



Community Leadership and Libraries Committee

20th June 2022

Title	Assurance - Community Safety Team Annual Report 2021-22
Report of	Chair of the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee
Wards	All
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	Non key
Enclosures	Appendix 1 – CST Annual review 1 st April 21- 31 st March 22 Annex A – CST Named Officer Ward Allocation
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Summary

This report covers the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 and represents an up-to-date picture of the work undertaken by Community Safety Team during that time.

Officers Recommendations

- 1. That the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee note and comment on the work undertaken by the Community Safety Team between April 2021 and March 2022.**

1. Why this report is needed

- 1.1 There is a need to inform the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee of the work undertaken by the Community Safety Team (CST) between April 2021 and March 2022.

- 1.2 This report provides the Committee with the opportunity to acknowledge and comment on the work carried out by the Assurance Community Safety Team during the financial year 2021-22

2. Reasons for recommendations

- 2.1 After the May 5th, 2022, elections the Council has a new Labour Administration. The new Labour Administration has made several priorities, one of which is a 'Safer Barnet' the ongoing work of the Community Safety Team supports the various commitments including:

- Provide community safety hubs (to raise concerns about crime with the police and council enforcement officers)
- Programme of 'Street Safe' audits - walks with residents, police, community safety officers and Streetscene and green spaces officers to identify together ways of making spaces safer.
- Provide a named community safety officer for each ward (included within this report as Annex A) to create community safety action plans based on local priorities (this work is already underway)

- 2.2 Officers will work with the Chair of this Committee and with other relevant Theme Committee leads, other committees (e.g. Environment and Climate Change Committee), colleagues in partner organisations and strategic partners within the Borough or regionally, to develop a coherent work programme to be reported back to a future committee.

3. Implications of decision

Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 3.1.1 After the May 5th, 2022 elections the Council has a new Labour Administration. The new Labour Administration has made several commitments, one of which is a 'Safer Barnet' the ongoing work of the community safety team supports this commitment.

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

- 3.2.1 None for this report. Resource implications of the programmes and activities therein, will be considered as part of the development of that work and report to committee, including Policy and Resources Committee when relevant, prior to implementation

3.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 3.3.1 Section 6 of the 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

- 3.3.2 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.
- 3.3.3 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.
- 3.3.4 To act as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the Police and Justice Act 2006 (Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny Regulations) 2009

3.4 **Insight**

N/A

3.5 **Social Value**

- 3.5.1 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. While there are no Social Value implications for this report, Social Value will be considered in work programmes. All programmes will be developed in a manner that is consistent with the Council's Social Value policy (December 2021)

3.6 **Risk Management**

- 3.6.1 Risks and risk management will be considered as the work programmes develop.

3.7 **Equalities and Diversity**

- 3.7.1 Pursuant to section 149 of the Equality Act, 2010, the Council has a public-sector duty to have due regard to eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act; advancing equality of opportunity between those with a protected characteristic and those without; promoting good relations between those with a protected characteristic and those without. The, relevant, 'protected characteristics' are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. It also covers marriage and civil partnership with regard to elimination discrimination

3.8 Corporate Parenting

3.8.1 In line with Children and Social Work Act 2017, the council has a duty to consider Corporate Parenting Principles in decision-making across the council. There are no implications for Corporate Parenting in relation to this report.

3.9 Consultation and Engagement

3.9.1 None

3.10 Environmental Impact

3.10.1 There are no implications for Environmental Impact in relation to this report

4. Background papers

4.1 None