

# Decisions of the Safer Communities Partnership Board

26 January 2018

Members Present:-

Councillor David Longstaff (Chairman)

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| Superintendent Sara Leach | Metropolitan Police, Barnet                   |
| Ms Clare Ansdell          | National Probation Service                    |
| Mr Steve Leader           | London Fire Brigade                           |
| Ms Bridget O'Dwyer        | Barnet and Harrow Joint Public Health Service |
| Ms Helen Twigg            | Victim Support                                |
| Ms Julie Pal              | CommUnity Barnet                              |
| Ms Laura Featley          | Department for Work and Pensions              |
| Ms Tina McElligott        | LB Barnet                                     |
| Mr Jamie Blake            | LB Barnet                                     |
| Mr Matt Leng              | LB Barnet                                     |
| Ms Emma Phasey            | LB Barnet                                     |
| Mr Amlan Kumar Ghoshal    | Safer Neighbourhoods Board                    |
| Mr Luke Kwamya            | Barnet and Harrow Joint Public Health Service |

## Apologies for Absence

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| Mr Simon Rose     | Metropolitan Police |
| Ms Kiran Vagarwal | LB Barnet           |
| Mr Peter Clifton  | LB Barnet           |

### 1 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed new members Sara Leach, Luke Kwamya and Amlan Kumar Ghoshal.

### 2 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

### 3 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Simon Rose, Peter Clifton and Kiran Vagarwal.

### 4 **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

### 5 **COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY**

No report – there would be an update at the next meeting on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

### 6 **POLICE UPDATE**

Ms Leach from the Metropolitan Police provided an update:

- Theft from motor vehicles had increased during the last few weeks, particularly in Golders Green and Friern Barnet in the afternoon and evenings, so police presence had been strengthened.
- Five individuals had been arrested following a spate of related robberies and three others had been arrested further to the murder of a shopkeeper in Mill Hill.
- Details were awaited on a new organisational structure which would involve a merger between Barnet, Harrow and Brent police forces. Response times should not be affected and it should enable services to become more specialised. Simon Rose would lead services for the three boroughs.
- Ms Leach would feed back to the Board on burglary figures in relation to the use of SmartWater technology.

**Action**

## 7 BARNET CCTV AND ANPR UPDATE

Mr Leng gave a presentation on CCTV and ANPR – slides were circulated.

- There were 20 Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras which were linked to the Met Control Room.
- Ms Leach noted that CCTV had been pivotal in the identification of perpetrators of crime; 30% of perpetrators admitted guilt when CCTV evidence was available. She would try to get details of the number of convictions where cameras had been part of the evidence. Mr Leng would ask the CCTV Team whether they could also provide some information on incident locations and numbers and whether more detailed work on this would be feasible.

**Action**

The Chairman asked whether Mill Hill was being targeted or whether these were isolated incidents and instead there was a heightened sensitivity to crime in the area. Mr Leng would look at the statistics and would feed back to the Board.

**Action**

## 8 UPDATE FROM FAMILY SERVICES

Ms McElligot provided an update from Family Services - slides had been circulated.

- Troubled Families Programme – good progress had been made and discussions were ongoing about how to develop the service with the remaining time available.
- Youth offending numbers had stabilised in the Borough. A larger proportion of youths were being diverted from crime due to liaison activities that had been introduced and police custody triage supporting this. A range of services had been introduced for this vulnerable group in line with the national agenda for youth offending; including forensic psychologists, speech and language therapists and

educational psychologists. Two new managers had also been appointed together with a permanent staff team alongside strong partnership arrangements.

- Youth Justice Board data was discussed. Barnet sat below London and the national average for reoffending. Gang activity was a problem. There had been a recent slight drop in knife-enabled offences.
- The supply and use of Xanax was a problem in the Borough; young girls in particular were being targeted, making them vulnerable to sexual exploitation including video shaming, and to criminal networks. Some work needed to be done to tackle the supply and use of Xanax. The service was aware of 40-50 school children (from as young as 12) who were taking Xanax daily.

## 9 PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS

Mr Leng spoke to his presentation on PSPOs – slides had been circulated.

Barnet did not have any PSPOs in place but planned to use them to tackle street drinking and other problems in a few areas. Councillors had been asked to submit details of areas that should be considered.

The Chairman enquired about publicity via the Communications team at Barnet, adding that that team should also be represented on the Board and had previously been invited. Mr Jamie Blake offered to speak to the Communications team about this.

### **Action**

Ms Leach noted that part of the problem could be that some individuals were priced out of pubs. Also some, especially migrant workers on low wages, lived in 'bedshares' and so had no place to drink at home. It might be worth considering providing a place for this group.

Mr Leng noted that papers had been submitted to the Community Leadership Committee over a year ago on this issue but part of the engagement needed to be face-to-face. He would explore this issue with the Communications team - including how people could complain via the website - and a possible Communications campaign.

### **Action**

The Chairman noted that the new legislation had been introduced in October 2017 so it was time to act.

## 10 PROPOSED ITEMS FOR NEXT SCPB: FRI 27 APRIL 2018

- Community Safety Strategy
- Ms Clare Ansdell would report back following the latest NPS inspection
- The Chairman asked Ms Ansdell to contact Ms Vagarwal about recommendations made in the Community Rehabilitation Company report which was due out soon.

## 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bridget O'Dwyer advised that the joint Barnet & Harrow Public Health Service will cease on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and Public Health commissioning will be delivered by each borough respectively.

Luke Kwamya will be taking up post as Senior Commissioning Manager for Barnet Substance Misuse Service and Barnet Sexual & Reproductive Health Service. Bridget O'Dwyer will be taking up a similar post in Harrow and would like to thank the Board for their support and joint working during her time at Barnet.

12 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

The meeting finished at 11.06 am