

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Community Leadership Committee</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">11 September 2014</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Update on the Safer Communities Strategy 2011-2014 and Community Safety Enhancement Projects</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Community & Wellbeing, Assistant Director</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p><u>Appendix One:</u> Safer Communities Partnership Strategy 2011-2014</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Officer Contact Details</p>	<p>Kiran Vagarwal, Head of Community Safety Kiran.vagarwal@barnet.gov.uk Tel: 020 8359 2958</p>

<h2>Summary</h2>
<p>Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Board (SCPB), oversees the development, delivery and monitoring of Barnet's Safer Communities Strategy, which is approved by Full Council .</p> <p>This report provides a summary of performance against the current 2011-2014 Safer Communities Strategy and an update on the Community Safety 'Enhancement Projects' established following agreement of an outline business case presented to the Cabinet Resources Committee (CRC) in June 2013.</p> <p>The four projects are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced Integrated Offender Management (IOM) – funded through the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) • Conditional Alcohol Cautions – funded through MOPAC • Community Coaches – funded through the Council • Neighbourhood Restorative Justice Panels – Funded through MOPAC

Barnet's SCPB meetings are held in public and all documents are published. Quarterly performance reports can be viewed by following the link below.

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=457>

Recommendations

1. That the Committee note the contents of this report and the progress made by the Safer Communities Partnership Board in delivering the Safer Communities Strategy 2011-2014 and enhancement projects.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 This report provides the Community Leadership Committee (CLC) with an update of progress against the 2011-2014 Safer Communities Partnership Strategy.
- 1.2 Barnet's 2011-2014 Safer Communities Strategy measures success as follows:
 - i. A reduction of total crime per 1000 population
 - ii. A reduction in the perceptions of Anti- Social Behaviour (ASB)
 - iii. An improvement in how safe residents feel
- 1.3 There is a particular focus on burglary, domestic violence, and ASB. The partnership is focussed on achieving this by:
 - Improving the management of offenders, reducing re-offending, therefore reducing crime, and reducing the number of victims.
 - Preventative action – with residents taking steps to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of burglary
 - Focussing resources on where there is the most harm
 - Supporting repeat victims of crime and ASB
 - Reducing the fear of crime through increasing building public confidence in the Police and the Community Safety Partnership
- 1.4 Barnet has seen **a reduction in crime** for almost all of the MOPAC crime types (burglary, criminal damage, robbery, vehicle crime -theft of or from, theft from person, violence with injury).
- 1.5 Table one sets out the baseline number of crime for each crime type in 2011-12, compared to the rolling twelve month period up to 17th August 2014. There has been an overall reduction of 19.7% since 2011-12. Violence with injury has shown an increase of 15.7% although this is predominantly related to increased reports in domestic violence. The partnership considers this as a positive increase, indicating the confidence of victims in reporting domestic

violence incidents. Home Office research has shown that this type of crime is under reported.

Table One: MOPAC Crime types – Barnet Performance

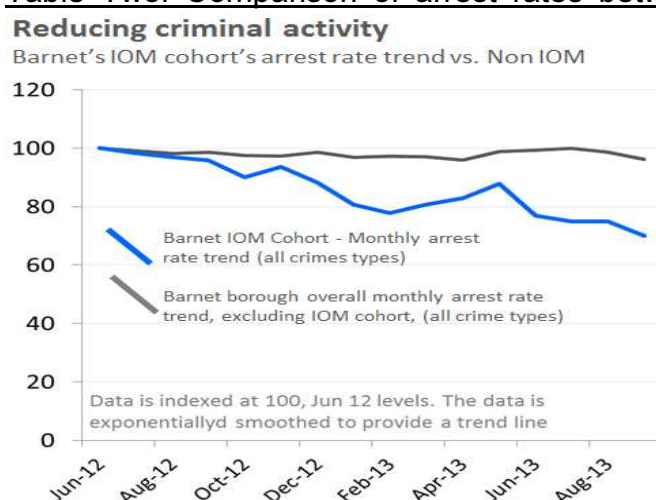
Crime type	FY11/12	Current R12 (to 17/08/2014)	Volume	Change
Burglary	4,912	3,794	-1,118	-22.8%
Criminal Damage	2,361	2,006	-355	-15.0%
Robbery	1,199	622	-577	-48.1%
Theft from motor vehicle	3,602	2,579	-1,023	-28.4%
Theft of motor vehicle	956	814	-142	-14.9%
Theft from Person	692	661	-31	-4.5%
Violence with Injury	1,539	1,781	242	15.7%
TOTAL MOPAC	15,261	12,257	-3,004	-19.7%

- 1.6 Barnet has seen some of the largest year to date reductions in domestic burglary in London. Rates have reduced by 17% from 19.8 burglaries per 1,000 households between July 2013 to June 2014 compared with 23.9 per 1000 households between July 2012 to June 2013.
- 1.7 The rate per 1,000 household still remains above the London average and in comparison to the most similar boroughs. Therefore in order to sustain reductions, domestic burglary will remain a priority for the partnership, especially over the winter months where we see an increase.
- 1.8 Reductions in burglary have been due to a combination of successful local interventions including:
 - A number of police tactical successes which have **dismantled criminal networks**.
 - Increasingly **effective offender management**.
 - Increased **targeting, arrests and convictions** of handlers of stolen goods.
 - A **partnership wide crime prevention** winter burglary campaign in 2013, informing the community about partnership action, and providing knowledge, advice and assistance enabling Barnet residents to reduce the risk of being burgled. A new winter crime prevention campaign 'Clocks, locks and lights' will be delivered in September 2014.
 - The local authority will also be **funding twenty new Automatic Number Plate Recognition Camera's (ANPR)** across the borough. These

cameras record the car registration number of vehicles entering and exiting the borough. Our recent Strategic Crime Assessment has highlighted that approximately 32% of arrested suspects come from outside the borough (the proportions vary from crime type to type).

- 1.9 In 2012, the Safer Communities Partnership launched Barnet's **Integrated Offender Management Scheme** which focused on reducing the re-offending rate of the top 72 persistent offenders in Barnet. By December 2013 there was a 36% reduction of the monthly conviction rates of the offenders on the IOM scheme. The scheme is delivered by a multi-agency co-located team with officers from the police, public health, probation, and DWP.

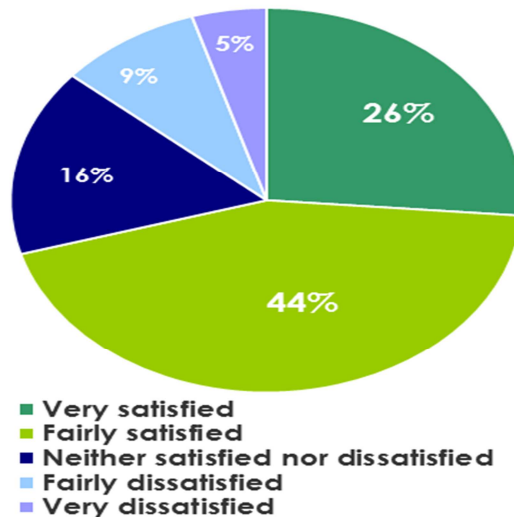
Table Two: Comparison of arrest rates between IOM and non IOM cohort



- 1.10 **Community Confidence** in Barnet police and Barnet Council is strong with most indicators showing an improvement from last year. Confidence in policing is higher than the London average, as is confidence that the police understand community concerns and can be relied upon to be there when you need them. Community cohesion also remains strong.
- 1.11 70% of respondents of the 2013 resident perception survey were fairly or very satisfied that Barnet Police and the Council are dealing with Crime and ASB in their area.
- 1.12 72% of respondents of the police public attitude survey believe that the police are doing either an excellent or a good job in their area.
- 1.13 84% of residents who responded agreed that 'people from different backgrounds get on well together'.

Table Three: Results from 2013 resident perception survey

How satisfied are you that Barnet Police and Barnet Council are dealing with antisocial behaviour and crime in your local area?

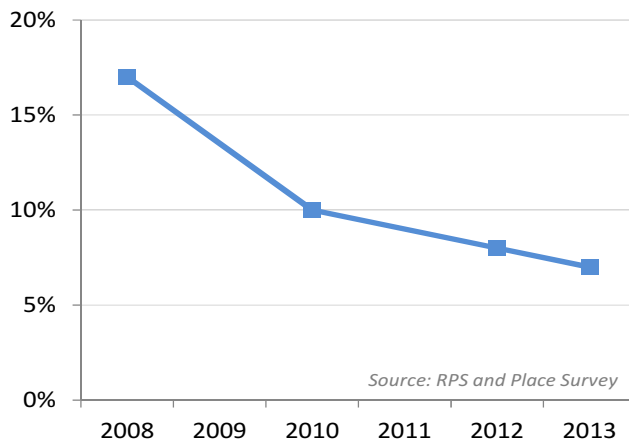


- 1.14 The partnership has continued to engage with the community ensuring it feedback on actions taken in response to the issues they have raised around crime and anti-social behaviour. On the 25th September 2014 every available police officer will be out in the borough, together with the partnership, engaging with residents and:
- Reminding them to assess their home security when the clocks go back on the 26th September and reduce the risk of them being a victim of burglary
 - Highlight the fantastic local crime reduction results this year:
 - 900 fewer victims of burglary
 - 300 fewer victims of robbery
 - 80 fewer victims of theft.
- 1.15 Every single ward on the borough will have a community safety stand promoting crime prevention and providing residents with advice and information.
- 1.16 Table three shows the proportion of residents who 'DISAGREE' that people from different backgrounds get on well together. A reduction in those that disagree is a positive trend.

Table three: People who disagree that people from different backgrounds get on well together.

Improving community cohesion

Proportion of residents who 'disagree' that people from different backgrounds get on well together in Barnet.



- 1.17 The SCPB, supported by Barnet's Community Safety Team has also improved the way it monitors long term trends, short term exceptions and compares Barnet's crime rates and performance to its peers (including London and the most similar boroughs). The partnership has adopted a more evidence based approach where there is improved clarity, accuracy, and consistency of the partnership performance reports.
- 1.18 The process includes scanning crime trends across the borough, analysing the crime trends at a neighbourhood level and for different crime types. This enables the partnership to gain a better understanding of the underlying causes of crime and ASB well enough to identify appropriate interventions to reduce or remove the problem.
- 1.19 Some examples of this process are:
 - Winter burglary peak identified >> [response](#)>> winter burglary prevention campaign featuring prevention advice and equipment (e.g. timer switches) based on specific type of burglary that increases during that period.
 - Cross-border burglary identified as significant issue >> [response](#)>> Increase in ANPR operations and strategy to increase ANPR coverage in the Borough.
 - Identified that rate of crime impacting on young people is higher in a particular area than rest of borough >> [response](#)>> Targeted and Effective Interventions Proposal for increase in youth outreach and positive activities in the area.
- 1.20 Barnet SCPB also focussed on increasing partnership working with the voluntary sector, enabling them to deliver projects that support the work of the

partnership and address crime and ASB. The following projects are currently being delivered by our partners in the voluntary sector.

Alcohol Conditional Cautions

Objective

- 1.21 To target the root causes of offending behavior driven by alcohol and therefore reducing the risk of further offending through rehabilitative alcohol awareness courses. The scheme will target people who are arrested for alcohol related offences in Barnet who could be prosecuted in court if alternatives are not available.
- 1.22 Westminster Drugs Project (WDP) has been awarded the contract to supply and administer the rehabilitative alcohol awareness courses. The courses will be delivered in partnership with Barnet council and the Police over a two year period and started from 11th February 2014.
- 1.23 The target is to deliver and administer one rehabilitative alcohol awareness course every month for twelve months. It is anticipated each course will accommodate up to 16 offenders. The expectation is that each offender will self-fund the course at fee of £44.00 and complete within 12 weeks of the offence being committed

The Supplier

- 1.24 WDP is a charity specialising in helping those affected by drug and alcohol use. A long established company over 23 years have extensive experience of working with people in a wide range of circumstances. WDP started off as a little community centre in Westminster they have expanded and now run 22 centres across London and the south-east of England.

Targets

- A minimum of 400 Police offender referrals to WDP per year
- A minimum of 200 offenders to attend the course per year
- A minimum of 90% of offenders to successfully complete the course
- Numbers of repeat offender's over a 6 month and 10 month period below 10%

Progress

- 1.25 The course design and staff training has been completed. The first course was delivered at the end of May 2014.

Restorative Justice Panels

Objective

- 1.26 Restorative Justice Panels are individual restorative justice interventions led by trained volunteer facilitators which bring together 'victims and offenders' or 'parties in dispute' to discuss the impact of low level crime or antisocial behaviour and agree the best resolution, including reparation. The panels will create an alternative vehicle to mainline judicial options, enabling low level crimes to be resolved to the satisfaction of the victim without 'criminalising' the offender.
- 1.27 Victim Support have been awarded the contract to manage the "justice panels" in partnership with Barnet council and Police. The contract life is 3 years commencing February 2013 subject to MOPAC funding. The aim is to recruit and train a minimum of 20 volunteer's taking into account gender and diversity to cater for individual requirements, in addition between 100-200 Justice Panels to be held per year.

Supplier

- 1.28 Victim Support is an independent charity for victims and witnesses of crime in England and Wales. They were set up over 38 years ago and have grown to become the oldest and largest victims' organisation in the world. Every year, they contact over 1.5 million people after a crime to offer their assistance.

Targets

- To recruit and train a minimum of 20 volunteers
- A minimum of 100-200 panels to be held following referral from Police per annum
- A minimum of 100 successful outcome agreements being upheld.
- Number of repeat offences in the 6 and 12 months following panel agreements to remain below 10%
- Number of victims completing a satisfaction survey 100%
- Number of victims satisfied above 85%

Progress

- 1.29 The coordinator and volunteers have been recruited. A referral process is in place and the project has received seven referrals and is being promoted across the partnership.

Community Coaches

Objective

- 1.30 Community Coaches is a life-coaching pilot scheme for Safer Communities which will use structured interventions led by community volunteers to prevent people becoming involved in crime and antisocial behaviour, where a risk has been identified.
- 1.31 The project will be expected to build on the learning and experience of the existing community coach's model developed for vulnerable families and adults – but is being commissioned as a separate pilot and will have key differences in terms of the specific target group.
- 1.32 The target group are:
- Individuals who may have come to the attention of the Police or Council and patterns of behaviour have been identified which indicate that the individual may become involved in crime or antisocial behaviour e.g. regular truants/ suspensions from school.
 - People who have been involved in low level crime or antisocial behaviour, who have admitted guilt and already voluntarily participated in a restorative justice intervention or completed a conditional caution.
- 1.33 This will be a twelve month pilot delivered by Home-Start.
- Home-start Barnet will recruit qualified coordinators and approximately 20-25 volunteers to prepare for and facilitate 3 to 5 brief interventions each. The aim is to accommodate 60-80 interventions per year. As a guide it is expected that each individual would receive 15 – 25 hours of support over 8 to 12 weeks.

Supplier

- 1.34 Home Start Barnet has been in operation since October 1997. They have grown as an organisation from one member of staff supporting 10 families with 17 volunteers to 14 staff supporting 277 families and 557 children with 99 trained volunteers.

Targets

- To recruit and train 20-25 volunteer's
- Number of coaches delivering coaching 80 existing and 30 additional resource taking into account diversity and gender requirements
- To hold 60- 80 interventions per year

Progress

- All staff have been recruited and trained on domestic violence, safeguarding children affected by gangs.
- Breakfast information sharing sessions have taken place to market the project on 11 June 2014 at Stephens House. The sessions were well attended, including representatives from Victim Support, CommUnity Barnet, Job Centre Plus, secondary schools including London Academy, Totteridge Academy, and Friern Barnet.
- Intensive marketing by Step Up Coordinators, including Friern Barnet Youth Centre, Finchley Youth Theatre, Canada Villas, Soundskool, St Mungos, ComUnity Barnet, Rythmik Music (and Detached Youth Workers), Barnet Young Carers, Barnet Homes, Common Assessment Framework Coordinators meeting

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To inform members of the Community Leadership Committee on progress to date and activity planned as they consider the development of a new Community Safety Strategy for 2015-2018.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not relevant in relation to this report.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The strategic crime needs assessment will inform the development of the 2015-2018 Safer Communities Strategy.
- 4.2 An executive summary of the strategic crime needs assessment will be published. Further details on the strategic crime needs assessment are provided in a separate report being presented to the CLC.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The Corporate Plan 2013-16 outlines the Council's commitment to support families and individuals that need it, promoting wellbeing and improving the satisfaction of residents and businesses with the London Borough of Barnet as a place to live, work and study. This commitment will be delivered through focussing the council's efforts on a number of outcomes including promoting family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.
- 5.1.2 The work of the Safer Communities Partnership delivers on the following corporate performance outcomes:

- Reducing the number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10 to 17
- Increasing community confidence in police and the local authority dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour (target 78%)
- Achieve a reduction in adult re-offending for those under probation supervision or young offenders in education, training, or employment (to 7.5%)
- Reduce the level of domestic burglary to 24.80 per 1,000 household

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 There are no resource implications.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 Under s.6 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998, the Council with other partner authorities (chief of police, fire & rescue authority, probation service, CCG and Local Health Board) has a duty to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), a strategy for combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area and a strategy for the reduction of re-offending in the area.

5.3.2 In formulating the strategy, the partner authorities must have regard to the police and crime plan for the area.

5.3.3 Under Regulations, the partner authorities must set up a strategy group who are collectively responsible for preparing strategic assessments and preparing and implementing the partnership plan. The partnership plan shall set out the following:

- (a) a strategy for the reduction of re-offending, crime and disorder and for combating substance misuse in the area;
- (b) the priorities identified in the strategic assessment prepared during the previous year;
- (c) the steps considered necessary for the responsible authorities to take to implement the strategy and meet those priorities;
- (d) how the strategy group considers the responsible authorities should allocate and deploy their resources to implement that strategy and meet those priorities;
- (e) the steps each responsible authority shall take to measure its success in implementing the strategy and meeting those priorities;
- (f) the steps the strategy group proposes to take during the year to comply with its obligations in respect of community engagement, considering the extent that people in the area can assist in reducing re-offending, crime and disorder and substance misuse, and publicising that partnership plan.

- 5.3.4 Under s.17 of the above Act, it is also a duty of the Council (and other partner agencies, including police, fire & rescue, GLA, TfL) when exercising its functions to have due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour), misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances and re-offending.

5.4 Risk Management

- 5.4.1 Not applicable

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.5.1 Each of the priorities in the Safer Communities Strategy will have an equalities dimension in that it 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.
- 5.5.2 The strategy includes priorities which specifically have an equalities dimension such as domestic violence, violence against women and girls and hate crime.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.6.1 The Safer Communities Partnership has a statutory responsibility to consult with residents on their Crime and Anti-social behaviour priorities and share the findings of the annual strategic crime needs assessment.
- 5.6.2 The 2014 Strategic Crime Needs Assessment is complete and the consultation referred to above is now live. A separate report has been produced updating the CLC on the progress of the Strategic Crime Needs Assessment, community consultation and the development of the 2015-2018 Community Safety Strategy.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Cabinet 14 September 2011- item 5- approved draft Safer Communities Strategy 2011-14 for recommendation to Council
- 6.2 Council 1 November 2011- item 4.1- Approved Safer Communities Strategy
- 6.3 Cabinet Resources Committee 24 June 2013- agenda item 5 -approved the Outline Business Case for partnership initiatives to enhance delivery of the Safer Communities Strategy and that the four proposed initiatives be implemented.