

	<p>Community Leadership and Libraries Committee</p> <p>6th October 2021</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Community Safety Annual Report April 2020 – March 2021 (including Crime and Disorder Scrutiny)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Councillor Reuben Thompstone, Community Leadership and Libraries Committee Chairman</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Key</p>	<p>Non key</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix 1: Community Safety Annual Report Appendix 2: April 2020 – March 2021 Schedule of Safer Communities Partnership Board Reports Appendix 3: ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Factsheet</p>
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<p>Summary</p>	
<p>This report is needed for the Community Leadership and Library Committee to consider an annual report on Community Safety including progress in delivering the Safer Communities Strategy (incorporating the statutory requirement to undertake crime and disorder scrutiny).</p>	

<p>Officers Recommendations</p>	
<p>1. That the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee note and comment upon the content and Community Safety Annual Report for 2020/21 and note the Crime and Disorder scrutiny review undertaken.</p>	

1. WHY THIS BRIEFING IS NEEDED

- 1.1 In November 2019 responsibility for Community Safety transferred from the then Executive Director of Environment to the Director of Assurance on an interim basis.
- 1.2 From March 2020 to date the Community Safety Team, supported by CAFT and the Emergency Response Team, have been responding to new Covid-19 Business Enforcement requirements.
- 1.3 In May 2021, a further review took place and the following transfer of services have now been made on a permanent basis. The movement of services was essential to begin to lay the foundations for delivery of the objectives within Clean, Safe and Well-Run priority.
 - 1.3.1 Responsibilities as outlined the Community Safety Accreditation scheme of Powers have been retained within the Assurance Group - Community Safety Team, and include:
 - Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership
 - Environmental Crime
 - Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
 - Prevent Agenda (including Hate Crime)
 - CCTV
 - Covid-19 Enforcement
 - 1.3.2 The move of some areas into Family Services strengthens transitional support for older adolescents and aligns the good work being undertaken in these areas, plus further maximises opportunities for whole family/system support. Family Services have therefore taken on new areas of responsibility:
 - Domestic violence
 - Violence Against Women and Girls
 - Reduced Offending
 - Integrated Offender Management
 - Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation

The Assurance Directorate retained the Statutory responsibility for overseeing the statutory duties under section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998; the Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Board/Community Safety Partnership in accordance with the requirement of the section 5 Crime and Disorder Act 1998; and under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 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.

IMPACT OF THE COVID19 PANDEMIC

- 1.5 As with many other services the impact of the Covid19 pandemic resulted in the Community Safety workstreams transforming their working arrangements to online meetings as well as the use of the Community Safety Team's web based case management system, ECINS, to sustain the case management and partnership working arrangements and MS Teams as the conferencing software.
- 1.6 During the lockdowns; and exit from those lockdowns; the Investigation and Enforcement officers in the Community Safety Team were also redeployed onto Covid19 duties in addition to their core duties.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Barnet Plan 2021-2025 outlines the key outcomes of the council and how it will work to achieve those outcomes. The council and its partners will focus on four priorities over the next four years to realise its' vision:
 - Clean, safe and well run: a place where our streets are clean and antisocial behaviour is dealt with so residents feel safe. Providing good quality, customer friendly services in all that we do
 - Family Friendly: creating a Family Friendly Barnet, enabling opportunities for our children and young people to achieve their best
 - Healthy: a place with fantastic facilities for all ages, enabling people to live happy and healthy lives
 - Thriving: a place fit for the future, where all residents, businesses and visitors benefit from improved sustainable infrastructure & opportunity.
- 2.2 Under the council's priority of 'Clean, safe and well run' the focus is on:
 - Improving Customer Service
 - Providing better environmental services and a cleaner borough
 - Address issues of anti-social behaviour such as frauds, fly-tipping, noise nuisance and parking
 - Ensure robust financial management
 - Unlocking and optimising the potential of Parks and Open Space
- 2.3 The main vision for Clean, Safe and Well Run is: A place where our streets are clean and anti-social behaviour is dealt with so residents feel safe. Providing good quality, customer friendly services in all that we do.
- 2.4 This report sets out to provide and update on the work of the Community Safety Team, the Crime and Disorder annual scrutiny review as well as summarising how it supports the corporate priority of Clean, Safe and Well Run.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 None.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 None.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 The Barnet Plan outlines the council's strategic approach how we will keep Barnet green, the streets clean, and every person in the borough feeling safe and secure - delivering better services while ensuring value for money for all our residents and businesses to approach to provide a fair deal for our residents and a commitment to delivering services that matter most by making decisions to prioritise our limited resources.

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

5.2.1 None in the context of this report

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 Not relevant to this report.

5.4 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 Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Board (SCPB) 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 The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act (Sect 115) - statutory duty on responsible authorities to have a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership to oversee partnership work and develop strategies to reduce crime. (Barnet: Safer Communities Partnership Board (SCPB))

5.4.6 Meetings of the Barnet SCPB are held quarterly and a quorum comprises four members provided this consists of:

Chairman (Barnet Councillor – Cllr Jennifer Grocock

Vice Chairman (Metropolitan Police)

At least one other representative each of the Council and the Metropolitan Police.

Other SCPB Partners:

- National Probation Service
- London Fire Brigade
- Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group
- MOPAC (Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime)
- Barnet Safer Neighbourhood Board
- Middlesex University
- North West London Magistrates' Court
- Victim Support, North London Division
- Department for Work and Pensions
- Barnet Homes
- Inclusion Barnet

5.4.7 The Police and Justice Act 2006, (Part 3) and Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regs 2009 made under that Act - requires every local authority to have a 'crime and disorder committee' to review or scrutinise decisions and actions by responsible authorities in connection with their crime and disorder functions, meeting at least once every 12 months. (Barnet: Community Leadership and Libraries Committee). Most often the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership is scrutinised under these powers.

5.4.8 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.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 Risk identification, management, and mitigation in the context of the Strategic Crime Needs Assessment findings are addressed through the Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Board and the delivery of the Community Safety Strategy. The partnership and/or appropriate agencies are made aware of the identified risks by the Board and tasked to implement a response or risk management action plan to mitigate the risk. The partnership Delivery Groups which report their performance against the to the Board and multi-agency operational group are responsible for identifying and managing case management risk.

5.5.2 There is always risk that the partnership may not achieve the targets set due to factors outside its direct control – the impact of the Covid19 pandemic is such an example. A key mitigating factor is that in Barnet there is very strong and collaborative partnership working in place enabling agencies to identify and highlight risk and be open to addressing the risk collectively.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 If the recommendations in this report are agreed, pursuant to the Public Sector Equality Duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the current equalities impact assessment (EIA) will be required to be reviewed to ensure the approach does not have a disproportionate adverse impact on persons, particularly those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

5.6.2 The public sector equality duty 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:

- (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.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 The decisions in this report are not considered to have a direct or indirect impact on children in care.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 As detailed in section 1.4, 1.5 and 4 of this report the next steps for the Council is to use the findings of the Strategic Assessment 2020 and the outcome of the London Policing and Crime Plan public consultation to support our public consultation) and help inform the revised Barnet's Community Safety Strategy for 2022-2027.

5.9 Insight data

5.9.1 Not relevant for this report

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

[Agenda for Community Leadership and Libraries Committee on Wednesday 9th June, 2021, 7.00 pm \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://moderngov.co.uk) -Agenda Item 8.