

Safer Communities: Enhancements to the Strategy.

Safer Communities Partnership Board 19.07.13

Programme level

- Governance arrangements and project teams are now in place for the four work streams (Neighbourhood Justice Panels; Community Coaches; Conditional Cautions and Enhanced Integrated Offender Management).

Neighbourhood Justice Panel work stream:

- The project team has researched national examples of best practice including learning from the Ministry of Justice test areas.
- Following a workshop for partners from the Police, Barnet Homes, the Council and Community Safety Engagement Group, the BASBAG has approved a high level model for the Neighbourhood Justice Panels
- The model includes:
 - Targeting low level crime and anti social behaviour
 - Referrals in from the Council, Barnet Homes and Police (and other agencies to be identified)
 - Recruitment and management of volunteers and referrals by a commissioned provider.
- The next steps are:
 - Engaging with potential providers for the service (soft market testing)
 - Developing a specification and initiating a procurement process.
 - Refining the definition of cases in scope.
 - Developing processes and forms with referring agencies.
 - Devising and implementing training for volunteers and referring agencies.
- The service is scheduled to go live by October 2013.

Community Coaches work stream:

- Funding for a Community Coaches programme was approved by the Council in June.
- This will build on the local model but specifically targeting those at risk of engaging in ASB and crime)
- Referral routes that are being explored include: Neighbourhood Justice Panels, Barnet Homes, Council services, Integrated Offender Management
- Procurement options are currently being considered, including the possibility to extend the existing Children's Service contract with Homestart Barnet (Community Coaching from families and vulnerable adults).
- The next steps are:
 - Refining referral routes and criteria
 - Finalising the procurement approach
- The service is scheduled to go live by October 2013.

Conditional Cautions work stream:

- Since April, Conditional Cautions will be approved by the police (rather than by the CPS)
- The project has two strands
 - Boosting police use of conditional cautions through additional training and communications.
 - Developing a new alcohol awareness condition for the police to use for suitable alcohol related offenders.
- The next steps are:
 - Developing and implementing training and communications plan within Barnet Police.
 - Engaging with alcohol providers (soft market testing)
 - Developing a specification for the awareness course element and agreeing a procurement route.
- The new condition is expected to be in place by October 2013.

IOM work stream:

- See separate IOM briefing