



Community Leadership and Libraries Committee

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Title	Annual Report of the Safer Communities Partnership Board 2021-2022
Report of	Community Leadership and Libraries Committee Chair
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Enclosures	Appendix 1 – Annual Report of the Safer Communities Partnership Board 2021-2022
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Summary

Barnet Borough Council has a statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, and the subsequent amendments by the Police and Justice Act 2006, to work in partnership with other statutory and non-statutory partners and agencies to address community safety issues within the Borough, collectively known as the Safer Communities Partnership Board.

The attached Annual Report details the work of the Safer Communities Partnership Board and the outcomes it has achieved for 2021-2022 and is presented to the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee so that it can fulfil its scrutiny function of the work of the Safer Communities Partnership Board.

Officers Recommendations

- 1. That the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee comment, note and approve the Annual Report for 2021-2022 as an accurate record of the outcomes and work programme of the Safer Communities Partnership Board for that year.**

1. Why this report is needed

- 1.1 The Annual Report describes the work of the Safer Communities Partnership Board for 2021-2022 and the outcomes and work programmes for that year.
- 1.2 For The Community Leadership and Libraries Committee to fulfil their scrutiny function of the work of the Safer Communities Partnership Board.

2. Reasons for recommendations

- 2.1 It is a constitutional requirement for the Safer Communities Partnership Board to present an Annual Report to the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee each year.

3. Alternative options considered and not recommended

- 3.1 None.

4. Post decision implementation

- 4.1 The Community Leadership and Libraries Committee have met their scrutiny function of the Safer Communities Partnership Board and the work carried out during 2021-2022.

5. Implications of decision

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The annual report demonstrates how the Safer Communities Partnership Board supports and contributes to the delivery of the council's priorities.
- 5.1.2 Following the May 2022 elections, the council has a new Labour administration. The new administration has made several commitments, one of which is 'safer streets across the borough, with a strong focus on tackling crime and anti-social behaviour'. The annual report demonstrates the delivery of this commitment from the Safer Communities Partnership Board.

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 The Safer Communities Partnership Board's terms of reference are noted in the Council's Constitution, Article 7, which states "The Safer Communities Partnership Board 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.

5.3.2 Article 7 of the Council's constitution also sets out the responsibility for functions of the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee, which states "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.

5.4 **Insight**

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 **Social Value**

5.5.1 None in the context of this report.

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 N/A

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