

<b>ITEM [6]</b>		
<b>Report Name:</b>	London's Blueprint for a Whole System Approach for Women in Contact with the Criminal Justice System 2019-22	
<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Board (SCPB)</b>	
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	24 January 2020	
<b>Enclosures:</b>	<i>Appendix A: Blueprint document</i>	
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<b>Restricted</b>	No	
<b>Summary</b>	The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime has developed a Blueprint for 'a Whole System Approach for Women in Contact with the Criminal Justice System'. Over the next three years the Blueprint will act as a vision statement for working together to develop and implement an evidence based, sustainable, whole-system approach aimed at improving outcomes for women and reducing women's imprisonment.	
<b>Recommendations</b>	That the Safer Communities Partnership Board note this report and Appendix A	

## 1. Overview

- 1.1 A request was made by the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime that Barnet (along with the other London local authorities) sign-up to a London-wide Blueprint for Women in Contact with the Criminal Justice System 2019-22.
- 1.2 A briefing paper was taken to the November 2019 Community Leadership and Libraries Committee meeting and the committee approved the recommendation that Barnet *sign up to the London Blueprint for a Whole System Approach for Women in Contact with the Criminal Justice System 2019-22*.
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to update the Safer Communities Partnership Board about the Blueprint and its implication.

### Background context

- 1.4 The Mayors Officer for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) has been working with the Prison Reform Trust and partners to develop the Blueprint. The aim of the Blueprint is to provide a clear shared vision and foundation for ongoing multi-agency work relating to women in the criminal justice system.
- 1.5 MOPAC intend that over the next three years the Blueprint will act as a vision statement, and a commitment between its signatories, to work together to develop and implement an evidence-based, sustainable, whole system approach aimed at improving outcomes for women and reducing women's imprisonment
- 1.6 The Blueprint sets out the commitment to transform the criminal justice response to women in London, recognising the common underlying causes of offending for women, including experiences of domestic and sexual abuse and coercion, trafficking and exploitation, poverty, homelessness, mental health needs, and substance use.
- 1.7 MOPAC asked each London Borough for their official support of the Blueprint, as a demonstration of partners' collective commitment to this strategic approach. MOPAC highlights that implementing a whole system approach involves different agencies aligning to invest in prevention and community-based alternatives where these offer better outcomes to the use of costly incarceration of women who present a low risk of harm.
- 1.8 Enclosed within this report for the reference of the Safer Communities Partnership Board are the following items:
  - *Appendix A: The Blueprint document*

## 2. Link to local priorities

By signing up to the Blueprint Barnet is demonstrating its commitment to support the work to transform the criminal justice response to women in London in a way which recognises the common underlying causes of offending for women, including experiences of domestic and sexual abuse and coercion, trafficking and exploitation, poverty, homelessness, mental health needs, and substance use.

- 2.1 The aims of the Blueprint are complementary to the aims and objectives of Barnet's existing Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy. The VAWG Strategy supports Barnet in achieving the outcomes and priorities set out in the corporate plan by helping to keep residents of Barnet safe and protecting the most vulnerable.

## 3. What happens next

- 3.1 Following the launch of the Blueprint, MOPAC will lead the development of an action plan, through close engagement with key stakeholders including each of the Local Authorities that have signed up to the Blueprint. The plan will be developed by a cross-sector delivery group, made up of the Blueprint's key signatories.
- 3.2 The Barnet Community Safety Team will ensure that Barnet is represented at relevant working groups linked to the development of the Blueprint's action plan, and that the appropriate links are made between the Blueprint plan and Barnet's existing strategies and action plans (such as the Barnet Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy and Barnet's Reducing Offending Action Plan)

## 4. Background papers

### **Community Leadership and Libraries Committee 20th Nov 2019**

MOPAC Blueprint for whole systems approach to women in contact with the criminal justice system

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s56435/CLLC%20Cover%20Paper%20Blueprint%20for%20Women%2020%20Nov%202019.pdf>

### **Community Leadership and Libraries Committee 11th June 2019**

Agenda Item 9 "Preventing and Responding to Violence against Women and Girls & Domestic Abuse (VAWG & DA) - Annual Report (2018/2019)"

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s52884/6826769%20-%20VAWG%20Annual%20Report%20CLLC%2011jun19%20%20%20.pdf>

**Community Leadership Committee 21st June 2017**

Agenda Item “*London Borough of Barnet Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy 2017-2020*”

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s40298/London%20Borough%20of%20Barnet%20Violence%20against%20Women%20and%20GirlsVAWG%20Strategy%202017-2020.pdf>