Meeting: Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
Date: 11th March 2014  
Subject: Crime and Disorder Scrutiny 2013/14  
Report of: Cabinet Member for Resident Safety and Engagement  
Summary of Report: This report provides an update as requested by the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee on:

(i) The new policing model  
(ii) Enhancements to the Safer Communities Strategy  
(iii) Delivery against the Safer Communities Strategy 2011-2014  
(iv) Update from the Barnet Community Safety Engagement Group (CSEG)

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Status (public or exempt): Public  
Wards Affected: All  
Key Decision: None  
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in: N/A  
Function of: Business Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
Enclosures: Appendix 1: Summary of Enhancement Projects  
Appendix 2: Progress report on delivery of the Safer Communities Strategy 2011-2014  
Appendix 3: Changes to CSEG  
Appendix 4: Proposals for the Barnet Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB)  
Appendix 5: Draft terms of reference for the SNB  
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1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 That the Committee consider the updates on:

- New Policing Model;
- Enhancements to the Safer Communities Strategy;
- Delivery Against the Safer Communities Strategy 2011/12 – 2014/15; and
- Barnet Community Safety Engagement Group

as set out in the report and make appropriate comments and/or recommendations to the Safer Communities Partnership Board and Cabinet Member for Resident Safety and Engagement

1.2 The Committee note the dissolution of the Barnet Community Safety Engagement Group and introduction of the Safer Neighbourhood Board as set out in section 12 of this report.

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS


2.2 Policy & Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 13 April 2010, Decision 6, Police Strategic Assessment

2.3 Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 28 February 2011, Decision Item 9, Crime and Disorder Scrutiny – the Committee received evidence from the responsible Cabinet Member and representatives from the Metropolitan Police. A number of recommendations were made for the Safer Communities Partnership Board to take into account when developing the Safer Communities Strategy for the period 2011/12 to 2014/15

2.4 Cabinet, 11 September 2011, Decision Item 5, Safer Communities Strategy

2.5 Cabinet Resources Committee, 12 June 2012, Implementation, and Enhancement of the Partnership Safer Communities Strategy

2.6 Safer Communities Partnership Board, 16 October 2012, Agenda Item 5 (Safer Communities Strategy: Review of Progress against Objectives)


2.8 Safer Communities Partnership Board, 24 January 2014, Progress on Delivery of Barnet's Safer Communities Strategy 2011-2014
3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 The Safer Communities Strategy constitutes the three year partnership plan, as required by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006.

3.2 The strategy outlines the joint work delivered by the Council and its partners through the Safer Communities Partnership Board, complying with the statutory requirements for community safety partnerships.

3.3 The work of the Safer Communities Partnership Board links across all the priorities set out in Barnet’s 2013-14 Corporate Plan, specifically cohesive and safe communities.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

4.1 The 2011 report to Cabinet highlighted a risk of not meeting the targets set out in the strategy. This risk has been successfully managed through the rigorous performance management of the Safer Communities Partnership Board.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

5.1 Each of the priorities in the Safer Communities Strategy will have an equalities dimension in that they may impact on communities in different ways. The performance management of these priorities considers disproportionality of victims or offenders as it relates to equalities and diversity (this includes gender, age, ethnicity, disability and faith, sexual orientation), building on the data contained in the annual strategic crime needs assessment.

5.2 The strategy includes priorities which specifically have an equalities dimension such as domestic violence, violence against women and girls and hate crime.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

6.1 The strategy is delivered through existing council resources and funds secured through the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) Safer Communities Fund which supports delivery of the priorities set out in the Mayors Police and Crime Plan 2013-2016.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

7.1 Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 requires every local authority to have a crime and disorder committee with the power to review or scrutinise decisions made or other action taken in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions. The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 complement these provisions and are supported by Home Office guidance.
8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)

8.1 The scope of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees is contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the Council’s Constitution.

8.2 The Terms of Reference of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees are set out in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Constitution). The terms of reference of the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee includes:

“In relation to crime and disorder:

(i) to consider all matters, not the responsibility of the Executive, relating to crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and scrutiny of the Safer Communities Partnership Board in accordance with the provisions of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

(ii) to make recommendations to Council on the appointment of representatives to serve on the Barnet Community Safety Engagement Group and to receive regular reports as necessary from those representatives to highlight crime and disorder matters of public concern.”

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

9.1 The New Policing Model

9.1.1 The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) has changed the way they operate to ensure they provide the community with a more effective and consistent police service. The changes in Barnet took place in June 2013.

9.1.2 The police have met some tough challenges by the Mayor of London – to cut crimes by 20%, cut costs by 20% (approximately £500 million) and improve public confidence by 20%.

9.1.3 In order to do this there was a need to fundamentally change the way in which the police operate and, in line with the Metropolitan Police Commissioner’s vision for Total Policing, the MPS has established a new approach to local policing called the Local Policing Model (LPM).

9.1.4 The LPM has involved a big change in the way boroughs operate and aim to ensure that the police deliver a high quality and consistent service to Londoners.

9.1.5 It is designed to move resources to the front line, increase visibility and flexibility and improve quality of service to increase public confidence.

9.1.6 The LPM was rolled out in two tranches to ensure the right number of officers and resources are available on each borough in time for their go-live dates.

9.1.7 Barnet was part of the first tranche and was rolled out in June 2013.
9.1.8 Neighbourhood policing will be the foundation of the LPM. 2,600 officers from across the MPS will be re-aligned to Safer Neighbourhood Teams, which will reinforce existing ward-based policing.

9.1.9 These extra 2,600 officers will have a stronger focus on enforcement, crime prevention, investigation, the reduction of anti-social behaviour, cutting crime, long-term problem solving and even greater responsiveness to community concerns.

9.1.10 The Neighbourhood Policing Teams are:

- led by an Inspector and dedicated to working in communities.
- continue to respond to local priorities, provide reassurance, and continue to engage with local people.
- enhance coordinated activity across ward boundaries for more effective community problem solving.

9.1.11 Each ward continues to have a named Police Constable and Police Community Support Officer that will not be removed from ward duties; the other officers on the team will work across wards. This means the Neighbourhood Inspector has more officers to use that will not be restricted by ward boundaries. In addition, Emergency Response and Patrol Teams will provide a swift and professional response to calls for help and effective patrol to combat crime.

9.1.12 Borough Tasking Teams will add a flexible resource for tackling crime and disorder problems. The CID (Criminal Investigation Department) will investigate serious crime and a Community Safety Unit will look after the most vulnerable victims.

9.2 Enhancement to the Safer Communities Strategy

9.2.1 The Safer Communities Partnership Board confirmed support for the Outline Business Case to enhance the Safer Communities Strategy in April 2012. Cabinet Resources Committee (CRC) approved the Outline Business Case in June 2012. The enhancement related to four projects:

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<td>Neighbourhood Justice Panels</td>
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<td>Community Coaches</td>
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<td>Integrated Offender Management</td>
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<td>• Cohort expansion methodology produced and presented to the Safer Communities Partnership Board on 24th January 2014 (Agenda and documents available online)</td>
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9.2.2 A summary of each of the above projects is provided in Appendix 1 of this report.

9.3 Delivery against the Safer Communities Strategy 2011-2014

9.3.1 A progress report on the delivery of the Safer Communities Strategy 2011-2014 was presented at the January Safer Communities Partnership Board (SCPB).

9.3.2 The SCPB receives quarterly updates on performance which are also available via the council’s committee papers website: http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=457

9.4 Update from the Barnet Community Safety Engagement Group

9.4.1 Community Engagement Groups have now been replaced by Safer Neighbourhood Boards (SNB’s) following a commitment in the Mayor of London’s 2012 election manifesto.

9.4.2 The Boards will replace existing Community and Police Engagement Groups (CPEGs). CPEGs were established as a result of the Scarman Report which identified a collapse in relationship between the police and local communities as contributing to the 1982 Brixton Riots.

9.4.3 The attached briefing (Appendix 2) sets out the proposed changes and was presented to the Safer Communities Partnership Board at their meeting on 25th October 2013.

9.4.4 Following some positive partnership working by members of the SCPB and with assistance from MOPAC and CommUNITY Barnet, the transition from the Community Safety Engagement Group to the new Safer Neighbourhoods Board has taken place.

9.4.5 At the last SCPB held in January 2014 a proposal of the Neighbourhood Board and terms of reference was presented. These documents are attached at Appendix 3 and Appendix 4.

13. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS


13.3 Safer Communities Partnership Strategy 2011-2014: 

http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=119&MId=6578#AI2287

13.5 Safer Communities Partnership Board, 24 January 2014, Progress on Delivery of Barnet’s Safer Communities Strategy 2011-2014: 
http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=457&MId=7566

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