

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
MINUTES**

Wednesday 14 September 2016
Conference Centre, Barking Learning Centre
14:00 – 17:00

Community Safety
Partnership

Members Present: Anne Bristow (Chair), Matthew Cole, Rita Chadha, Stephen Norman, Sean Wilson, Jonathan Toy and Kim Roberts- Waldron

Apologies: Douglas Charlton, Erika Jenkins, Greg Tillett and Sharon Morrow

Advisers, Officers and Guests Present: Gareth Tuck, Katherine Gilcreest, Sonia Drozd, Dan James, Kanta Craigen-Straughn, Theo Lamptey, Sharon Harrington and Richard Parkin

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1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed the attendees and the apologies were noted.

2. Declarations of Interests

None declared.

3. Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) – Presentation

This agenda item was presented by Katherine Gilcreest and Jonathan Toy. It was noted that The Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014, set out a number of changes to the legislation connected to anti-social behaviour.

The act aimed to simplify the legislation related to addressing anti-social behaviour, since the introduction of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, by reducing the numbers of powers to just six:

- Civil Injunctions
- Criminal Behaviour Orders
- Community Protection Notices
- Closure Orders
- Public Space Protection Orders and
- Dispersal Powers

The introduction of PSPO's brings to an end a range of area based control orders such as Dog Control Orders and Designated Public Places Orders. Where these types of areas based controls are in place, they will come to an end no later than 2 years from the introduction of the above act.

A local authority can make a PSPO if it is satisfied that two conditions are met:

First condition – Activities carried out on a public place within the

local authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and they will have such an effect.

Second condition – That the effect of the specified activities is or is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature, is or is likely to be unreasonable and justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.

The order identifies the area that the restriction applies and prohibits specific things from being done, and/or requires specific things to be done by persons carrying out specified acts in that area. For example, a Public Space Protection order can include such activities as:

- Drinking alcohol in a specified public place
- Control of dogs in a specified public place
- Playing loud music in a specified public place
- Parking inconsiderately near a school
- Persistent disturbance from motor vehicles driving inconsiderately to the detriment of local people
- The breach of the order is an offence, discharged by the local authority through a fine. These will be issued through the council's Enforcement Service

The order is for a period of no more than 3 years. However, there is provision to extend the order, both in terms of the time period and the area that it covers and Local Authorities across England and Wales have been introducing Public Spaces Protection Orders.

It was noted that the public must be assured that the council have done that everything possible before a PSPO is enforced and it was further noted that the PSPO would be enforced on an evidence based system through public consultation and driven by community concerns.

It was reported that the use of PSPO's could be used for travellers which is a community concern at the moment along with fly tipping and street racing which is also a current issue in the area and causes resources to be depleted.

It is proposed that every item is led by a consultation placed on the portal which invites every agency to comment. The consultation will also cover evidence which is clear and understandable, technical details. Ultimately the order will go to the CSP for their recommendations who will steer the course of action necessary.

It was agreed that:

The initial consultation will begin with street racing and nitrous oxide; the initial consultation document will be circulated to the CSP so that members are able to comment on the process.

**Katherine
Gilcreest and
Jonathan Toy**

4. Prevent Strategy 2016-18

This agenda was presented by Matthew Cole, it was noted that the draft of the Prevent Strategy 2016-18 was at consultation stage and had been circulated to the Community Safety Partnership Board for additional comment.

The Strategy has been drafted in line with The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 which places Prevent and Channel provisions on a statutory footing, it also includes the implementation of a 'Prevent Duty' for all responsible authorities "to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism."

To develop and oversee the implementation of the 'Prevent Duty' locally, the Barking and Dagenham Prevent Strategy and Steering Group was organised.

Through consideration of the Local Authority Prevent Duty Guidance, the Channel Duty Guidance and the Counter Terrorism Local Profile, the Barking and Dagenham Prevent Strategy and Steering Group have identified the vision, priorities and objectives.

It was further noted that the Strategy should also include Growth and Cohesion in the local context, there were also some concerns as to how the results would be measured and where they would report into, it was reported that the success of the strategy will be reported annually against the plan.

It was also noted that the CSP may also be provided details of Channel Panel data as a restricted item going forward.

5. Licensing Policy

It was noted that the Licensing Policy will be available for public consultation between 3 October – 23 November. The Licensing Act 2003 established the licensing regime for alcohol, regulated entertainment and late night refreshment. The Act gives the Council, as local licensing authority, responsibility for issuing premises licences; club premises certificates; personal licences and temporary event notices. In carrying out these responsibilities the Council is required to promote four stated licensing objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

Under the Act the Council is required to establish a statement of licensing policy which sets out how the Council intends to carry out

its licensing responsibilities. The policy must be reviewed every five years. As part of the review process, a public consultation exercise must take place. All responses to the consultation will be considered and published. Through December 2016, the draft policy will be further revised, as considered appropriate, in the light of comments received.

It is intended that a final draft will be completed in December 2016.

The draft policy is currently pencilled in for consideration by Cabinet on 17 January 2016 and Council Assembly for 25 January 2016, with other required timetabling currently under consideration.

Once the policy has been formally adopted by the Assembly it must be published together with public notices giving one month's notice of the date the policy is to take effect. It is intended that the revised policy will be in place and operable by the end of the 2016-17 financial year.

It was further reported that that consideration is being given to training shop owners regarding selling to underage customers.

6. Parking Strategy

This agenda was presented by Richard Parkin who advised the members that the Parking Strategy is being developed and is currently out on consultation. The strategy will review the pricing structures for parking across the borough and will also review residential parking areas, permit licensing and parking for local business which will allow for the first 30 minutes of parking being free.

The Strategy has received positive feedback from local councillors and over 100 comments have been received since the beginning of the consultation, the majority of which agreed with the council's priorities.

It was noted that the Ringo payment system and the tariff charges across the borough differ and it was further noted that the borough will be moving towards a cashless payment system.

It was also reported that the issues around faith group activity with parking was difficult to write into the strategy.

7. Alcohol Awareness and White Ribbon Day – Proposed Timetables

It was reported that that the Alcohol Awareness week is a national campaign by Alcohol Concern to highlight the dangers and effects of Alcohol on people, their lives, health and the society they live in. Although dictating a unique theme every year, it is up to individual boroughs to interpret that theme how they want.

This year alcohol awareness week will run from 4-20 November

and the theme is:

“Knowing the Risks”

The Borough will be running a series of events targeted to those who would be more receptive to alcohol messages and those who are more vulnerable to the dangers of alcohol abuse. There has also traditionally been a public event aimed to highlight to residents that LBBB has a community alcohol service and that the Borough does have an overall plan to tackle the effects on society that alcohol abuse can bring.

It was noted that consideration should also be given to businesses which sell alcohol and the areas in which that can help as part of the campaign such as look out for counterfeit alcohol and promote ‘Responsible Retailers’ as part of the campaign.

In addition The White Ribbon Campaign runs from on 25 November as part of the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**.

The principle of the day is to raise awareness of women around the world are subject to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence; furthermore, one of the aims is to highlight the scale and true nature of the issue that is often hidden.

It is encouraged that all partnership agencies participate in scheduled activities with the Domestic Violence Forum and the local commissioned advocacy provider being at the forefront of activities.

It is also anticipated the events will also be publicised on buses providing information for those using the transport system those travelling on foot. In addition, leaflets containing information on support services available to those affected will also be provided.

It was suggested by the Fire Service to provide a demonstration of a clean car being cut open as part of the Alcohol Awareness Week, it was noted that the demonstration could take place in the town square.

In addition thought is also been given to scrolling ads and advertisements on public service websites.

It was agreed that:

The dates for these event will be reconsidered as both events take place in timeframes very close to each other.

Sonia Drozd

The outcome of the Alcohol Awareness and White Ribbon Days will be reported at the first CSP in 2017

Sonia Drozd

8. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reported as an accurate reflection of discussions.

9. Performance Update

Borough Commander Sean Wilson provide the members of a brief outline of the tragic event that took place within the Marks Gate area of the borough.

In addition It was also reported that Chief Inspector Tracy Goddard-King will be taking on the duties of Chief Inspector Rick Tyson whilst he recovers.

Daniel James noted that as at May 2016, good performance has been seen in the following areas:

- Adult and juvenile (combined) reoffending – we are now below the National and London averages on all measures.
- Violence with Injury is down 4%
- We are on track to achieving the target for successful completions of Alcohol / Drug Rehabilitation Requirements
- Barking & Dagenham drug treatment system is now back in the top quartile range of performance for opiate users successfully completing treatment and not representing. Work continues to improve outcomes for the non-opiate
- service users and to get back in the top quartile range
- Overall MOPAC 7 crimes continue to be down 20% compared to the 2011/12 baseline although there have been increases in some of the individual crime types – see below.

Areas for improvement at the same time include:

- Total Offences are up 7%. The majority of this increase has come from Theft and Handling Offences including:
 - Theft of Motor Vehicle up 41% (MOPAC 7)
 - Theft from Motor Vehicle up 16% (MOPAC 7)
 - Theft from shops up 26%
 - Theft from person up 40% (MOPAC 7)
- Violence Against the Person offences – although only a small increase (1%) they still contribute to 34% of overall offences.
- First Time Entrants into the Youth Justice System is increasing
- Young people sentenced at court and receiving a custodial sentence is increasing
- Serious Youth Violence is up 19%
- Arson incidents are increasing
- The level of MARAC repeat referrals are not within the range expected by Safelives
- Following the result UK's vote to leave the European Union Hate Crimes have been added to the list of indicators for the Community Safety Partnership to monitor. A lot of work has been carried out across the partnership to address this issue.

It was agreed to:

Circulate the most recent performance report.

Daniel James

Using the performance report data draw out longer term trends which form a 5-year picture of the borough.

Daniel James

10. Safer Neighbourhood Board Update

The minutes and supporting papers for the last SNB Meeting are available for noting.

11. Roadside Tributes

Members were asked to note the contents of this report which sets the practice of laying floral tributes at the site of fatal road accidents has become more common. These can become elaborate, a distraction and occasionally a road safety hazard. A policy on managing this would help officers and bereaved families involved during difficult and sensitive times. Due to recent fatalities in the borough where tributes have grown into shrines, discussions with the local police, highway maintenance engineers and those representing and supporting bereaved families has led to the development of proposed policy guidelines.

12. Chairs Report

The Chairs report is available for noting.

13. Any Other Business

It was noted that the Act Now table top exercise which is delivered by colleagues from the Counter Terrorism Command will be deferred to December.

It was further felt that the three strategic groups are not working at their best and a review was necessary.

Members of the group were asked to be aware of the high profile case currently going through the judicial process which is subject to IPPC Scrutiny.

It was agreed that:

The members of the strategic groups would be written to and their views invited.

Stephen Norman

Draft and circulate summary document on what the alternative approach to the sub groups would look like.

Stephen Norman

14. Date of Next Meeting

6 December 2016

14:00 – 17:00

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