

Item 8; Barnet Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group (BASBAG)

1 Introduction/purpose of Report

This report proposes changes to delivery mechanisms for the Safer Communities Strategy, specifically replacing the current Multi Agency Operations Group (MAOG) with a new Barnet Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group (BASBAG).

2 Details

2.1 The Multi Agency Operations Group (MAOG) was set up at least four years ago as a function of the Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Board (BSCP). It had two chairs; the LBB lead Director for Community Safety and the Superintendent: Operations of Barnet Police.

2.2 Its remit was to deliver the priorities of the BCSP and met every 6 weeks to formulate tactical options to do so.

2.3 The current priorities of the BSCP are:

- Priority 1 – Property crime with special focus on burglary**
- Priority 2 – Anti-Social Behaviour**
- Priority 3 – Violent crime with specific focus on domestic violence**
- Priority 4 – Improving integrated offender management**
- Priority 5 – Broader cost effective early intervention**
- Priority 6 – Focus on the places where offences take place**
- Priority 7 – Tackle repeat victimisation**
- Priority 8 – Building Reassurance and Confidence**

2.4 Over the past 4 years all of the statutory partners have gone through a restructuring process, and most are still in a transitional phase. As a result the efficacy of the MAOG has been limited as a vehicle through which to deliver meaningful change. However this does not mean that performance against the priorities has not been delivered. In fact quite the opposite; performance has been strong in each of the areas but it has been delivered through other groups and structures that have evolved as a result of partnership restructure. The MAOG has remained but its remit has diminished as other projects have come on line and responsibility for delivering on the above priorities has moved elsewhere as follows;

Priority 1 – This is daily business for police and performance is delivered through a weekly meeting

Priority 2 –

Priority 3 – Delivered through Safeguarding and DV panel

Priority 4 – Delivered through the IOM project

Priority 5 – Delivered through Troubled Families

Priority 6 – This is a strand of all crime performance and is a feature of the MPS performance framework

Priority 7 – This is a strand of all crime performance and is a feature of the MPS performance framework

Priority 8 – This is delivered through Safer Neighbourhood policing and the CSEG

2.5 From the above it can be seen that the only strand not to have its own partnership framework through which performance is driven is Priority 2 - ASB. To fill this gap I have proposed that the MAOG becomes the group that delivers the performance in this area and the MAOG becomes the BASBAG.

2.6 The performance indicator will be a simple reduction in ASB calls as measured through the MPS repeat caller data (data that can be shared through existing ISAs). This data provides a base line that current performance can be measured against. The group will meet on a monthly basis to put in place practical measures to deal with repeat victims of ASB, repeat callers who generate ASB and those who place an unnecessary burden on the public services of Barnet. It will be possible to produce cost benefit analysis of the work of this group (we already have case studies to demonstrate the savings that can be made through such work).

2.7 The above was presented to the members of the MAOG at its last meeting and the group has agreed that this should be the way forward.

2.8 The BASBAG will be the Partnership Group that delivers performance with regard to Priority 2 and will be chaired by the Police Chief Inspector for Neighbourhood Policing.

3 Decision Sought

To agree the new arrangements as set out above.

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