



COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)
18 JULY 2005**

KEY ISSUE:

To confirm the County's 2005-06 financial contribution to the work of the Elmbridge Community Safety Executive Partnership.

SUMMARY:

This report seeks agreement to use the Committee's devolved community safety budget to further the aims of the current strategy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Surrey County Council Local Committee (Elmbridge):

- i) Agree that the budget of £18,000 devolved to the Local Committee for community safety be transferred to the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership to be spent to further the work of the partnership.
- ii) Agree that an additional £6,000 devolved to the Local Committee specifically to fund work to reduce the incidence of domestic abuse locally, be transferred to the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership for this purpose.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Elmbridge Community Safety Strategy 2005-08

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Surrey County Council is a statutory member of the local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (or CDRP, known locally as the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership) together with the police, the borough council, Surrey Police Authority, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service and the two local primary care trusts or PCTs, (East Elmbridge and Mid Surrey PCT and the North Surrey PCT). The Area Director represents the County Council on the partnership.
- 1.2 The Community Safety Partnership is obliged to produce a three-year Community Safety Strategy to reduce crime locally. The 2005-08 Elmbridge Community Safety Strategy identifies five key issues to be addressed:
- Violent crime, including domestic abuse
 - Theft
 - Alcohol and drug misuse
 - Anti-social behaviour
 - Arson
- 1.3 The strategy identifies a number of key projects and activities considered essential to address these issues, including working with licensed premises to reduce levels of alcohol related crime and disorder, maximising the use of CCTV, utilising the Joint Action Group to prioritise theft 'hotspots', providing support to adults and young people through the Drug and Alcohol Outreach Worker, deploying Community Wardens and Police Community Support Officers to work in our communities to reduce anti-social behaviour and to provide reassurance, and providing educational initiatives to increase everyone's awareness of the dangers and social impact of arson.

2 FUNDING AND RESOURCES

- 2.1 The CDRP has been allocated a substantial amount of funding from central government that is being administered locally through the Government Office for the South East (GOSE). This money has been targeted across the range of community safety work.
- 2.2 Each of the three original partner organisations (Surrey County Council, Elmbridge Borough Council and Surrey Police) has also allocated a sum annually to be used for projects developed to implement the strategy and in areas where the partnership can add value through joint projects.
- 2.3 As set out in the Scheme of Delegation for Local Committees (Paragraph 6.4.5(f)), the Local Committee has a devolved responsibility for this budget, but it needs to be spent in accordance with the local community safety strategy and in agreement with the other partners.
- 2.4 To support the countywide domestic abuse strategy the Executive have provided additional funding equivalent to £6,000 for each of the eleven boroughs and districts in the county to fund work to reduce domestic abuse. This funding has been provided on the condition that the local crime and

reduction partnership spend at least an equivalent amount on domestic abuse from their existing budgets.

- 2.5 Further details of the Elmbridge Community Safety Funding Plan 2005/06 are attached as an appendix to this report. The budget is held and administered by Elmbridge Borough Council on behalf of the partnership.

3 DELIVERING THE STRATEGY

- 3.1 The community safety strategy does not cover all of the community safety activities of the partner organisations but concentrates on the core activities where working in partnership can have a particular impact. Surrey County Council services are involved in various degrees in all these projects.

3.2 Joint Action Group (JAG)

- 3.2.1 This is a monthly meeting involving a range of agencies that meet to consider crime and related data in respect of identified “hot-spots” across the borough and to jointly agree strategies to minimise or eliminate its impact on the area. Representatives from a variety of County Council services are involved in the JAG, including the Youth Development Service, Fire and Rescue, Trading Standards and Transportation.

3.3 Community Incident Action Group (CIAG)

- 3.3.1 This is a monthly multi-agency meeting chaired by the police that examines and agrees co-ordinated action to minimise the adverse impact of problem individuals and families upon the wider community. A wide range of agencies participate and jointly they have agreed a number of interventions that have helped to reduce sustained anti-social behaviour.

3.4 Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

- 3.4.1 The scheme has now been operational for two years and is helping to have a significant impact on crime, disorder and public safety. The latest figures show that, since January 2005, the operators have tracked 873 community safety incidents. During the month of May 2005 the CCTV cameras contributed to 20 arrests, of which 7 are directly attributable to the scheme.
- 3.4.2 During 2005/06 three pilot help-point schemes are planned to be located at Weybridge (junction of Heath Road and Brooklands Lane), West Molesey (Walton Lane, outside Woolworth’s) and East Molesey (riverside adjacent to Hampton Court Bridge).
- 3.4.3 It is also proposed for 2005/06 to install cameras in the centre of Hersham, Queens Road (Weybridge) and Walton Halfway. However, with each camera costing approximately £25,000, further funding still needs to be secured before these cameras can be installed.

3.5 Domestic Abuse

- 3.5.1 Work to minimise the impact of domestic abuse continues to be supported by the Community Safety Partnership, particularly through jointly funding (with the Spelthorne and Epsom & Ewell Community Safety Partnerships) of the North Surrey Domestic Abuse Outreach Service. In the period from October 2003 to March 2005, this service saw 451 clients, 203 of which were from Elmbridge. The majority of clients were women, but 32 were men, and 276 clients had children living in the household.

3.6 Substance Misuse

- 3.6.1 A range of different initiatives have been funded by the Community Safety Partnership, including activities to reduce and discourage substance misuse, supporting the work of the Surrey Alcohol and Drugs Advisory Service locally, police intelligence activity, and education programmes in local schools.

4 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Equalities implications are particularly significant in relation to the involvement of young people both as potential victims and offenders, the high incidence of domestic violence, and tackling the fear of crime, particularly amongst vulnerable groups.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The partnership aims to work more closely with local communities to identify priorities.

6 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Partnership working is the key to success for community safety. The Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership is a major partnership initiative and significant progress has been made in delivering the objectives of the previous three year strategy. The Partnership has been particularly successful in attracting resources from a variety of sources to help meet these objectives as well as in combining and targeting existing resources so that they will have the greatest effect.

APPENDIX A

ELMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING PLAN 2005/06

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Ref	Project Title	Brief Description	Action Plan Priority	Lead Contact	Capital	Revenue	BSC	ASB	BCU	Other - ECSP
DRUGS/ALCOHOL										
1	Drugs Education Bursary	Bursary for schools to bid for resources to provide drugs awareness and education programmes	Substance Misuse	Rachel Stewart, ECSP		3,000	1500			1,500
2	RIDE	Drug Awareness Programmes for primary and secondary schools in Elmbridge	Substance Misuse	Rachel Stewart, ECSP		3,000	3000			
3	SADAS Drug and Alcohol Outreach Worker	Dedicated outreach worker, provided through SADAS, to support people with drug and alcohol problems who are committing substantial ASB 3 days - Elmbridge 2 days - Epsom & Ewell	Substance Misuse	Rachel Stewart, ECSP		20,000	20,000			
4	Reducing drug supply- Surrey Police	Contribution to county wide Police project to disrupt drug supply	Substance Misuse	Insp Paul Yearwood	1500	15,500	1,500		15,500	
5	Alcohol Co-ordinaton	Provide support to partnership on alcohol issues and county co-ordination	Substance Misuse	Lesley Gallagher, DAT		4,000	4,000			
6	Drug related litter	Further develop procedures to record and safely dispose of drug related litter	Substance Misuse	Sara Blake, EBC		£500	500			
7	DAT Housing Co-ordinator	Work with local housing authorities to assist the Housing Task Group, Link to Supporting People	Substance Misuse	Lesley Gallagher, DAT		£4,000				4000
COMMUNITY SAFETY POSTS										
8	North Walton Community Wardens	2 Community Wardens deployed in North Walton Reassurance area / reduce fear of crime, strengthen community engagement	ASB & Fear of Crime	David Sweeney, Elmbridge Housing Trust		10,000				10,000
9	Community Safety Partnership Officer	Support and co-ordination of the work of the Partnership and in particular lead on performance management and the implementation of the Partnership Improvement Plan	Overall strategy delivery	Richard Hodson, EBC		30,000	30,000			

10	Community Safety Manager	Management of the Borough's co-located community safety team, the Reassurance Project and act as the ASB Co-ordinator for the Partnership	Overall strategy delivery	Richard Hodson, EBC		45,000		25,000	20,000	
11	Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)	Deployment of 7 PCSOs in targeted areas across the Borough working alongside NSOs & additional youth & 'parks' PCSOs / reduce fear of crime, strengthen community engagement	ASB & Fear of Crime	Insp Paul Yearwood		35,567				35,567
12	Preventative Outreach Worker	Aims - Promoting ASBO compliance· Intervening constructively with young people who are potential ASBO candidates / Identifying and intervening with young people exhibiting ASB and at risk of offending as outlined in the Prevent and Deter action plan / Bolstering exit strategies for young people who have completed statutory periods of supervision and who would otherwise be without any further intervention to prevent ASB/re-offending	ASB & Fear of Crime	Ben Byrne, Youth Offending Team		£15,000	15,000			
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE										
13	Domestic Violence Outreach Service	Dedicated Outreach Service and support role working in the Borough managed through North Surrey DV Forum / DV PSA and local target	Violent Crime	Sara Blake, EBC		18,800				18,800
JAG/CIAG RELATED										
14	ASBO Case Builder	Dedicated officer attached to Surrey Police to build cases for submission for ASBOs & ABCs etc	ASB & Fear of Crime	Insp Paul Yearwood		12,500			12,500	
15	Partnership Reassurance Analyst	To support JAG, CIAG, PPO, dedicated point of contact for partners		Ch Insp Andrew Adams		12,000	12,000			
16	Strategy Intervention Fund	Intervention fund for five themed action plans via JAG	Strategy delivery (ALL)	Community Safety Manager, ECSP	5348	2,152	5348		2,152	
17	CIAG / ASBO Support Fund	Intervention fund for use by the CIAG to enable multi agency solutions to issues raised at the CIAG	ASB & Fear of Crime	Insp Paul Yearwood	1500	1,500	1500		1,500	
MISC										

18	Elmbridge Mediation	Local mediation service	ASB & Fear of Crime	Sara Blake		500	500			
19	CCTV Development	Support for the on-going expansion of the borough wide CCTV scheme in line with the agreed strategy	Strategy delivery (ALL)	Geoff Bailey, CCTV Manager	25,000		25,000			
20	Communication and Engagement	Funding to enable the implementation of the Partnership's new communications and consultation strategy (e.g. publicity materials for campaigns) Drug Awareness Campaign Two exhibitions in shopping centres You are what you do (Initiative to promote personal responsibility. Includes community safety questions)	Strategy delivery (ALL)	Rachel Stewart, ECSP	385	3,338	3590			133
21	Surrey Community Safety Unit	Contribution towards county wide team who support the development work of the Partnership and would provide increased analytical capacity		Sara Blake, EBC		1,500	1,500			
TOTAL:					33,733	237,857	124938	25000	51652	70,000
					TOTAL	271,590				

05/06 FUNDING AVAILABLE:

BSC TOTAL	124,938
BCS REVENUE	91,205
BCS CAPITAL	33,733
BCU	51,652
	70,000 (Police £28k, SCC £18k, EBC £20k, £4k carry over)
PARTNERSHIP	
ASB	25,000
Total	271,590