks, clocks and lights project. Superintendent Paula Light replied that the locks, clocks and lights project was focused on burglary. Councillor Longstaff mentioned that there needed to be a focus on burglary because this was a major issue in Barnet.

Ms O-Dwyer said that she is happy to liaise with Ms Manuel if there is any work with drug and alcohol with other boroughs.

Councillor Longstaff asked how they would ensure that the message was distributed effectively. Ms Manuel responded that they planned to test, evaluate the message and tailor it to ensure that it was effective. Ms O-Dwyer asked whether they were liaising with any local housing services and Ms Manuel responded that any information regarding partners would be useful.

Finally, it was agreed that Ms Manuel would attend a future Board meeting to report results on performance.

### **3. DEVELOPING THE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

Kiran Vagarwal introduced the report which related to the performance management framework.

Ms Vagarwal stated that crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) rates were low in Barnet. The approach was to be victim and community centred and focus on the perception of crime. ASB remained low and community confidence remained high.

It was reported that there is a statutory duty to perform the annual Strategic Crime Needs Assessment and produce a report on results on what has been achieved during the last 12 months.

Ms Vagarwal outlined that they would put in place delivery groups, multi-agency action plans, ensure that KPIs had been identified and that there was a partnership dashboard for each objective. There would be a dashboard presented for every quarter that would

demonstrate how the high level objectives had been achieved. There will be an annual report which will be presented to the Adults & Safeguarding Board, Children's Safeguarding Board, Community Leadership Committee and Health & Well-Being Board.

Ms Vagarwal outlined what was required from the Board:

1. Relevant victim, offender, location service data for every quarter in order to decide which data should be included in the performance dashboard coming to this Board;
2. Report on relevant future targets to integrate into the strategy but not duplicating work;
3. The Community Safety Team will analyse and produce the performance reports and produce cross partnership data;
4. Provide input and interpretation of data and provide recommended action; and
5. Consider deeper cross agency data analysis that can add value to more targeted work

Ms Vagarwal agreed to send the analysis form which outlines what analysis is required and how can community safety support by producing this analysis. **(Action)**

Mr Douglas Charlton from the Community Rehabilitation Company added that they are developing a new system to gather data that would go live in March 2017 and would help with the accuracy of data.

Councillor Longstaff asked what was relevant to Barnet and that the Partnership needed to be clear on the direction of travel. Targets were useful but there needed to be clarity on the work that was required to be done.

Ms Vagarwal mentioned that there needed to be more focus on performance, quality and outcomes. The strategy had resulted from local consultations to make sure that they were relevant to Barnet.

Violence against women and young girls is a London wide policy. However, the strategy needed to be focused on elements which were relevant to Barnet.

The next step was for the different delivery groups to be in place and then tasked to put together a performance dashboard and nominate high level indicators. Updates regarding this would be reported at the next meeting.

Ms Vagarwal reported that there was no update regarding MOPAC funding. On 10 November the Heads of Community Safety would meet to look at the Police and Crime Plan before the consultation went live. Ms Vagarwal outlined the core values and priorities of set out in the proposed policing plan.

Councillor Longstaff asked how the Police and Crime Plan fitted with Barnet. Ms Vagarwal responded that they were going to make the Plan relevant to Barnet across different service areas.

#### **4. UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY REHABILITATION COMPANY**

Douglas Charlton from Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) stated that there had been disjointed working between partners because it had been difficult to identify which partners are responsible for each piece of work. Feedback had also been received from

Chief Executive meetings and London Councils.

CRC currently work on a cohort model which was being refined. There was a custody cohort which focussed on people in custody and ensures that there are links back to the community. There was also a male and female cohort.

The male custody cohort excluded Integrated Offender Management and there would be separate work taking place that was going to be tailored for each borough.

The operational structure of this model would include managers for Barnet, Brent and other areas and it would be geographically focused. There was currently no update on the strategic structure. Douglas informed the Board that he would be sending out information to keep partners updated. There were currently no updates on the external strategy.

Ms Vagarwal added that one of the priorities was to reduce re-offending and increased the cohort from 70-200 and this would be reflected in the KPIs for the strategy.

Douglas added that CRC was looking at how IOM can be incorporated into this model.

Finally, he said that there was going to be a pilot that would start in early January and if that proved to be a success and was aligned with the Metropolitan Police strategy, then it would be adopted. This pilot would also need to be aligned with priorities from other partners such as the Metropolitan Police and DWP.

## **5. MOPAC UPDATE**

Ms Vagarwal said that there was no update from MOPAC. She added that as there was a four year funding allocation, they would issue money for two years so that there would be a roll over within these two years. There would be no bidding process; local priorities would be assessed to decide on funding allocations.

Ms Vagarwal agreed to share with the group any information as soon as it was available  
**(Action)**

## **6. UPDATE FROM YOUTH MATTERS**

Duncan Tessier updated the Board on youth matters.

Over the summer there had been a number of incidents including a serious incident. The figures around offending were lower than the London average. However, there was a small cohort that had been causing problems. There had been an increase in gun discharges.

As there had been some worrying trends around Barnet, the Council has been looking at this and had decided to put some additional resource to work with this cohort.

Mr Tessier said he would bring an update in a future meeting when the plans were more concrete to have a further discussion regarding these issues.

Superintendent Paul Light said that the incident in Finchley was going to Crown Court and as a result the Gangs Unit would work closely with the council.

Ms O-Dwyer said that drug and alcohol played an important role and they looked at children with adult substance misusers. She added that partnership work was valuable.

## 7. PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD

Superintendent Paula Light said that burglary was affecting particular wards.

One of the measures that could assist to prevent burglary is if the look of the property was altered, burglars were likely to go somewhere else. There was also going to be a focus on properties that had already been burgled.

There was a system which captures footprints after a burglary incident and footprints could be compared with other incidents.

Ms Vagarwal said that there had been 33% reduction in the latest report a year ago and a 22% reduction in the last 12 months.

Barnet was the 8<sup>th</sup> lowest in comparing with London boroughs and 9<sup>th</sup> in comparison with 15 neighbouring boroughs. There was good overall performance. However, one incident does affect perception.

There had been serious youth violence incidents. Regarding domestic violence there had been a decrease for the first time in the last 12 month period. There had been a 3% reduction.

Superintendent Paul Light said that the Community Safety Unit that dealt with domestic assault was back in Barnet.

Ms Vagarwal suggested that the Board could recommend that the next Domestic Violence Board should consider the performance on sanction detection rates and enforcement. The Board unanimously **AGREED**.

Finally, it was also outlined that there had been a downward trend on Anti-Social Behaviour.

## 8. FORWARD PLAN - PROPOSED ITEMS FOR NEXT SCPB: 27 JAN 2017

Councillor Longstaff added the following items on the forward work programme:

- Update on Be Safe
- Update from Duncan on Youth matters
- Performance dashboard development
- New Young people substance misuse service
- CRC update and focus on Barnet priorities
- MOPAC funding update

The Board unanimously **AGREED** the above items to be added to the forward work programme.

## **9. HATE CRIME - REPORTING**

Ms Vagarwal introduced the report which related to hate crime reporting. There had been a review around hate crime reporting centres. There had also been recruitment of new centres and there was a model that was looking at a variety of different types of hate crime such as disability and racial hate crime.

Ms Vagarwal confirmed that Barnet Community Safety Team had been working closely with Ray Booth, CEO, Barnet Mencap, in improving the reporting centres in Barnet and that she was keen to enable Barnet Mencap to continue to lead on this. The support included the submission of a bid to secure funding and recruit a Hate Crime Co-ordinator for Barnet based within Mencap.

The next step is to look on how Safer Neighbourhood teams could be engaged. During the next 12 months there would be an increase in the number of reporting centres and the work around violence against women and girls will be included.

If Full Council passes the motion around hate crime then this work will be linked to that.

## **10. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

Ms Vagarwal requested an update from Steve Leader around the bid they had submitted. Mr Leader updated the Board and mentioned that were currently finalising the bid about mobile fire suppression systems for bed-bound and chair-bound people. In the incident of a fire the fire suppression system sprays water over a defined area. The bid is for six mobile fire suppression systems and there was one currently in the borough.

Ms Vagarwal mentioned that there were cases that were referred from Adults & Communities and that they should be in contact with them to see whether there is anyone particularly in need so that this equipment can be allocated.

Mr Leader added that there should be promotion around this equipment such as speaking to doctors, presenting to social services and Barnet Homes in order to spread the message as widely as possible. This type of communication would help the fire brigade service to respond immediately when a vulnerable person was identified as having that particular need.

The meeting finished at 11.26 am