



Safer Communities Partnership Board

Title	Safer Communities Partnership Board Annual Report 2022-2023
Date of meeting	19 th July 2023
Report of	Chair of the Safer Communities Partnership Board
Wards	N/A
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Appendices	Appendix A - Safer Communities Partnership Board Annual Report 2022-2023 Appendix B - Family Services Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) Annual Report
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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 2022-2023.

Recommendations

1. That the Safer Communities Partnership Board agree to the progress being made against the five priorities set out in the Community Safety Strategy 2022-2023.
2. That the Safer Communities Partnership Board agree that the Annual Report for 2022-2023 is an accurate record of the outcomes and work programme for that year.

1. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 1.1 The Annual Report describes the work of the Safer Communities Partnership Board for 2022-2023 and the outcomes and work undertaken for that year towards the priorities set out in the Community Safety Strategy 2022 - 2027
- 1.2 It is a constitutional requirement for the Safer Communities Partnership Board to produce an annual report of its programme of work each year.

2. Alternative Options Considered and Not Recommended

- 2.1 Not relevant in relation to this report.

3. Post Decision Implementation

- 3.1 Once agreed by the board, the report will be presented at the next Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a record of the work carried out towards the priorities within the Community Safety Strategy 2022-2027.

4. Corporate Priorities, Performance and Other Considerations

Corporate Plan

- 4.1 The annual report demonstrates how the Safer Communities Partnership Board have contributed to the delivery of the council's priorities.
- 4.2 The Barnet corporate plan puts Caring for People, our Places and the Planet at the heart of everything we do, with a commitment to create places that are clean, safe and welcoming. The annual report demonstrates how the work of the Safer communities Partnership Board contributes to the corporate plan.

Corporate Performance / Outcome Measures

- 4.3 None in the context of this report.

Sustainability

- 4.4 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.

Corporate Parenting

4.5 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.

Risk Management

4.6 None in the context of this report.

Insight

4.7 None in the context of this report.

Social Value

4.8 None in the context of this report.

5. Resource Implications (Finance and Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT and Property)

5.1 None in the context of this report.

6. Legal Implications and Constitution References

6.1 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 and 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.

6.2 The Council's Constitution sets out the Terms of Reference of the Safer Communities Partnership Board; 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.

7. Consultation

7.1 None in the context of this report.

8. Equalities and Diversity

8.1 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.

8.2 Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:

- a) Remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

9. Background Papers

9.1 Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Community Safety Strategy 2022 – 2027 [Barnet Community Safety Strategy A4 Report \[FINAL\]](#)