

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

FEELING SAFE IN BROXTOWE1. Purpose of Report

To invite Councillors to comment on a proposed survey about how safe people feel in Broxtowe, to inform community safety responses; and the proposed targeted audience for the survey.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to CONSIDER the proposed survey and proposed audience for the survey and RESOLVE accordingly.

3. Detail

Councillors requested an item for consideration at this cabinet on feelings of personal safety. Earlier this year Cabinet approved a new strategy focusing on violence against women and girls. Under this strategy an action was identified to conduct a survey to find out more specific information about how safe people feel in Broxtowe, in different places, settings, using different modes of transport and at different times of day.

A draft survey is included as appendix 1. It is proposed to be widely distributed in the manner indicated in appendix 2.

The results will be able to be broken down by way of age, gender, ethnicity, disability status so the different perspectives of different people in different places can be seen.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no additional financial implications with any costs relating to the survey being contained within existing budgets

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

There are no direct legal implications that arise from this report

6. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:

No Comments

7. Union Comments

The Union comments were as follows.

No Comments

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

No Comments

9. Equality Impact Assessment

By capturing information on the protected characteristics of respondents to the survey the council will be able to gain insights which can inform action to address inequalities which are highlighted.

10. Background Papers

Nil

APPENDIX 1

1. In general, how safe or unsafe do you feel in the following circumstances:
(please tick one box for each)
(Boxes to tick: daytime/in the dark for each place: Very safe; fairly safe;
neither safe or unsafe; fairly unsafe; very unsafe)

- (a) Walking in Beeston
 - Daytime
 - In the dark
- (b) Walking in Eastwood
 - Daytime
 - In the dark
- (c) Walking in Stapleford
 - Daytime
 - In the dark
- (d) Walking in Kimberley
 - Daytime
 - In the dark
- (e) Walking elsewhere in Broxtowe.
 - Daytime
 - In the dark

If very unsafe please state in the box below details of where and why

2. In general, how safe or unsafe do you feel in parks and open spaces in the following places
(boxes to tick daytime/evening for each place: Very safe; fairly safe; neither safe or unsafe; fairly unsafe; very unsafe)

- (a) Beeston
 - Daytime
 - In the dark
- (b) Eastwood
 - Daytime
 - In the dark
- (c) Stapleford
 - Daytime
 - In the dark
- (d) Kimberley
 - Daytime
 - In the dark
- (e) Parks and open spaces elsewhere in Broxtowe.
 - Daytime
 - In the dark

If very unsafe please state in the box below where and why

3. What are the main factors which influence whether you feel safe when you are out and about in Broxtowe? Tick your top 5 in the boxes below

- Graffiti
- Discarded drugs paraphernalia e.g. needles
- Un-controlled animals
- Urinating in public
- Harassment/Intimidation/Threatening behaviour
- Neighbour disputes
- Underage drinking in public places
- Fly tipping
- media reports
- Abandoned vehicles
- Noise Nuisance e.g. shouting, loud music, dogs barking
- Dog fouling
- Vehicle nuisance e.g. nuisance parking, loud exhausts, nuisance driving
- Vandalism
- People using/dealing drugs
- People being drunk or rowdy in public places
- Poor lighting

4. Broxtowe Borough Council operates a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) service. Does the presence of CCTV in Broxtowe make you feel safer? (please tick one box only)

- Yes
- No
- Neither safe nor unsafe

**5. There is a network of Street Lighting across Broxtowe.
Does the presence of Street Lighting in Broxtowe make you feel safer?
(please tick one box only)**

- Yes
- NO
- Neither safe or unsafe

**6. Is there anything that would make you feel safer in Broxtowe?
If so, please state details in the box below**

7. How safe do you feel travelling in Broxtowe using the following modes of transport? (please tick)

(boxes to tick for each category: Very safe; fairly safe; neither safe or unsafe; fairly unsafe; very unsafe)

Car

Cycling

On a bus

On the tram

If very unsafe please state where and why in the box below

8. How safe do you feel in public car parks in Broxtowe?

(boxes to tick: Very safe; fairly safe; neither safe or unsafe; fairly unsafe; very unsafe)

If very unsafe please state where

Tell Us About You

We want to make sure that our services are provided fairly and to those who need them. The information collected helps us get a picture of who contacts us, uses or does not access our services, so will help us improve what we provide and reduce potential barriers to access.

Please answer the questions below by ticking the boxes that you feel most describes you. Some questions may feel personal, but the information we collect will be kept confidential and secure. The better the information is that we collect the more effective our monitoring will be.

Gender

How would you best describe your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Another way
- Prefer not to say

Age

Which of the following age groups do you belong to?

- 18-24
- 25-29
- 30-44
- 45-59
- 60-64
- 65+

Ethnicity

White

- English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background

Mixed/multiple ethnic groups

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other mixed/multiple ethnic background

Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani

- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background

Black/African/Caribbean/Black British

- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black/African/Caribbean background

Other ethnic groups

- Arab
- Any other ethnic group

Is your day to day activities limited because of a health problem which has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months?

- Yes, limited a lot
- Yes, limited a little
- No

APPENDIX 2

Send out links to the questionnaire through

- Regular communications to tenants
- Email me bulletins across Broxtowe
- Local businesses
- Beeston Muslim Association
- Broxtowe Women's project
- Employees
- Major employers
- Disability forum members
- Broxtowe partnership members to circulate in their networks
- Councillors