

	<p align="center">Safer Communities Partnership Board</p> <p align="center">22nd July 2022</p>
<p align="center">Title</p>	<p>Community Safety Strategy 2022 - 2027</p>
<p align="center">Report of</p>	<p>Chair of the Safer Communities Partnership Board</p>
<p align="center">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p align="center">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p align="center">Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix A – Community Safety Strategy 2022 – 2027 Appendix B – Barnet Crime data Apr 2021 – Mar 2022</p>
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<h2>Summary</h2>
<p>This report provides the Safer Communities Partnership Board with a draft Community Safety Strategy for 2022 – 2027 and invites the Board to agree to the implementation of the new strategy for Barnet, as approved at the Community, Libraries and Leadership Committee in June.</p>

<h2>Officers Recommendations</h2>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Safer Communities Partnership Board approve and agree implementation of the draft Community Safety Strategy for 2022 – 2027.

1. Why this report is needed

- 1.1 There is need to redefine the current position for the Barnet Community Safety Strategy. Following the May 5th Local Elections, Barnet has a new Labour administration, who have made various commitments around delivering a 'Safer Barnet'.
- 1.2 The current strategy is the 2015-2020 strategy which, due to the impact of Covid19, was authorised by the Mayor's Officer for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) to remain in place until after the deferred Mayoral election and then Mayor's Police Crime Plan consultation and new strategy being launched – (Dec 2021-March2022 respectively).

2. Reasons for recommendations

- 2.1 It is a legal requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for local authorities to work together with key partners to develop and implement local crime strategies to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in their area.

3. Alternative options considered and not recommended

- 3.1 None.

4. Post decision implementation

- 4.1 Once the draft is agreed by the Board the final report will be presented to the following meeting of the Community Leadership and Library Committee for approval and sign off.

5. Implications of decision

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

After the May 5th, 2022 elections the Council has a new Labour Administration. The new Labour Administration has made several commitments, one of which 'Safer Barnet', Safer Streets and ending Violence against women and girls. The proposal to implement the new Community Safety Strategy for Barnet for 2022-2027 supports the new labour commitments and priorities.

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

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 Under s.6 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998, the Council with other partner authorities (chief of police, fire & rescue authority, probation service, CCG and Local Health Board) has a duty to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), a

strategy for combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area and a strategy for the reduction of re-offending in the area.

5.3.2 In formulating the strategy, the partner authorities must have regard to the police and crime plan for the area. 5.3.3 Under Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy Regulations 2007 (SI 2007/1830), the partner authorities must set up a strategy group who are collectively responsible for preparing strategic assessments and preparing and implementing the partnership plan.

The partnership plan shall set out the following:

- a) A strategy for the partnership to seek to reduce antisocial behaviour in all its forms, a reduction of re-offending for the prevention of crime and disorder and for combating substance misuse in Barnet.
- b) The priorities identified in the Strategic Crime Needs Assessment prepared during the previous year.
- c) The steps considered necessary for the responsible authorities to take to implement the strategy and meet those priorities.
- d) How the strategy group considers the responsible authorities should allocate and deploy their resources to implement that strategy and meet those priorities.
- e) The steps each responsible authority shall take to measure its success in implementing the strategy and meeting those priorities.
- f) The steps the strategy group proposes to take during the year to comply with its obligations in respect of community engagement, considering the extent that people in the area can assist in reducing re-offending, crime and disorder and substance misuse, and publicising that partnership plan.

5.3.3 Under Section 17 of the above Act, it is also a duty of the Council (and other partner agencies, including but not limited to the Police, Fire & Rescue) 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

5.3.4 The Council's Constitution sets out the Terms of Reference for the Safer Communities Partnership Board as follows:

- a) The Safer Communities Partnership Board (SCPB) is the inter-agency mechanism in Barnet to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and reoffending and promote social cohesion. It acts as the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership as defined (and required) by the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act and subsequent amendments including the 2006 Police and Justice Act and the 2009 Policing and Crime Act.

5.4 **Insight**

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 **Social Value**

5.5.1 Whilst there are no direct social value considerations for this report it is highlighted that the consultation undertaken with the public and the use by the partnership to actively listen to resident, business and elected members concerns show that it remains a priority for the Council and Partnership to not only take action to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour but be seen to do it. By doing so this will help to improve the resident's and business' satisfaction in the services we deliver to tackle and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in Barnet and improve their confidence in reporting such issues to us.

5.6 **Risk Management**

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

5.7 **Equalities and Diversity**

5.7.1 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.

5.8 **Corporate Parenting**

5.8.1 None in the context of this report.

5.9 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.9.1 The Safer Communities Partnership has a statutory responsibility to consult with residents on their Crime and Anti-social behaviour priorities and share the findings of the annual strategic crime needs assessment which has been completed.

5.10 **Environmental Impact**

5.10.1 There are no direct environmental implications from noting the recommendations. Implementing the recommendations in the report will lead to a positive impact on the Council's carbon and ecology impact, or at least it is neutral.

6. Background papers

None