



Community Leadership and Libraries Committee

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Summary

This report provides the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee (CLLC) with an update about the recent partnership approach being taken to tackling anti-social behaviour in the Burnt Oak area.

To coincide with implementation of Barnet's first Public Space Protection Zone (PSPO) on the 8th October 2018 the Barnet Safer Communities Partnership coordinated a month of multi-agency activity in Burnt Oak. This activity combined outreach, engagement, prevention and enforcement and focused on addressing antisocial behaviour related issues and concerns highlighted by residents and business.

Accompanying this paper, a PowerPoint presentation will be provided to the CLLC outlining both the overarching approach and the range of activities and interventions which have been put in place.

Recommendations

- 1. To note the multi-agency approach taken to tackling anti-social behaviour and environmental crime in the Burnt Oak area, including the implementation and enforcement of Barnet's first Public Space Protection Order zone.**
- 2. To endorse a continuation of this same approach to tackling anti-social behaviour and environmental crime in the Edgware and Childs Hill areas.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 On the 8th October 2018 Barnet Council introduced Barnet's first Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to help the Police and Council tackle anti-social behaviour linked to street drinking in the Burnt Oak area.
- 1.2 Coinciding with the launch of this PSPO, the Barnet Safer Communities Partnership has delivered a month of concentrated multi-agency activity focused on addressing the issues and concerns highlighted by residents and business. The issues included alcohol related anti-social behaviour, littering and flytipping.
- 1.3 The recent activity (which took place between 8th October – 26th October 2018) in Burnt Oak, involving over ten different organisations and agencies, has focused on:
 - *Raising awareness* - Working with business and residents to raise awareness about the PSPO and about the correct way of disposing of waste
 - *Engagement and support* - Engaging with those committing anti-social behaviour to support and sign post them to organisations who can help
 - *Crime Prevention* – Installing gating on stairwells, repairing fencing and deployment of extra CCTV cameras
 - *Tackling ASB* - Stepping up enforcement action against those committing ASB and environmental crime
- 1.4 Enforcement activity has been stepped up in the PSPO area to take action against those who have been committing anti-social behaviour and environmental crimes. Between 8th October – 26th October 2018 there have been:
 - **53** FPNs issued for littering,
 - **26** FPNs issued for residential flytipping,
 - **14** FPNs issued for commercial flytipping,
 - **39** alcohol confiscations carried out the PSPO zone,
 - **11** Section 34 Duty of Care checks completed, and
 - **5** Section 34 Duty of Care notices issued.
- 1.5 In addition to the above, where appropriate use has also been made of the powers under the *Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014* (including Criminal Behaviour Orders, Community Protection Notices and Warnings).
- 1.6 Additional details about the recent partnership approach to tackling anti-social behaviour in Burnt Oak, the implementation of the PSPO in Burnt Oak, and the implantation of the next PSPO zones in Edgware and Childs Hill are to be provided

in a PowerPoint presentation to the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee on 21st November 2018.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the multi-agency approach taken to tackling anti-social behaviour and environmental crime in the Burnt Oak area, including the implementation and enforcement of Barnet's first Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Zone.
- 2.2 To endorse a continuation of this same approach to tackling anti-social behaviour and environmental crime in the Edgware and Childs Hill areas.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not relevant in relation to this report.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 There are no decisions that are required to be made in relation to this update.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2015-20 sets out the following strategic objectives:

5.1.2 That Barnet Council, working with local, regional and national partners, will strive to make sure that Barnet is the place:

- Of opportunity, where people can further their quality of life
- Where responsibility is shared, fairly
- Where people are helped to help themselves, recognising that prevention is better than cure
- Where services are delivered efficiently to get value for money for the taxpayer.

5.1.3 The effective implementation of the Community Safety Strategy supports Barnet in achieving the commitment set out in the corporate plan: that Barnet will be amongst the safest places in London, with high levels of community cohesion, and residents feeling safe.

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

Not relevant in relation to this report.

5.2 Social Value

Not relevant in relation to this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 S6 of *Crime and Disorder Act 1998* ('the 1998 Act') places a statutory duty on responsible authorities (including local authorities, the Police, Probation Trusts, and Fire and Rescue Authorities) to formulate and implement strategies for the reduction of crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour), for combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances; and for the reduction of reoffending.

5.4.2 The BSCP is a Community Safety Partnership set up in accordance with the requirement of the section 5 *Crime and Disorder Act 1998* as amended by section 108 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009.

5.4.3 Under s.17 of the *Crime and Disorder Act 1998*, 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.

5.4.4 Under section 19 of the *Police and Justice Act 2006* every local authority shall ensure that it has a crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committee with power to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of crime and disorder functions and to make reports or recommendations to the local authority or its executive with respect to the discharge of those functions. The *Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009* complement these provisions and are supported by Home Office guidance. Barnet operates a committee system form of governance and consequently does not have a system of overview and scrutiny committees save for the statutory Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. However, the duty to perform crime and disorder scrutiny remains a requirement in committee system authorities. As such, Barnet have elected that the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee to be the committee responsible for discharging responsibilities relating to the scrutiny of crime and disorder matters.

5.4.5 Article 7 section 7.5 in the Council's constitution sets out the responsibility for functions of the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee which include, responsibility

for civic events, community safety, emergency planning, registration and nationality service, grants to the voluntary sector.

5.4 Risk Management

5.5.1 Risk management varies according to the different initiatives. The partnership or appropriate agencies are made aware of risks and actions to mitigate the risk are agreed and put in place. There is always risk that the partnership may not achieve the targets set due to factors outside its direct control – however there is strong partnership working in place enabling agencies to identify and highlight risk and be open to addressing the risk collectively.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 Section 149 of the *Equality Act 2010* sets out the public-sector equality duty to which the authority must have due regard. The Council's public-sector equality duty is set out in s149 of the *Equality Act 2010*:

5.6.2 A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to —

a) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;

b) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;

c) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

5.6.3 The relevant protected characteristics are age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex and sexual orientation.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 The Barnet Residents' Perception Survey shows that residents consider crime to be one of the top three issues that they are most concerned about. This council run survey includes questions on resident's views on the council's performance and engagement as well as having questions focused on specific service areas. In addition, the Community Safety team coordinates consultations on specific elements of the Community Safety Strategy.

5.6.2 Prior to the implementation of the PSPO in Burnt Oak, a public consultation about PSPOs in Barnet took place between February and March 2018 via the Engage Barnet

website. There were over 300 responses submitted. An assessment of responses and feedback indicated that there was broad support for the use of PSPOs to tackle alcohol related anti-social behaviour and broad support for the use of a PSPO in Burnt Oak. This support has been echoed by the positive feedback officers have received whilst engaging with members of the public in and around the Burnt Oak PSPO zone during the partnership days of action in during October 2018.

5.7 Corporate parenting

Not relevant in relation to this report.

5.8 Insight

Not relevant in relation to this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Community Leadership Committee 6th June 2018

Agenda Item 11 "*Update on annual refresh on Community Safety Strategy*"

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s46665/CLC%20report%20review%20of%20SCP%20Strategy%20V%200.1.pdf>