

	<h2>Community Leadership Committee</h2> <h3>21 June 2017</h3>
<p style="text-align: center;">Title</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Report on the Community Leadership Committee Commissioning Plan</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Report of</p>	<p>Strategic Director of Environment</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix A: Community Leadership Committee Commissioning Plan – Annual Performance Report 2016/17</p>
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Summary

On 11 March 2015 the Community Leadership Committee approved a five-year Commissioning Plan for the period 2015-20. The Commissioning Plan set out the Committee’s priorities and outcome measures for safe communities; strong and active communities; and emergency preparedness. All Theme Committees agreed a five-year Commissioning Plan.

The Commissioning Plan priorities and outcome measures are refreshed annually and this report provides a review of the *2016/17 addendum* (see Appendix A)

Recommendations

- 1. That Members note performance against the Community Leadership Committee Commissioning Plan in 2016/17.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 The Community Leadership Committee Commissioning Plan 2015-20 was approved on 11 March 2015. It sets out the Committee's priorities and outcome measures, with targets to be refreshed annually. All Theme Committees agreed a five-year Commissioning Plan. An addendum to the Community Leadership Committee Commissioning Plan was agreed on 9 March 2016, with updated targets for 2016/17.

1.2 The priorities are safe communities; strong and active communities; and emergency preparedness:

Safe communities

- Crime levels in the borough remain low and people feel safe to live and work in Barnet.
- Victims of crime and anti-social behaviour are well supported.
- Offenders are effectively managed by public sector agencies and as a result re-offending rates are low.
- Locations in the borough that experience persistent crime and anti-social behaviour are made safer through a partnership response.

Strong and active communities

- Residents and community groups are independent and resilient and take on responsibility for their local areas.
- Communities are stronger and more cohesive.
- Residents and community groups are more involved in designing and delivering services and functions, in areas where there is a clear rationale for this and where the community may be better placed to do so.
- Residents have more options available for delivery of services and outcomes.

Emergency preparedness

- The borough is well prepared for an emergency and responds quickly and appropriately when any arise.

1.3 This report sets out progress against the priorities and provides an overview of performance for all the indicators in the *2016/17 addendum*. More detailed information can be found in Appendix A.

Safe communities

1.4 There are nine commissioning intentions that relate to safe communities. All have been RAG rated as Green ("on track or met").

1.5 The Barnet Safer Communities Partnership has continued work to ensure Barnet remains one of the safest boroughs in London. It seeks to accomplish this by working in partnership with the local community, businesses and partner organisations so that there is a focus on supporting victims of crime; managing offenders to reduce their re-offending; and directing partnership resources to the areas with higher rates of crime and antisocial behaviour.

- *Supporting victims of crime* - the Victim Support Anti-social Behaviour project has supported over 70 victims of anti-social behaviour, with over 95% saying that they would recommend the service to others. New Hate Crime Reporting Centres have been set up across the borough to raise awareness about hate crime and make it easier for victims to come forward to report hate crime. Additional funding has been secured from the MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund to strengthen the joint work of the Safer Communities Partnership Board, Safeguarding Adults Board and Barnet MENCAP over the next two years.
- *Managing offenders* - funding has been secured from the MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund for a post to focus on co-ordinating Barnet's approach to managing offenders, including developing a model of best practice partnership work to reduce re-offending within the borough of Barnet; and the referral pathways between key partner agencies including mental health providers, physical health, housing, domestic abuse services, and substance misuse services and Education/Training/Employment providers.
- *Directing partnership resources* - the Safer Communities Partnership has worked across a number of areas to address the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) on young people, including co-ordinating inter-agency problem solving work on complex cases of ASB through the Community Safety MARAC; securing funding for partnership initiatives aimed at keeping young people safe (£150k per year for two years secured from the MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund to support preventative school engagement work and Family Services REACH Programme, which aims to prevent young people from becoming involved in gangs in family, school and community settings); and working with partners such as Family Services and the Police to produce a profile of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) cases in Barnet. The findings of the analysis have been used to inform the prevention and enforcement strands of the CSE strategy.

Strong and active communities

- 1.6 There are three commissioning intentions that relate to safe communities. All have been RAG rated as Green ("on track or met").
- 1.7 The Communities Together Network has published an annual report and the Community Participation and Engagement Network will undertake an evaluation of the Community Participation Strategy, which will be used to inform a refresh for 2017/18. The Barnet Community Directory has been launched, along with the Barnet Together communications campaign to increase and facilitate community participation in the borough.

Emergency preparedness

- 1.8 There are three commissioning intentions that relate to safe communities. All have been RAG rated as Green (“on track or met”).
- 1.9 The Barnet Borough Resilience Forum (BRF) has continued to provide direction to partner agencies through workshops and discussion to encourage local communities to become involved in community resilience, emergency planning, preparedness and response, including:
- Counter Terrorism workshop (May 2016)
 - Major Incident workshop (September 2016)
 - Flooding response – annual exercise (November 2016)
 - Public Health workshop (February 2017)
- 1.10 In addition, BRF has continued to establish links and engage with local media to reach a wider audience of residents and businesses in Barnet to meet our warning and informing responsibilities under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. And has continued to train and exercise scenarios with partner agencies to test multi-agency plans to identify and support vulnerable people during emergency incidents.

Overview of performance

- 1.11 15 indicators are included in the 2016/17 addendum. Of these, **53% (8)** are Green, **7% (1)** are Green Amber, **7% (1)** are Red Amber and **33% (5)** are Monitor.
- 1.12 12 indicators have been given a ‘Direction of Travel’ (DOT) status. **58% (7)** have improved or maintained performance since last year and **42% (5)** have a “worsened” DOT.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 A key element of effective strategic and financial management is for the council to have comprehensive business plans in place that ensure there is a clear strategy for addressing future challenges, particularly in the context of continuing budget and demand pressures (resulting from demographic and legislative changes), delivering local priorities and allocating resources effectively.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 There is no statutory duty to publish Committee Commissioning Plans but it is considered to be good practice to have comprehensive business plans in place for each Committee – which set out priorities and how progress will be measured – to ensure that the council’s vision for the future is clearly set out and transparent.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Any revisions to the Commissioning Plan will be communicated internally and with key stakeholders. And work to implement the Commissioning Plan and respond to performance challenges will continue

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 This report invites Members to note progress on the Commissioning Plan in 2016/17.

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

- 5.2.1 In addition to continuing budget reductions, demographic change and the resulting pressure on services pose a significant challenge to the council. The organisation is facing significant budget reductions at the same time as the population is increasing, particularly in the young and very old population groups.

- 5.2.2 The Commissioning Plan has been informed by the council's Medium Term Financial Strategy, which sets out the need to make savings by 2020.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2013 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits. Before commencing a procurement process, commissioners should think about whether the services they are going to buy, or the way they are going to buy them, could secure these benefits for their area or stakeholders.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 All proposals must be considered in terms of the council's legal powers and obligations, including its overarching statutory duties such as the Public Sector Equality Duty as provided for on s149 of the Equality Act 2010.

- 5.4.2 The Council's Constitution, in Part 15 Annex A, Responsibility for Functions, states the functions of the Community Leadership Committee, including: emergency planning; to maintain good community relations; to contribute to achieving better outcomes in the Safer Communities Strategy and to receive reports on relevant performance information on Delivery Units providing services under the remit of the Committee.

5.5 Risk Management

- 5.5.1 The council has an established approach to risk management. Key corporate

risks are assessed regularly and reported to Performance and Contract Management Committee on a quarterly basis, including any that relate to priorities within the Community Leadership Commissioning Plan such as on community safety.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 The general duty on public bodies is set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

5.6.2 Protected Characteristics

The 2010 Equality Act identifies the following protected characteristics:

- age
- disability
- gender reassignment
- pregnancy and maternity
- race
- religion or belief
- sex
- sexual orientation

It also covers marriage and civil partnership with regard to eliminating discrimination. In addition to assessing the impact of proposals on the nine protected characteristics, the council also tries to assess the impact on certain other groups who may be considered disadvantaged and/or vulnerable. These additional groups include people with learning disabilities, people with mental health issues, carers (including young carers), people on low income, people from areas of deprivation and the unemployed.

5.6.3 The Community Leadership Committee carries out its functions in accordance with the council's Strategic Equalities Objective (SEO), which forms part of the Corporate Plan 2015-2020. It is that citizens will be treated equally, with understanding and respect, and will have equal access to quality services which provide value to the tax payer.

5.6.4 Equalities and Diversity issues were considered by the Community and Leadership Committee when considering the Commissioning Plan on 11 March 2015. As individual proposals are brought forward to the Committee, they are accompanied by an assessment of the equalities considerations. There are no new proposals being put forward by this report.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.7.1 The original Corporate Plan and Commissioning Plans were informed by extensive consultation through the Budget and Business Planning report to Council (3 March 2015).

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Community Leadership Commissioning Plan – 2016/17 addendum, Community Leadership Committee, 9 March 2016
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=694&MId=8370&Ver=4>
- 6.2 Community Leadership Committee Commissioning Plan 2015-20, Community Leadership Committee, 11 March 2015
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