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Title: Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2012-13	
Report of the Cabinet Member for Crime, Justice and Communities	
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Summary The attached report is the final draft of the Barking and Dagenham Community Safety Partnership (CSP) End of Year Report 2012-13, which is intended for reference by residents. This report outlines the work done across the CSP to tackle crime and disorder in the Borough. The Annual Report 2012-13 sets out the achievements of the CSP against its strategic priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Anti-Social Behaviour(b) Serious Youth Violence(c) Serious Acquisitive Crime(d) Substance Misuse This report provides, for information, a broad overview of performance against these objectives and sets out the priorities moving forward into 2013-2014.	
Recommendation Cabinet is recommended to note the Barking and Dagenham Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2012-13.	
Reason Barking and Dagenham Council committed in its Community Strategy to 'reducing crime and the fear of crime.' The End of Year Report 2012-13 outlines for residents the Partnership's work to reduce crime, and by doing so combats fear of crime.	

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) were set up as statutory bodies under Sections 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 1.2 The Council, Police, NHS, Fire Brigade, and Probation Service, together with voluntary and community sector organisations, work together to develop and implement strategies to protect the local community from crime and to help people feel safe. They co-ordinate local approaches to deal with issues including anti-social behaviour, drug or alcohol misuse, and re-offending.
- 1.3 The Partnership meets regularly to review progress against the targets it sets at the beginning of the year.
- 1.4 It is good practice for CSPs to give a short summary to the community of the work they have carried out to reduce crime and disorder.
- 1.5 In 2012-13, the Barking and Dagenham CSP aimed to create:

‘A safer borough where the problems of antisocial behaviour have been tackled and all young people have a positive role to play in the community.’

2. CSP Priorities: Performance Outcomes 2012-13

- 2.1 The CSP Annual Report 2012-13 details the strategic priorities and outlines progress in each area.
- 2.2 The CSP’s four priorities for work in 2012-13 were:
 - (a) Anti-Social Behaviour
 - (b) Serious Youth Violence
 - (c) Serious Acquisitive Crime
 - (d) Substance Misuse
- 2.3 The report sets out progress against its priorities. Members are asked to note that at the end of 2012-13:
 - (a) **Anti-Social Behaviour**
The number of calls to the Council’s ASB Team fell by 18.3%.
 - (b) **Serious Youth Violence**
Serious youth violence fell by 39%, and the number of First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System fell by 53.8%. The total number of incidents of violence with injury has fallen by 14%.
 - (c) **Serious Acquisitive Crime**
Theft of motor vehicles has decreased by 27%, and personal robbery has fallen by 34%. Residential burglary, however, has increased by 7%, and continues to be an area that requires focussed work.
 - (d) **Drugs and Alcohol**
The number of people successfully completing a Drugs Rehabilitation

Requirement rose from 63% in the previous year to 71%, and the number of people successfully completing an Alcohol Treatment Requirement has risen from 18 to 20 people. The number of alcohol-attributable recorded crimes per 1,000 population has fallen from 13.9 to 12.98.

Total recorded crime decreased by 8.4% (a greater reduction than the London average decrease of 5%).

- 2.4 These four priorities remain the focus areas for 2013-14. The Community Safety Partnership will produce a similar report in May 2014 to outline the achievements in the current financial year.
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3. Options Appraisal

- 3.1 The Annual Report is before Cabinet for information and for any comments Cabinet may wish to make. This report is intended for use by the community.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 The report has been taken to the CSP in the meeting on 11 June 2013. The Board agreed pages one to five and eight, and requested that additional pages highlighting the work of the Voluntary Sector be included. These have been added at pages six and seven.

5. Financial Implications

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- 5.1 There are no recommendations within this report that have financial implications.

6. Legal Implications

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- 6.1 The Council has a statutory duty to work in partnership to reduce and prevent crime and anti-social behaviour, placed upon it by Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998. That Act and subsequent legislation also places requirements on the Council to account to the public, in part through the Community Safety Partnership, for the discharge of this duty. Whilst it is not a statutory duty to complete the annual report, it is one relatively straightforward way in which the Council and the Partnership inform the public of the actions they have taken to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1 **Risk Management** - There is currently no legal obligation upon the Community Safety Partnership to publish an Annual Report. However, it is considered best practice and is a means of assuring the wider partnership that progress is being made against the strategic action plan.

- 7.2 **Staffing Issues** - The achievements within the Annual Report were delivered within existing Council and Partnership resources.
- 7.3 **Customer Impact** – The work of the partnership aims to address the needs of the most vulnerable community members. The publication of the report goes some way to reassuring the community that their safety is of importance to the Council and its partners. The report’s visual accessibility has been assessed and approved by LBBD’s Adult Social Care Group Manager Intensive Support.
- 7.4 **Safeguarding Children** – Young people are most likely to be victims of violent crime on our streets and are often perpetrators of this particular crime. The work of the partnership seeks to safeguard children, particularly through the work of the Youth Offending Service and ASB Team.
- 7.5 **Health Issues** – Crime and disorder adversely impact on the health and well-being of the community. Equally, the misuse of drugs and alcohol has adverse impacts on both the individual and the community at large. By working together, and in line with the priorities of the Health and Well-Being Strategy 2013-16, the Partnership seeks to mitigate the impact of crime and disorder on the health and well-being of the community.
- 7.6 **Crime and Disorder Issues** - S17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires local authorities to integrate consideration of the impact on crime and disorder of any decision, policy, activity or strategy that it performs. The authority is required to ensure that there is no negative impact on crime and disorder of any such decisions. While an Annual Report is not currently a statutory requirement, it can be considered best practice, as it will increase confidence in the Partnership: there are no negative impacts arising from this document.

Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

- Strategic Assessment 2012
- Metropolitan Police BIU statistical returns

List of appendices:

Appendix 1: Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2012-13