

Safer Communities in Barnet

A crime and disorder and
drugs strategy for Barnet
2005-2008





Introduction and key values

Welcome to the Safer Communities Strategy for Barnet. Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, every area must develop every three years a joint strategy to reduce crime and prevent disorder in their area, which builds on an Audit. Our organisations have a statutory responsibility for leading this work, together with the Fire Service and the Metropolitan Police Authority.

The Barnet Safer Communities Partnership brings together all the major organisations that make a contribution to the safety of the Borough, and we recognise that it is only by working closely together both on strategy and on the ground that we make an impact.

Our vision

We aim to make people in Barnet **feel** safe through:

- tackling crime
- reducing the harm caused by drugs and alcohol
- communicating the facts about crime and what is being done to improve people's safety

Fear of crime in the Borough vastly exceeds the actual chances of being a victim of a crime in Barnet. As a partnership our key goal is that of reassurance.

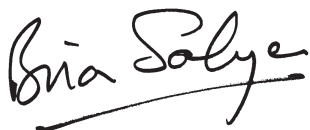
Our approach

- This Strategy is our first to draw together the related issues of crime, drugs, youth offending and anti-social behaviour issues in an integrated way. As well as setting targets, we also give some illustrative examples of the

types of activity we plan to undertake to make an impact.

- It is founded on evidence-based policy, and reflects the findings of Barnet's new Crime and Disorder and Drugs Audit. We adopt a problem-solving approach similar to the SARA model – Scanning, Analysis, Response, Assessment, and we use intelligence to identify and switch priorities, for example using mapping of crime hotspots. Through this we aim to find local solutions that are appropriate to specific communities, and to mix enforcement with prevention and deterrence in a way that will have most impact on crime.
- It reflects a changing Borough, for example a major programme of regenerating the Council's estates, and population growth throughout the Borough but particularly the creation of new communities such as that in Cricklewood. The Council is undertaking a major public-private partnership to renew the whole of the Borough's street lighting, is investing significantly in close circuit television schemes in high crime areas of the Borough, and is part way through a comprehensive programme of road and pavement repairs. We are also actively responding to the demands of the new Childrens Act. The Metropolitan Police's Safer Neighbourhood Teams will establish a dedicated visible presence in each ward of the Borough.

We commend this Strategy to you and are committed to making Barnet a safer community.



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Brian Salinger
Leader of the Council



Leo Boland
Chief Executive
Barnet Council



Chief Supt
Mark Ricketts
Borough Commander
Metropolitan Police



Chas Hollwey,
Chief Executive
Barnet Primary Care
Trust



Overall targets

- 1 Between 1 April 2005 and 31 March 2008, to reduce overall crime by 17.5% (*Baseline figure - 20150*)
- 2 To increase by five percentage points over the same period the percentage of residents who feel safe in Barnet during the day, evening and night time (in the Residents' Attitude Survey) (*Baseline figure - 82%, 52% and 39% felt very or fairly safe during the day, evening and night time respectively*)
- 3 To reduce the harm caused by drugs, by disrupting supply, supporting communities and increase numbers entering treatment through criminal justice system

(Footnote to 1- The crimes counted in this are the British Crime Survey Comparator crimes, namely theft of a vehicle, theft from a vehicle . Vehicle interference and tampering, Domestic burglary, Theft or unauthorised taking of pedal cycle, Theft from person, Criminal damage, Common assault, Wounding, Personal robbery.)

Overall theme - Reassurance and communication

We aim to communicate the facts about crime and involve the community in making Barnet feel a safe place, to meet target 2 above.

Examples of activities

- Safer Neighbourhood Teams
- Taking the Safer Communities Vehicle and Trailer to community events
- Analyse existing surveys and conduct new ones on what drives peoples fear of crime and who is most affected
- Communication through the media and partners' own communication systems
- Visible policing
- Encourage Borough Watch and work with Safer Neighbourhood teams to encourage civic pride
- Youth Offending Team - through reducing reoffending by young people - and Drugs-disrupting markets/closing crack houses/community initiatives - make their contribution to this theme.

Theme 1 Young people in the community

- 1 Continue to reduce youth reoffending levels by 5% each year. (*Baseline figure - 28.2% for 2003 cohort*)
- 2 Helping young people stay safe
- 3 Helping young people be healthy and drug free -increase the numbers of young people receiving early intervention and treatment by 10% each year, (*Baseline figure - 280*) and to increase the percentage of those who report reduced or discontinued drug use by 5% each year. (*Baseline figure - 72%*)
- 4 Helping young people make a positive contribution and enjoy and achieve.

Examples of activities

- Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Programmes for persistent offenders
- Restorative Justice scheme in schools
- Referral Order Panel
- Youth Inclusion Support Programmes for those at risk of offending - Education and employment programmes for young offenders
- Working with young victims of crime or to prevent them being victims, eg youth action groups and Crime Concern work on personal safety
- Drug education programmes, early intervention programmes and referrals to treatment
- Involve young people in positive activities to increase their well-being and safety
- Prevent first time entrants to criminal justice system
- Promote fire safety through Fire Setters Scheme
- Prevent and Deter strand of the Priority and Prolific Offender (PPO) programme

Note: All targets cover the period 1 April 2005 - 31 March 2008. All baselines cover the period 1 April 2004 - 31 March 2005 unless otherwise stated.

Theme 2 Antisocial behaviour/quality of life in the community

- 1 Increase by 10% over three years the satisfaction of victims with the handling of cases of Antisocial Behaviour by the Partnership (*Baseline to be set in first year*)
- 2 Reduce by 10% over three years calls to the Police regarding Antisocial Behaviour (*Baseline - 8461 CAD calls to Police - year to March 2005*)
- 3 Tackle alcohol misuse and respond to alcohol-related disorder
- 4 Increase the number of class A drug supply offences detected by 5% each year (*Baseline - 39*)
- 5 Decrease by 10% the number of community members who identify drugs and alcohol misuse as a priority issue of concern, in two targeted communities each year (*Baseline to be set in first year*)

Examples of activities

- Development of a comprehensive mapping of Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) and overall strategy
- Investigate and resolve complaints of ASB and take preventative action including Antisocial Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) if all other measures fail
- Targeted crackdowns in hot spot areas
- Clearing drug paraphernalia/closing crack houses
- Proactive reduction of graffiti, vandalism, abandoned vehicles, flytipping and other forms of environmental crime through Street Enforcement Service
- Monthly Disorder review of patterns of calls
- Activity of Safer Neighbourhood Teams
- Work with Fire Service - for example, on abandoned cars
- Use 2003 Antisocial Behaviour Act powers - for example, Dispersal Orders
- Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy
- Refer cases of antisocial behaviour to Alcohol Support programme
- Work with vulnerable communities affected by drug misuse
- Partnership working to ensure Licensing Act responsibilities promote public order

Theme 3 Crimes against people in the community

- 1 **Street Crime:** Reduce robbery by 15.3% over three years (*Baseline figure - 1132*)
- 2 **Violent Crime:** reduce wounding and assault by 7.9% over three years (*Baseline figure - 4504*)
- 3 **Hate crime:** increase levels of reporting of domestic violence, racial/faith-related crime and homophobic crime and reduce the number of repeat victims by 10% over three years (*Baseline figure - 415 domestic violence repeat incidents and 49 racial harassment repeat incidents*)
- 4 Protection of vulnerable people - for example, child protection
- 5 Increase the total number of problematic drug users in treatment by 10% each year. (*Baseline figure - 388*)
- 6 Increase the percentage retained in treatment for 12 weeks or more to 45% in 2005-2006 (*Baseline figure - 36%*)

Examples of activities

- Implement the Priority and Prolific Offender programme to catch and convict persistent offenders and do intensive work to rehabilitate and resettle them
- Improve third party and other reporting arrangements for hate crime
- Make links between Domestic Violence, Child Protection and Drugs
- Reduce drug and alcohol misuse and dependency
- Protect vulnerable people through Safeguarding Children's Board and Adult Protection Committee

Theme 4 Property crime in the community

- 1 Reduce residential burglary by 17.8% over three years (*Baseline figure - 2689*)
- 2 Reduce artifice burglary by 5% over three years (*Baseline figure - 170*)
- 3 Reduce vehicle crime (theft of, theft from, interference and tampering) by 19.5% over three years (*Baseline figure - 5876*)
- 4 To ensure that 10% of those arrested for trigger offences (eg burglary etc) are fully assessed for drug use and receive a treatment plan of care and that all PPOs identified as drug users receive priority drug treatment opportunities. (*Baseline figure - 140 assessments from 2700 arrests for trigger offences*)

Examples of activities

- Priority and Prolific Offender programme
- Barnet Be Safe Co-ordinator/Safer Homes scheme
- Tackle acquisitive crime through drug treatment services
- Encourage development of Barnet Borough (Neighbourhood) Watch especially in crime hotspots
- Targeted operations
- Crime prevention and /designing out crime



Appendix

Community Safety in Barnet – how do we work?

Community safety is the work undertaken by local partners and stakeholders with their communities to improve the lives of the people of Barnet by tackling crime and fear of crime and preventing anti-social behaviour.

Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Board brings together all the major agencies to strategically co-ordinate their work in the related work streams of reducing crime and disorder, tackling drugs misuse and reducing youth offending. The Partnership Board also reports to the Local Strategic Partnership, which oversees Barnet's Community Plan.

Each of these three work streams has a high level sub group which reviews performance and reports progress to the Board, namely: **Youth Justice Matters Steering Group; Drug and Alcohol Strategy and Commissioning Group** and **Crime and Disorder Operations Group**.

Each of the four themes will have a high level champion, who undertakes to report performance through to Board level and establish, review and secure administrative support for any sub groups or task groups that actively contribute towards the targets in the Strategy.

A Best Value review was recently conducted to determine the right structure for the partnership to be able to deliver- both at a strategic and operational level. The main areas for improvement being taken forward are:

- ✓ A streamlined partnership board to enhance engagement and commitment from all partners
- ✓ Greater clarity of roles, responsibilities and accountabilities to allow progress from strategy to implementation
- ✓ Greater Performance management to ensure accountability to deliver
- ✓ Better mainstreaming of community safety issues within the local authority under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- ✓ Better communication:
 - Amongst the partnership and other members

- Influencing the perception of members of the public, particularly in relation to fear of crime issues

- ✓ A more co-ordinated approach to the different Government and partner funding sources for community safety

A revised post of Safer Communities Programme Manager will be pivotal to making the partnership work. They are responsible for

- ✓ monitoring the delivery of the programme of projects for each theme in Safer Communities strategy
- ✓ coordinating cross cutting work, including resource allocation process on annual basis
- ✓ coordinating, monitoring and reporting on performance and budgets to the partnership board quarterly
- ✓ assisting chair of Board in enforcing 'partner agreements' under which all partners demonstrate their commitment to the Partnership

Partners show commitment to promoting community safety within their organisation in a number of ways: for example the Council's Safer Communities team, based within Housing Services, is responsible for co-ordinating the efforts of all agencies and council services in a variety of priority areas including hate crime and anti-social behaviour, while the Police have a Superintendent responsible for partnerships and performance and a Crime reduction Chief Inspector who leads on developing the partnership.

The Police have a dedicated RAID (Review and Improvement Department) and their performance model, which has been revised to fully involve partners, is attached.

Tackling Crime is one of the Council's five priorities, reflecting our statutory duties under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the community safety implications of all its functions. Indeed the Council's four other key priorities (cleaner and greener; repairing roads and pavements; First Class Education Service; and Supporting the Vulnerable in our Community) all contribute towards a Safer Barnet.

Protocols are in place for data sharing between agencies for planning purposes and operations,

and a dedicated post is funded by Central Government.

We encourage public involvement and participation through a number of mechanisms: these include sector working groups, close work with the communities through Safer Neighbourhood teams, and a vehicle and trailer, funded by Central Government, which is taken out to community events to promote community safety messages and engage with the widest variety of communities in the Borough.

Safer Communities Partnership Board

Chair: Leader, London Borough of Barnet

Safer Communities Programme Manager New post	Chief Executive LBB	Borough Commander Metropolitan Police	Lead Member for Community Safety LBB *	Chief Executive PCT	Borough Commander London Fire Brigade	Rep London Probation Board	Chief Executive BVSC	Rep Government Office For London	Rep Metropolitan Police Authority	Communications Manager LBB
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Safer Communities Strategy

Young people Champion LBB Head of Children and Families	Antisocial behaviour Champion LBB Head of Housing	Crimes against property Champion Police	Crimes against people Champion Police	Drugs and alcohol Champion Primary Care Trust
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Action Plan / Example Meeting Agenda

- Youth Justice Matters
- Young people victims and offenders
- Youth Diversion
- Education in schools

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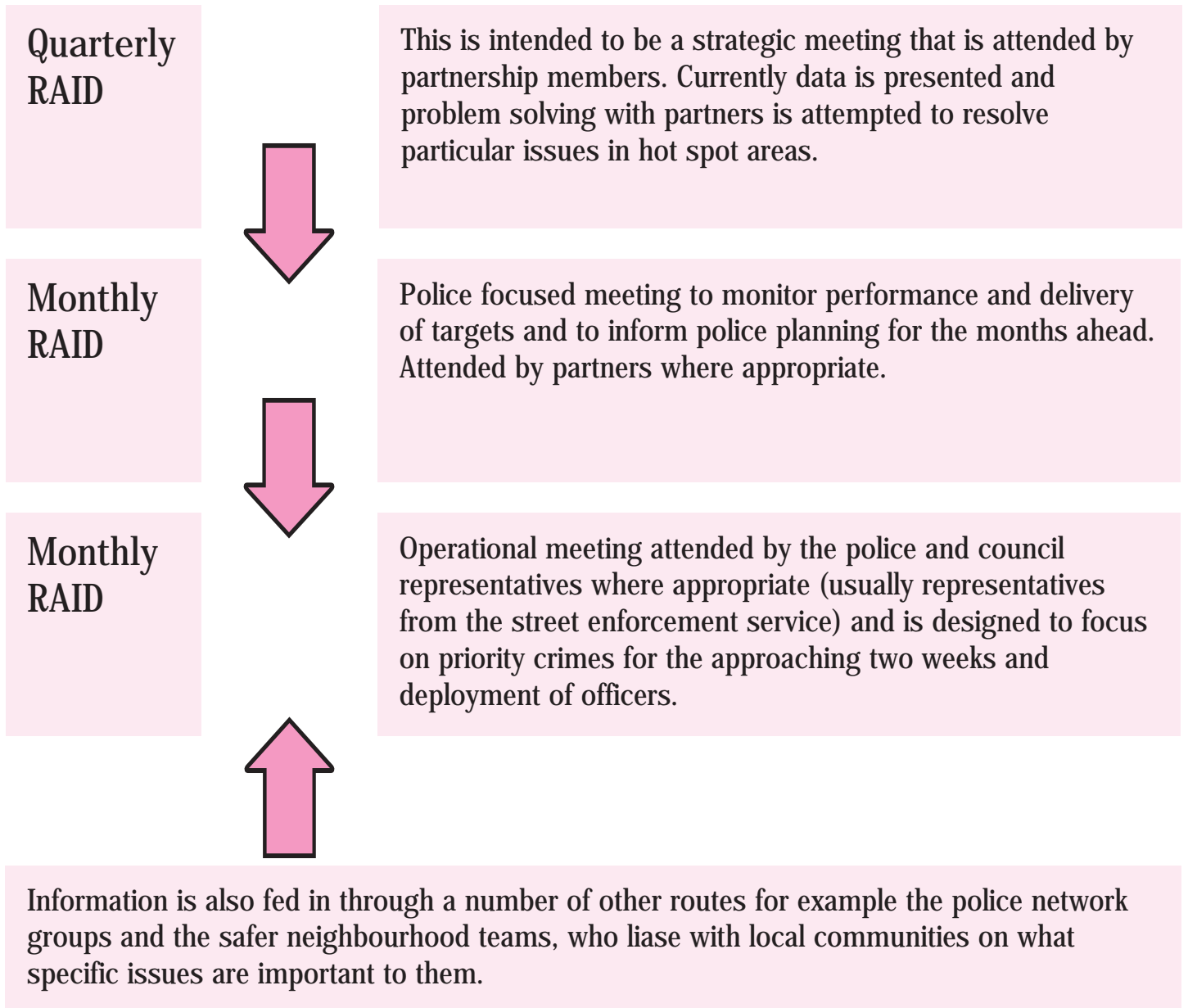
- Reassurance
- Prevention
- Influencing perceptions of crime
- Drugs

- Full Board member
- Observer status
- Officer adviser

Multi Agency Projects to Deliver Action Plan

Utilising resources identified by previous board E.G. Barnet Action 4 Youth

* The current Leader of the Council, Councillor Brian Salinger, also holds the community safety portfolio.





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