

Paper/Item Title	Development of Barnet Safer Communities Partnership (BSCP)
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Meeting	BSCP Board
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Desired Outcome	<b><u>Feedback/comments required</u></b>

## Paper Summary

This report sets out the following three proposals to develop the work of Barnet Safer Communities Partnership:

1. A refresh of the membership for BSCP.
2. A refresh of the performance management reporting to BSCP.
3. Agreeing the 2013/14 business planning process.

### 1. Proposed membership of Barnet Safer Communities Partnership.

1.1 Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 sets out the responsible authorities that make up the statutory Community Safety Partnership (CSP) as follows:

- Police
- Police authorities – this was the MPA but now MOPAC
- Local authorities
- Fire and rescue authorities
- NHS
- Probation

1.2 These responsible authorities are under a statutory duty to ensure that the key agencies come together to work in partnership to develop and implement strategies to tackle crime and disorder including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment as well as the misuse of drugs and alcohol in their area.

1.3 CSPs are also expected to invite a wide range of local private, voluntary, other public and community groups to become involved in the strategy process.

1.4 Since July 2007, Registered Social Landlords (in England) became co-operating bodies with the responsible authorities of CSPs and the Environment Agency in England became an invitee to participate with the functions of the partnership.

1.5 Whilst the term 'partnership' is applied to all those who sit around the table, legally, the responsible authorities are the only bodies or agencies under the duty to meet the regulatory process.

## **1.6 Recommendations**

R1 The core membership of Barnet Community Safety Partnership will include:

- Metropolitan Police Barnet
- Barnet Council
- London Fire Brigade
- London Probation Service
- Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group
- Cabinet member for community safety (Chair)
- MOPAC
- CSEG / Barnet Safer Neighbourhood Board – when established

R2 Observers will include:

- Community Barnet

R3 Barnet Council representatives will include:

- Director for Place.
- Head of Community Safety
- Assistant Director Community and Wellbeing.
- Family & Community Well-being Lead Commissioner.

Officers from across Barnet Council will be invited as and when required.

R4 The terms of reference for BSCP will be reviewed to reflect the agreed membership and refresh the scope and function of the group.

R5 Attendees who are observing and not part of the core membership will be seated in the public gallery area.

R6 If restricted items are to be presented and discussed the chair will ask the non-core members to leave the meeting. These agenda items will be clearly marked as restricted on the meeting agenda.

## **2. A refresh of the performance management reporting to the BSCP**

2.1 Partners have expressed a preference for the performance management reports presented at the BSCP to be much shorter.

2.2 The purpose of the performance management includes:

- Tracking the delivery of BSCP community safety strategic priorities.
- Monitoring the impact of the interventions delivered by partners and targets.
- Highlighting any areas which require increased focus by the partnership.
- Share emerging trends with partners.

2.3 Attached is the proposed refreshed performance management report will consist of a BSCP performance scorecard and a contextualised summary of the performance across the crime types with a power point presentation delivered by community safety jointly and the police.

## **2.4 Recommendations**

- R7 The proposed performance management format is discussed, comments provided and final report template is agreed.
- R8 A brief introductory presentation at the next BSCP meeting outlining the proposed format and an explanation of the types of analysis conducted with a view to enable members to have an input.
- R9 The newly established Safer Communities Implementation Group will monitor and challenge the performance and will decide what is escalated to BSCP.

## **3. Community Safety Business planning cycle**

- 3.1 Attached is a diagram showing the business planning cycle of CSPs suggested by the Home Office -Appendix 1.
- 3.2 In 2007 CSP reforms lay down in law what strategic assessments should include, what new partnership plans should look like and what partnerships were required to do with regards to community engagement.
- 3.3 In summary the legislation<sup>1</sup> states the following:
- For each area there shall be a strategy group whose functions are to prepare a strategic assessment and prepare and implement a partnership plan. The plan will be reviewed annually before the start of each year.
  - The strategy group shall have in place arrangements governing the review of the expenditure of the partnership monies and for assessing the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of such expenditure.
  - The strategy group shall have in place arrangements for information sharing and shall prepare a protocol setting out these arrangements (under section 17A of the 1998 Act (a); under section 115 of the 1998 Act (a) and for the purpose of formulating a strategic assessment and partnership plan for the area.
  - During each year the strategy group shall prepare a strategic assessment on behalf of the responsible authorities. The purpose of the strategic assessment will be to assist the group in revising the partnership plan.
  - A list of what the assessment should include.
  - For the purpose of preparing the strategic assessment and preparing and implementing the partnership plan the strategy group shall make arrangements for obtaining the views of persons and bodies that live or work in the area.
  - The strategy group hold one or more public meetings per year.

## **3.4 Recommendations**

- R10. We commence the process of collecting and analysing data for the strategic assessment and start planning the community consultation.

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<sup>1</sup> Statutory Instruments, Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007.

R11. The following timescales are agreed:

By When	Task
December 2013	Community consultation completed
January 2014	Strategic Crime Needs Assessment completed
February 2014	Summary of strategic crime needs assessment produced
March 2014	Partners consulted about emerging priorities
July 2014	Community Safety Plan refreshed and published

**Appendix 2: Business planning cycles for Community Safety Partnerships.**

