

Briefing Note

Safer Communities Partnership Board Meeting

Friday 26th October 2018

To: Partnership Board

From: Jamie Keddy, MOPAC

1. Purpose

The purpose of this briefing is to provide Barnet Partnership Board (SSPB) with a highlight of key activities of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) since the last meeting.

2. Launch of the Mayor's Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy

On 9th March 2018 the Mayor published his refreshed VAWG strategy backed by a record £44 million investment up to 2020. The aim of the strategy is to make London the safest city in the world for women and girls, and that means every Londoner and every organisation playing their part to promote equality and to challenge sexist and misogynistic attitudes wherever they are encountered. The refreshed strategy follows the biggest in-depth consultation with survivors as well as Londoners, police and partners. It includes measures to tackle rape, sexual assault, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), trafficking, controlling behaviour, forced marriages, stalking, harassment, and misogyny. The strategy is focussed around three main areas; prevention, tackling perpetrators and protection and support to victims. MOPAC provides significant indirect and direct funding to Violence Against Women and Girls services in the Capital. This includes:

- £7,965,355 funding to London boroughs via the London Crime Prevention Fund. This is 25% of the London Crime Prevention Fund 2017-2019 funding pot;
- £451,469 from the 2017 -2018 Small Grants Fund to a variety of Violence Against Women and Girls VCS services. Some of these projects are two to three-year programmes of work;
- In addition to this MOPAC has committed £5,551,000 in directly commissioned Domestic Abuse, Sexual Violence and Harmful Practice services in 2017/2018.

Work is being undertaken to deliver on the commitments included within the strategy, linking into key boards and programmes to drive this work forward including setting up task and finish groups where required to convene relevant stakeholders and partners

to develop collaborative approaches to some of the more challenging areas of the strategy which require a partnership response. In particular those which look at identifying risk regarding perpetrators and victims and those which will necessitate systems change in order to get the response right.

3. London Crime Prevention Fund

A decision on the allocations for the next two financial years is expected in w/c 15th October, and letters will be sent out to borough leaders and Heads of Community Safety in the same week. This decision has unfortunately been delayed due to conversations about softening of reductions and the provision of additional information to boroughs.

Following the announcement of allocations, there will be a four-week period for boroughs to develop and send in their project proposals. These will then be internally agreed, and notification of approval sent out. Grant agreements can then be drawn up. The aim is to have all projects agreed by the end of the calendar year. Further information on the process will be included in the allocation letters, and there will also be a guidance session for LHOCS.

Indicative figures show that Barnet will see an uplift in funding of about £20k compared with both 2018/19 allocation and 2018/19 spend.

4. Community Seed Funding & Young Londoners Fund

In the Mayors Knife Crime Strategy he committed to a new fund of £250k for Community Seed Funding. This has since changed with the Mayor announcing an additional £1.15m of new money for projects through his Young Londoners Fund. This takes the total to £1.4m.

A total of £1.4m has now been allocated to 43 anti-knife crime projects across the capital. Schemes across 19 boroughs will benefit from the new funding, including the ten boroughs most affected by knife crime. The money has been allocated to 43 anti-knife crime projects across London which will take effect in 19 boroughs including Barnet.

The 4Front Project Ltd (*Barnet*) - £46,042 to deliver a youth led intervention project for 75 young people involved in and affected by serious youth violence in Barnet over one year.

Further information

Should the partnership require further information on the above or any other aspects of MOPAC's work, please contact Jamie Keddy by email Jamie.Keddy@mopac.london.gov.uk