

Safer Communities Partnership Board
Minutes of meeting held on 24 July 2012
Committee Room 2, Hendon Town Hall

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Cllr David Longstaff	Cabinet Member for Safety and Resident Engagement (Chairman)
Mark Strugnell	Deputy Borough Commander, Met Police
Steve Leader	London Fire Brigade
Terry Cameron	JobCentre Plus
Philip Fernandez	CPS
Jackie Alexander	North West London Magistrates
Douglas Charlton	London Probation

Also present:

Pam Wharfe	Interim Director for Environment, Planning & Regeneration, LBB
Tim Beach	Chair, Children's Safeguarding Board
Michael Taylor	Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime
Flamera Asfa Davey	Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime
Julia Mlambo	Community Safety Engagement Group Co-Ordinator
Paul Lamb	Community Protection Group Manager, LBB
Julie Pal	Chief Executive's Service, LBB
Stuart Collins	Barnet Children's Service, LBB
Manju Lukhman	Barnet Children's Service, LBB
Sue Smith	Adult Social Care and Health, LBB
Dov Gerber	CSEG

Apologies:

Julie Taylor	Assistant Chief Executive, LBB
Andrew Nathan	Strategic Policy Adviser, LBB
Jay Mercer	Deputy Director Children's Services, LBB
Chris Palmer	AD Communications, LBB
T/Chief Supt Neil Seabridge	Metropolitan Police
Ceri Jacob	NC London NHS

1 Minutes of 20 April 2012 meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2012 were agreed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

Section 2 - Safer Communities Strategy- update on priorities

Each of the leads for the priorities identified in the strategy updated on current activity and performance. The action plans in support of each objective had been circulated with the papers to ensure an informed discussion.

2.1 Acquisitive crime with special focus on burglary

Burglary continues to decrease in the borough. Crime against property reduced by 12%; burglary reports reduced by 9% (the equivalent of 100 less victims); robbery went down 19% and motor vehicle theft was around 8% down meaning that there were 195 less victims since the start of the year.

Since the start of the financial year Operation Formidable has been underway to help the police meet its targets. During this period 2000 people have been stopped, 45 arrest warrants have been published and burglary has reduced by 20%.

The North Area Command were involved in Operation Gonzalez and made 50 arrests in relation to burglary and acquisitive crime.

2.2 AntiSocial Behaviour (ASB)

Anti-social behaviour reports have continued to drop over the last quarter. There has been an 11% drop – this has partly been due to a focus on repeat calls and an emphasis on high risk victims. The approval of an Alcohol Control Zone by Cabinet was anticipated to further reduce the incidence of ASB in the public realm.

The Designated Public Places Order also provides an opportunity for the Integrated Youth Support Services to work with young people at risk of committing ASB. A referral pathway has also been established between the Barnet Drug Advisory Group and the Tavistock Clinic to support people with drug support needs. This workstream has been captured under the Early Intervention and Prevention programme.

The methodology for measuring ASB continues to be a challenge and would benefit from a wider discussion by the board at a future meeting.

ACTION: Paul Lamb

2.3 Violent Crime with Special Focus on Domestic Violence (DV)

A paper on Domestic Violence Commissioning was circulated by Manju Likhman confirming that Solace Women's Aid is the domestic violence provider for the London Borough of Barnet. They provide: refuge spaces for 18 women, a perpetrator service with a women's support service attached delivered through DVIP and an advocacy and advice service.

The most recent domestic violence poster campaign generated 100 new calls to Solace.

Action: Manju Likhman to invite DVIP to the next board meeting.

2.4 Improving Integrated Offender Management (IOM)

A paper was circulated by Michael Kelly, IOM updating the board on the progress of the IOM service which is now located in West Hendon. To date 42 offenders had been transferred to the programme from the Probation Service. This number is expected to rise as the programme gathers momentum. Drug intervention remains a gap at the moment, however conversations with Westminster Drug Intervention Project will be expected to address this.

ACTION: Terry Cameron/Michael Kelly

2.5 Broader, Cost Effective Early Intervention (Troubled Families Programme)

Stuart Collins circulated its statement of work on the first 18 families supported under the Troubled Families Programme. He advised that the financial framework was well under development which would be used to calculate the cost benefits/avoidance of supporting potentially 705 families in Barnet.

The Troubled Families Programme has been targeted to deliver services to 235 families with an 80% Payment by Results attachment. This risk will reduce to 40% for the next 350 families which form part of the next cohort.

There are currently 36 staff employed by the programme.

There are currently 19 different agencies engaged with the programme. A number of referral pathways have been established between IoM and the Drugs and Alcohol Team.

Action for Children has been commissioned to deliver a Quality of Life framework to define and quantify success.

ACTION: Jay Mercer

2.6 Focus on places where offences take place

Mark Strugnell advised the board that some targeted work on domestic burglary had been focussed on the Childs Hill ward.

2.7 Tackle repeat victimisation

Douglas Charlton advised the board that a Victim Liaison Officer was now in post to support everyone who had received a probation sentence over 12 months.

The new ASB white paper 'Putting victims first - more effective responses to antisocial behaviour', sets out the government's plans to deliver on the commitment to introduce more effective measures to tackle antisocial behaviour and was brought to the board's attention for information.

2.8 Building Reassurance and Confidence

The media and community engagement strategy will be presented at the next meeting..

ACTION; Chris Palmer

Section 3 Presentations and Reports

3.1 Substance Misuse Strategy

The paper will be re-presented at a later date.

ACTION; Ceri Jacob

3.2 Safer Communities Strategic Review

Cllr Longstaff advised the board that the review had been approved by Cabinet Resources Committee in June 2012.

CCTV is being reviewed/analysed at present.

3.3 Safeguarding Annual Children's Report

Tim Beach sought the board's permission and agreement to discuss the Safeguarding Children Annual Report at the next meeting following its endorsement by the Children's Trust Board.

ACTION: Tim Beach

Section 4 Any Other Business

No items were raised.

Section 5 Dates of Future Meetings

Tuesday, 16th October 2012.

Tuesday 15th January 2013

All at Hendon Town Hall at 2.30pm.

Section 6- Business not Open to the Public

Domestic Violence – report noted

Julie Pal Chief Executive's Service, LBB 17 September 2012