

<b>AGENDA ITEM: 3</b>	
<b>Report Name:</b>	Community Safety Strategy 2015-2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial analysis of the 2014 Community Safety Consultation</li> <li>• Proposed Objectives and Outcomes</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Board</b>
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<b>Restricted</b>	No

## 1. Paper Summary

- 1.1 The Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Board (SCPB), oversees the development, delivery and monitoring of Barnet's Community Safety Strategy.
- 1.2 Consultation on the Community Safety Strategy took place between July to October 2014. A provisional update on the outcome of this consultation is attached as appendix 1. The 2014 strategic crime needs assessment and the public consultation has informed the development of the 2015-2018 Community Safety Strategy.
- 1.3 The strategic objectives proposed are:
  - i. To provide a victim centred approach to victims of crime and anti-social behaviour.
  - ii. To maintain reductions in Crime and Anti-social behaviour.
  - iii. To improve the perception of Barnet being a safe place to live, work and visit.
- 1.4 The Community Safety Strategy is a partnership document and will be presented at the next Safer Communities Partnership Board on 20 January 2015 for sign-off by partners.

## 2. Decision(s)/ Action Required

- 2.1 That the SCPB provides comments on the proposed three year objectives and 2015-16 outcomes.
- 2.2 That the SCPB endorses the objectives and outcomes.
- 2.3 That SCPB note that members will be emailed the first draft of the strategy by 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and are requested to provide feedback by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

### **3. Developing a new Community Safety Strategy for Barnet.**

- 3.1 This report provides the Safer Communities Partnership Board with an update on the development of Barnet's 2015-2018 Community Safety Strategy.
- 3.2 Between July and October 2014, residents were consulted about what should be in the Community Safety strategy. The consultation included:
- Two public meetings.
  - An online survey – over 260 surveys were completed.
  - A stall at the Communities Together Network.
  - Presentation at the Safer Neighbourhood Board, Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board, Learning Disabilities Partnership Board, Barnet Seniors Assembly, and Middlesex University.
  - Community engagement as part of Project Mercury on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
  - Engagement with partners.
- 3.3 The analysis of the consultation response showed the top three concerns as:
- Volume Crime e.g. burglary (56%).
  - Reducing anti-social behaviour (48%).
  - Reducing problems associated with alcohol and drugs (40%).
- 3.4 The 2014 resident's perception survey results showed that the top three concerns around anti-social behaviour were:
- Rubbish or litter lying around (40%).
  - Teenagers hanging around (27%).
  - Vandalism, graffiti, and other deliberate damage to property or vehicle (26%).
- 3.5 Further analysis of the consultation can be found in appendix one of this report.
- 3.6 The objectives proposed in Barnet's Community Safety Strategy have been informed by the feedback from the consultation and the findings of the strategic crime needs assessment. The three year objectives proposed are:

#### **Objective 1**

To provide a victim centred approach to victims of crime and anti-social behaviour.

#### **Objective 2**

To maintain reductions in crime and anti-social behaviour.

#### **Objective 3**

To improve the perception of Barnet being a safe place to live, work and visit.

3.7 The Safer Communities Partnership outcomes proposed for 2015-16 are:

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**2015-16 Outcomes**

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- 1 Residents and businesses feel confident that the police and council respond to crime and ASB in their area.
  - 2 Residents and businesses are engaged and informed about community safety and the action we have taken in their area.
  - 3 Victims of domestic violence, and hate crime are confident in reporting incidents and the partnership intervenes to prevent repeat victimisation.
  - 4 The partnership will work to reduce serious youth violence with a focus on young people as victims and offenders.
  - 5 Sustained reductions in re-offending.
  - 6 Sustained reductions in burglary and other high volume crime types such as violence with injury, robbery, theft of motor vehicle, theft from motor vehicle, theft from the person and criminal damage.
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3.8 For each of these outcomes, the strategy will set out progress to date, how the outcome will be achieved and how success will be measured.

3.9 The Council's Community Leadership Committee (CLC), chaired by Cllr Longstaff, will also consider the objectives and outcomes proposed in the strategy (1.4 and 1.5 of this report) at their meeting on 10 November 2014 to consider the council contribution in delivering the strategy.

3.10 Engagement with partners will take place between 1 November 2014 and 15 December 2014 on the draft Community Safety Strategy. The Safer Communities Partnership Board will sign off the final strategy on the 30 January 2015.

#### **4. Legal requirements**

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

4.2 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.

4.3 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. This has been completed as set out in section 3 of this report.

## 5. Delivery and governance structure of the SCPB

5.1 Progress against the 2015-2018 strategy will be reported to the SCPB quarterly and annually to the:

- Safeguarding Children’s Board
- Safeguarding Adults Board
- Community Leadership Committee

The Partnership will conduct an annual strategic crime needs assessment to track performance of the strategy and community safety consultation to understand the crime and ASB trends in Barnet. The analysis and consultation findings will inform the annual refresh of this strategy.

This plan will be delivered through subgroups of the SCPB set out in diagram 1.

Diagram 1:

