

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee		
Report Title	Safer Lewisham Plan 2019-2020	
Key Decision	No	Item No. 6
Ward	All	
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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by section 97 and 98 of the Police Reform Act 2002, places a requirement on Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) (In Lewisham, the Safer Lewisham Partnership) to develop a three year Crime and Disorder Strategy which sets out how crime and Anti Social Behaviour will be tackled.

- An additional responsibility is also placed on Community Safety Partnerships to produce a Strategic Assessment to ensure emerging community safety trends are captured, and priorities are refreshed where necessary.
- The Annual Plan outlines the main priorities for the Safer Lewisham Partnership, which have been identified through the Strategic Assessment.
- This report outlines the Plan 2019-2020 for the Safer Lewisham Partnership, the boroughs Statutory Community Safety Partnership. The Plan is monitored and reviewed quarterly at the SLP.

Recommendations:

- It is requested to share views on the approach following the presentation.
- It is recommended that Members consider how the three elements of the Plan can be supported through the committees work.

2. Priorities set for 2018-2019

- How do we have less violence in our society?
- How do we shape a safer place and space?

- How do we understand and ensure negative bias is reflected upon and protected against?

2.1 The Plan outlines some of the key activities and impacts across these questions.

3. The safety and wellbeing of our communities – 2019-2020 Safer Plan

3.1 The Borough partners and residents have identified the following as being essential for our collective approach:

- Taking approaches to violence and disproportionality that make a difference to our residents.
- Reduction in harm and vulnerability being critical as part of an overall prevention, intervention and enforcement approaches; considering contextual and geographical risks.
- Reducing fear, harm and revictimisation is critical.
- Improving trust, confidence and satisfaction.
- Using data and analysis which is single, collective and cumulative whilst also considering future foresight modelling.

3.2 For 2019-2020 the Partnership seeks to focus on:

- ✓ In taking a public health approach to tackling violence there will be a collective and whole system approach to reducing exploitation, harm and violence.
- ✓ The partnership will build on the foundations in place towards making Lewisham a trauma informed borough;
- ✓ The strength of our response places equal focus on victims and perpetrators to help support and bring about positive change.

(Local priorities set through MOPAC include Violence with injury (non-Domestic) and Burglary).

See attached Plan for further details.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The Safer Lewisham Partnership currently monitors spend in relation to the MOPAC funding grant allocation to tackling emerging issues. All other resources are delivered by individual agencies and monitored as appropriate.

5. Legal & Human Rights Implications

- 5.1 The Council is under a number of statutory obligations to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the Council to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder; the Anti Social Behaviour 2003 requires the Council as a local housing authority to have policies and procedures for dealing with anti-social behaviour and the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 places the Council under a duty to have, when carrying out its functions, due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between persons of different racial groups.
- 5.2 The Local Government Act 1999 places a duty on the local authorities to secure continuous improvement in the way its functions are exercised having regard to the combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.
- 5.3 Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 empowers the local authority to do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of all or any persons within the local authority's area.

6. Equalities Implications

- 6.1 Developing safe and secure communities is central to the work of the Council as a whole and in particular to the Community Services directorate. Reducing and preventing crime, reducing fear of crime and supporting vulnerable communities is critical to the well-being of all our citizens.

7. Crime and Disorder Implications

- 7.1 Section 17 places a duty on partners to do all they can to reasonably prevent crime and disorder in their area. The level of crime and its impact is influenced by the decisions and activities taken in the day-to-day of local bodies and organisations. The responsible authorities are required to provide a range of services in their community from policing, fire protection, planning, consumer and environmental protection, transport and highways. They each have a key statutory role in providing these services and, in carrying out their core activities, can significantly contribute to reducing crime and improving the quality of life in their area.

8. Environmental Implications

- 8.1 Key decisions made which may have environmental implications. Environmental services are consulted about all agreed activity before proceeding.

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