

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham draft proposal for the London Crime Prevention fund (2017/18)



**One borough;
One community;
London's growth opportunity**

Contents

	SECTION
Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime – London Crime Prevention Fund	1
Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 priority areas	2
Barking and Dagenham Context	3
Neighbourhood Policing	4
Children & Young People	5
Violence Against Women and Girls	6
Hate Crime and Extremism	7
Wider Criminal Justice	8
Costs	9

Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime – LCPF

1

In 2013 MOPAC launched the London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) a four-year fund with a value of over £70 million to enable local areas to prevent crime, support safer communities and to reduce reoffending.

In November 2016, the Council were notified of the commitment from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sustain the overall funding levels of the LCPF over the next four years. Further to this there are 2 x two-year funding commitments enabling services to be commissioned over two-year funding cycles. The funding allocations for each cycle are guaranteed to the local authority and will not change. However no unspent funding can be rolled over between the 2 x two year cycles.

The local authorities are not required to bid for their direct borough funding. The allocation for Barking and Dagenham has been provided for 2017-2018 is £644k, which is a £241k uplift. In 2018/19 30% of this funding will only be available through a co-commissioning pot, this is to focus on sub-regional and regional issues that cannot be adequately resourced or prioritised at a single borough level.

The following Police and Crime Plan priority areas must be reflected in all proposals for projects and activities:

Neighbourhood policing	Children and Young People	Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG)	Hate Crime and Extremism	Wider Criminal Justice System
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects which involve the community• Seek to improve the quality of service received from contacting the police• Must utilise local community involvement and engagement.• Cannot fund MPS or buy police officers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek to provide stronger protections of children at risk of harm. Including Child Sexual Exploitation and reducing reoffending.• Preventative measures in targeting serious youth violence including knife-crime and gang related crime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek to deliver a service of VAWG specifically domestic and sexual violence.• Should seek to address wider forms of violence including hidden harms, such as FGM & modern slavery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek to support community-based work to counter extremist ideology and drive down hate crime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek to deliver a more seamless service for victims of crime and break the cycle of repeat offending• Focus on women, young adults and use diversionary activities.

Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 priority areas

2

Each programme/project must link with at least one of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-21 priorities. These will also address the key priorities for Barking and Dagenham, i.e. tackling serious youth violence, reporting and responding to hate crime and addressing domestic violence.

The Police and Crime Plan has also identified the following objectives for 2017-2021:

Neighbourhood policing

- Reduce the number of neighbourhood crimes of greatest concern in each London borough
- Reduce the total number of victims of crime, especially high harm crimes
- Improve the job satisfaction of MPS officers and staff

Children and Young People

- Reduce the number of young victims of crime
- Reduce the number of first-time entrants to the criminal justice service
- Reduce the number of knife and gun crimes
- Reduce levels of Serious Youth Violence
- Encourage more victims of Child Sexual Exploitation to come forward and report.

Violence Against Women and Girls

- Encourage more victims of sexual violence, harmful cultural practices and domestic abuse to come forward and reduce the number of repeat victims
- Work with the criminal justice service to reduce the rates of attrition in cases of violence against women and girls as they progress through the criminal justice process

Hate Crime and Extremism

- Encourage more victims of hate crime to come forward and report
- Reduce the level of repeat victimisation
- Reducing the rates of attrition in cases of hate crime as they progress through the criminal justice process
- Improve the level of satisfaction of victims of hate crime with the service they receive from the police and criminal justice service.

Wider Criminal Justice System

- Reduce offending on bail
- Reduce reoffending rates of targeted cohorts, which cause disproportionate amount of harm or risk
- Reduce rates of attrition in court cases
- Improve victims' satisfaction with the service they receive

Barking and Dagenham Context

3

In the 2016/17 LCPF programme there was a clear focus on gang reduction initiatives, reducing re-offending, domestic abuse and substance misuse programmes. Some of the projects were diversionary activities or mentoring used to identify young people potentially at risk. There were also programmes which addressed female offenders and going into 2017/18 these initiatives are still relevant. For example, the Integrated

Offender Management (IOM): Female Offender Rehabilitation initiative, the Drug Intervention Programme and the Sexual Exploitation Programme in schools are specifically mentioned within the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021.

However, it is recognised that there has been significant challenges this financial year which will require additional support. The increase in Serious Youth Violence across the borough with fatal incidents occurring in Village, Heath and Marks Gate wards has had significant impact on the community. There has been a widely-reported increase in Hate Crime nationally since the European Referendum election and whilst we have not seen the increase locally in police provided figures, anecdotal information has led to concerns that this is an area which is not being properly reported. Furthermore, gender-based harassment has been reported anecdotally with information that women do not feel safe walking through Barking Town Centre. The Council has begun to address these issues following the release of the Gender Equalities Charter, but more needs to be done understand any issues of under-reporting and the potential safeguarding issues of challenging this behaviour.

The Council in consulting on the Borough Manifesto has begun a conversation as the first step in a process to address the genuine concerns of the local population, about jobs, housing, education and health care. To ensure that the LCPF 2017-2021 draft proposal integrates with the Council's transformation into Community Solutions three themes have been identified:

Support and Preventative Measures - Providing young people, those who are victims of crime and other residents with access to the support they require. In addition, identifying risks at an early stage so the most appropriate intervention can be provided.

Early Resolution - The Council will identify and assess problems at an early stage to prevent escalation, re-offending or repeat victims. Providing victims with the opportunity to take ownership of the problem and access services. Where they feel appropriate, victims will engage with the perpetrator to challenge their behaviour and actions.

Improving Resilience in the Community - Giving our community the opportunity to improve their environment, support cohesion and counter hate. Community and Voluntary groups will be supported by the Council through the process of accessing national and local funding and promoting their messages to expand their reach.

Neighbourhood Policing

4

No.	Outcome	Theme	Activity	Links to other priorities	Cost (£)
1.1	Victims of	Support and	Victim Support Project Worker – A full time role	Hate Crime &	40,000

	serious violence, hate crime and repeat anti-social behaviour (ASB) are supported.	Preventative Measures	<p>commissioned within Victim Support to work with victims and witnesses of hate crime, serious violence, child sexual exploitation (CSE) and vulnerable repeat victims of ASB to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support victims and witnesses immediately after the crime and as the case goes through the criminal justice system. • Work closely with partnership to improve victim satisfaction and confidence. • Perform outreach at community hubs/ events, schools, doctors etc. • Encourage engagement with the criminal justice system. • Work with repeat victims to assess what other factors are making them more vulnerable. • Act as an advocate (with housing, police, for security and any other additional needs). • Provide emotional support. • Link in directly with Hate and Hostility referral centres. • Work directly with victims of stabbings. 	Extremism Children & Young People	
1.2	Communities can access funding for improving security or their environment.	Improving resilience in the community	<p>Crime Prevention - Target Hardening Project (£25k)– Working in partnership with the police and to use local authority and police indices to identify geographical areas of the borough with the highest reports of crime and ASB. Target hardening equipment and any relevant works such as locking gates on car parks, new locks, anti climb paint etc. will be used where there are identified vulnerabilities to the reduce crime and ASB in those areas. This will be evidenced by showing a reduction in the reports of ASB and crime in those areas as recorded by LBB and the police.</p>		25,000

Total Cost: £65,000

Children and Young People

5

No	Outcome	Theme	Activity	Links to other priorities	Cost (£)
		Support and	High level mentoring support – Those at high risk of involvement in violence, gang involvement or resettling back into the community following a period of	Neighbourhood	10,000

2.2	Reduce first time entrants	Early Resolution	of Court Disposals work in a bid to work with young people at an earlier stage to avoid entry into the criminal justice system.	Neighbourhood Policing Wider Criminal Justice	75,000
2.3	Reduce the number of first time entrants and re-offenders	Support and Preventative Measures	Diversions Activity – This will come in the form of counselling, mentoring, workshops and performances with targeted groups of young people in schools and other settings. Some of these are gender based with a focus on CSE, offences with weapons such as knives and noxious substances, which has been an evolving issue in offending locally. In addition, they will target those at risk of potentially becoming involved in offending and those who are on community orders or resettling into the community after a custodial sentence. This was commissioned in 2016/17.	Neighbourhood Policing VAWG	48,000
2.4	Reduce the number of first time entrants	Support and Preventative Measures	Youth Risk Matrix – Create and maintain a matrix that identifies the most at risk young people through schools, police, youth service and Youth Offending Service (YOS). This is assessment based to signpost young people to one to one support from the Full-Time Support workers where necessary.	Neighbourhood Policing	30,000
2.5	Reduce the number of young victims and first time entrants	Early Resolution	Full time Support workers – This is early intervention of young people identified through the Youth Risk matrix . Support workers will work in schools and partner agencies to provide one to one mentoring. They will also support the Young people ward panel meetings encouraging engagement with the police and council, giving young people a voice in their community.	Neighbourhood Policing	75,000

Total Cost: £268,000

Violence Against Women and Girls

6

No	Outcome	Theme	Activity	Links to other priorities	Cost (£)
3.1	Victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, FGM and 'honour	Support and Preventative Measures	Ashiana Network – Offer support and therapeutic interventions for women who have experienced complex issues such as CSE, domestic violence, sexual violence, rape, forced marriage, 'honour	Hate Crime & Extremism Neighbourhood	13,000

	based violence' are encouraged to come forward and reduce repeat victims.		based violence' and FGM.	Policing	
3.2			Domestic and Sexual Violence Young Person Community Outreach Worker – Providing a specialist advocacy service to young women aged 16-18 who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing domestic abuse and sexual violence. This is a contribution to a service which in total costs £236,905. This was commissioned in 2016/17.	Children & Young People	40,000
3.4	Educating and Empowering young women	Support and Preventative Measures	Raised Voices – Theatre based diversion delivered in schools to young women. This project aims to reduce Child Sexual Exploitation and VAWG by engaging young women through drama and arts to learn about issues like FGM and forced marriage and then use their productions to educate peers. This was commissioned in 2016/17.	Children & Young People	10,000
3.5	Reporting of gender based harassment is encouraged.	Support and Preventative Measures	Gender Based Harassment Awareness raising campaign – The STOP HATE CRIME UK reporting mechanism below is actively promoted across the borough. Separate campaigns to target local businesses such as betting shops, hotels, gyms and taxi companies.	Hate Crime & Extremism	0 – See Hate Crime and Extremism

Total Cost: £63,000

Hate Crime and Extremism

7

No	Outcome	Theme	Activity	Links to other priorities	Cost (£)
4.1	Victims of hate crime are encouraged to report incidents.	Support and Preventative Measures	STOP HATE CRIME UK – A commissioned 3rd party who provide a 24-hour helpline to report incidents via phone, online chat, email, by text or post.	VAWG	6,000
4.2	Victims of hate	Support and	Hate and Hostility referral centres – Several	VAWG	3,000

	crime are encouraged to report incidents.	Preventative Measures and Early Resolution	locations which support the boroughs Hate Crime pledge which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a safe space to report incidents • Refer directly to Stop Hate Crime UK and/or police. • Support through the investigating/prosecuting process. • Advice around preventing escalation. • Assist with mediation/restorative justice. • Examples of centres can include – Community Checkpoints, DABD, local faith institutions, The Vibe, Flipside. 		
4.3	Reduce the rate of attrition in cases of hate crime as they progress through the criminal justice system	Support and Preventative Measures and Early Resolution	Victim Support Project Worker – See Neighbourhood Policing	Neighbourhood Policing	0 – See Neighbourhood policing
4.4	Community and Voluntary groups have increased capability to respond to hate and hostility.	Increasing resilience in our community	Counter Extremism Review - To gain a better understanding of community concerns, especially in the east of the Borough to fully understand the potential drivers in hate crime and extremism locally. In addition support will be provided to support individuals and groups who counter hate and extremism (including gender-based harassment) and support them to consolidate and expand their reach.	Neighbourhood Policing	45,000

Total Cost: £54,000

Wider Criminal Justice

8

No	Outcome	Theme	Activity	Links to other priorities	Cost (£)
5.1	Drug Intervention Programme	Support and Preventative Measures	Drug Intervention Programme – Contribution of £110,000 towards Recovery Management and Prescribing service contract totalling £1,082,015 This service provides the criminal justice element to	Neighbourhood Policing	110,000

			adult drug treatment ensuring that those individuals testing positive for Class A drugs in police custody and those leaving prison have a full assessment of their needs and a gateway to recovery. This was commissioned in 2016/17		
5.2	Reducing Reoffending	Early Resolution	IOM Female Offenders Rehabilitation Initiative – Identifying, supporting and finding routes out of offending for adult female offenders. This role focuses on working with this cohort to engage them in employment, training and education and dealing with the practical elements of their lives - children, housing etc. This was commissioned in 2016/17.	Neighbourhood Policing	48,000
5.3	Reducing Reoffending	Support and Preventative Measures and Early Resolution	IOM Coordinator - Coordinates police, probation, council, drugs and alcohol and other services with the aim to prevent reoffenders re offending by providing appropriate support; housing needs, access to drug and alcohol services, benefits etc. This was commissioned in 2016/17.	Neighbourhood Policing	32,000

Total Cost: £190,000

Total Costs

9

Priority	Cost
Neighbourhood Policing	£65,000
Children and Young People	£268,000

Violence Against Women and Girls	£63,000
Hate Crime and Extremism	£54,000
Wider Criminal Justice	£190,000
TOTAL	£640,000