Community safety in Brixton

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Executive Summary
This report provides information relating to developments in the delivery of community safety initiatives in Brixton.

Key developments have been securing Neighbourhood Renewal Funding to develop a youth diversion scheme on Canterbury Gardens estate, the continued success of Operation Refresh, the introduction of the multi-agency team in St Matthew’s Estate (Tulse Hill) and partnership working in Bowlands Road estate (Ferndale).

Recommendations
NIL

Funding
N/A

Consultation
Nil. This report is for information

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1. Context

1.1 Community Safety is one of the key concerns of the Area Committee. The Coldharbour Community Safety Officer (Rachel Gailey) and the Brixton Community Safety Officer (James Priestman) will update the Area Committee regularly on community safety issues.

2. Information

2.1 Community Safety in Coldharbour

2.2 Neighbourhood Renewal Funding has been secured to develop a sports and play area on Canterbury Gardens Estate. This is part of an ongoing multi-agency initiative to address crime and quality of life issues on estates in Coldharbour. Needle disposal on Canterbury Gardens estate has reduced by almost 80% week on week.

Developments are being made with regard to closer cross-border working with Southwark to address mutual displacement issues. We are hoping for a fuller report at the next area committee.

2.3 Community Safety in Brixton Commercial Centre

2.4 Operation Refresh, which is a 12-month multi-agency operation designed to “make Brixton’s Town Centre a safe and pleasant environment in which to live, shop and work” began in September 2003. Operation Refresh is strategically steered by a group including the Borough Commander and Head of Community Safety. For an update on the success of the operation see appendix 1.

A Brixton Town Centre Anti-Social Behaviour Case Review Panel has been established. This will involve, St Mungo’s, Metropolitan Police, British Transport Police, Stockwell Project, Community Safety Team, Lambeth Crime Prevention Trust and other agencies. The panel will look at how best to deal with individuals who are persistently anti-social.

2.5 Community Safety in other parts of Brixton

2.6 Tulse Hill. The Safer Estates Task Force has begun operating from 1 Gale House on St Matthew’s Estate. The team will work on the estate for a minimum period of three-months. The team currently consist of the following officers:

- Sergeant Steve Wiles and one Constable (Police)
- Rachel Panchoo and Dermaine McKenzie (Youth workers).
- Sipho Mlambo (Community Empowerment Facilitator)

A Resident’s Advisory Group is chaired by James Priestman.

2.7 Ferndale. Multi-agency planning in relation to the Bowland Road and William Bonney estates has lead to improved delivery with regard to:

- Policing
- Truancy sweeps
- Reporting of crime
- Physical changes to the estate
For further details see appendix 2.

2.8 **Brixton Hill.** An anti-burglary initiative is being planned

2.9 **Herne Hill.** Parks, LBL are investigating incidents of anti-social behaviour in Brockwell park that have been brought to their attention by the Herne Hill Residents Group (Brixton Area Forum).

2.10 **Future Initiatives**

2.11 The establishment of a pan-Brixton Anti-Social Behaviour Case Panel
2.12 Introduction of quarterly crime-audits on specific estates in Coldharbour
2.13 Anti-burglary initiatives in Brixton Hill and Tulse Hill
2.14 Community Safety Days on Estates across Brixton
2.15 Establishment of a pan–Brixton Youth Delivery team

3. **Financial implications**

3.1 None.

4. **Legal implications**

4.1 N/A

5. **Consultation feedback**

5.1 N/A
6. **Other implications**

6.1 **CPA recovery plan** n/a.

6.2 **Risk management** – n/a.

6.3 **Equalities** - Race relations, women's rights, gay and lesbian rights, people with disabilities; if none say so

6.4 **Crime and Disorder implications** – This is an information document regarding community safety

6.5 **Environmental implications** – This is an information document regarding community safety

6.6 **Staffing and Accommodation implications** None

6.7 **Impact on Front Line services** This is an information document regarding community safety

6.8 **Area Implications** This is an information document regarding community safety

6.9 **Any Other implications** NIL.

7. **Timetable for Implementation and Success Criteria**

7.1 N/A

8. **Appendices**

2. Draft Acton Plan for Solon Road, Bowlands Road and William Bonney estates

9. **List of background documents**

N/A

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