



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

7th November 2023

Title	Safer Communities Partnership (CSP) Annual update 2022-2023
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Report of	Chair of the Safer Communities Partnership Board
Wards	All
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Urgent	No
Appendices	Appendix A - Safer Communities Partnership Board Annual Report 2022-2023 Appendix B– Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Performance Dashboard 12 months to March 2023 Appendix C - Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) Annual Report
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Summary

This report is to give the Overview and Scrutiny committee an overview of the work of the Safer Communities partnership (SCP) for the period 2022-2023 (inclusive of March 2023). The SCP brings together agencies and organisations involved in crime prevention and community safety within the borough of Barnet.

The work has involved the councils Community Safety Team and Family Services taking a lead on tackling the five priorities that were laid out within the Barnet Community Safety Strategy 2022-27. The information presented in this report gives the committee an opportunity to comment on the work undertaken, as required under The Police and Justice Act 2006, requires local authorities to scrutinise how the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is tackling crime and disorder for the benefit of the local community’.

These requirements were enacted by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 and previously a responsibility of the Community Leadership & Libraries Committee (Committee System). This is now a responsibility of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee under the new Executive arrangements.

Recommendations

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1. Note and comment on the 'Safer Communities Partnership Annual Report for 2022-2023' and consider whether to make any recommendations to Partners or Cabinet with respect to the discharge of our functions of tackling crime and disorder.
2. Notes and comment on the 'Annual Performance Dashboard' and considers whether to make any recommendations to Partners or Cabinet
3. Notes and comment on the Family Services Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) Annual Report and considers whether to make any recommendations to Partners or Cabinet

1. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 1.1 The Police and Justice Act 2006, requires local authorities to have a Crime and Disorder Committee to scrutinise how the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is tackling crime and disorder for the benefit of the local community'. These requirements were enacted by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.
- 1.2 The constitution requires Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions in accordance with s.19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.
- 1.3 This will be the 'Crime and Disorder' scrutiny meeting under Barnet's new executive arrangements.
- 1.4 The attached three appendices include the 'Annual report of the SCP for 2022-2023' alongside a 'Annual performance Dashboard' and 'Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) Annual Report' collectively they provide an accurate record and overview of the of the work programme and outcomes of the SCP and SCP Strategy.

2. Alternative Options Considered and Not Recommended

- 2.1 Not relevant in relation to this report.

3. Post Decision Implementation

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee may decide to make recommendations or refer issues to the Council, Cabinet, relevant Cabinet Member or other body for response in accordance with the scrutiny arrangements set out in sections 31 to 43 of the Committee Procedure Rules and under the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.

4. Corporate Priorities, Performance and Other Considerations

Corporate Plan

- 4.1 The annual report demonstrates how the Safer Communities Partnership (SCP) 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 SCP 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 The report gives figures of crime reported in the borough and highlights areas where resource will be allocated.

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 s4 of the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009, A crime and disorder committee shall meet to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions as the committee considers appropriate but no less than once in every twelve-month period.
- 6.2 The Council's Constitution, Part 2B sets out the Terms of Reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 10.1.8 To review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions in accordance with s.19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006

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. Any Enforcement action taken by officers is recorded with all equalities information being obtained where possible which can them be scrutinised.

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 \[FINAL\]](#)