



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)

ELMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

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KEY ISSUE

To update the Local Committee of the activities of the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership in 2007/08 and report on the plans for 2008/09.

SUMMARY

This report seeks agreement to use the Committee's devolved Community Safety Budget to further the aims of the Partnership Plan. It also provides an update on the activities of the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership and future plans.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to agree:

- (i) The budget of £24,000 devolved to the Local Committee for community safety be delegated to the Area Director.
- (ii) To Note the activities of the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership in 2007/08 and plans for 2008/09.
- (iii) To Note that quarterly reports will be presented to the Local Committee throughout 2008/09.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership (statutorily known as the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership) has a duty to produce a three year Community Safety Strategy. The previous strategy, which was endorsed by Elmbridge Borough Council in 2005, came to an end in March 2008.
- 1.2 The requirement from April 2008 has been to undertake an annual Strategic Assessment and from this produce a three year Partnership Plan that will be subject to an annual update. The Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership Plan will be formally launched on Wednesday 18 June 2008, at the Partnership's public meeting. It has six priorities in three overarching strands identified through the Strategic Assessment and public consultation. These priorities are:
- Reduce Crime/Reduce the Fear of Crime
 - Reduce Substance Misuse/Reduce Violent Crime (including domestic abuse)
 - Reduce Anti Social behaviour/Provide Positive Youth Diversion

It is critical to ensure that the Partnership Plan contributes effectively to the delivery of the 8 Safer and Stronger targets agreed as part of the Surrey Local Area Agreement, these targets are listed in the annex A to this paper.

The partnership plan must aim to enhance local performance against the 50 safer and stronger measures included within the national indicator set, which partners in Surrey will be required to report performance against as part of the new Comprehensive Performance Assessment regime.

- 1.3 In 2005 the Government set a three-year crime reduction target to reduce crime by 15% in England and Wales for a basket of 10 crime types. The target for Elmbridge was to reduce the basket of crime by 13.2%.
- 1.4 The Partnership produced an annual Action Plan based on the five priorities identified for 2005-8
- Anti Social behaviour
 - Violence
 - Substance Misuse
 - Theft
 - Arson

These actions were implemented through five action plan leads, which met as required to review and assess progress. The group's reports were then scrutinised and monitored by the Community Safety

Partnership Board at its quarterly meetings. James Painter, Area Director, represents Surrey County Council at the Community Safety Board meetings.

- 1.5 In addition to the Action Plan, which covers work in the medium and long term, there are monthly meetings dealing with immediate issues. These agree actions and allocate resources to deal with specific on-going problems. These meetings cover both problem areas and crimes (The Joint Action Group) and problem individuals (Community Incident Action Group). Katie Mills, Local Committee and Partnership Officer, represents Surrey County Council at the Joint Action Group and Community Incident Group meetings.

2 REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS 3 YEAR CRIME REDUCTION TARGETS

- 2.1 The targets set for Elmbridge were not achieved. This proved to be the case in 9 of the 11 Boroughs in the County. Although the number of reports in the 10 crime types slowed over the last 12 months it proved impossible to reverse the trend in 2006/7.

Completed Years					
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Elmbridge	4,837	4,899	4,797	5,331	5,597
% Change from 03/04	0.0%	+ 1.3%	- 0.8%	+10.2%	+ 15.7%

3 REVIEW OF THE LAST YEAR

- 3.1 The Partnership and its members undertook a wide range of individual and joint projects during 2007/8 to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors and reduce criminal and antisocial activity
- 3.2 We are currently awaiting end of year reports from the various projects and services commissioned during the year. The following areas of work/activities were undertaken.
- **North Surrey Prevention Project** – Funding of £15,000 was allocated to this project run by Surrey Youth Justice Service. This project concentrates on the third strand of Prolific and Priority Offenders which is to Prevent & Deter, looking to work with those at high risk of becoming prolific offenders.
 - **Door UK** – Funding of £1,100 was allocated to this service which is delivered by an ex offender delivering hard hitting talks on crime and consequences to young people in our four senior schools and the County Pupil Referral Unit.

- **DRED UK** – Funding of £5,000 for delivery of drugs education to our four senior schools. This was our first year of commissioning having switched our education from younger age groups to those in the 14 – 16 age groups. Delivered in 4 senior schools to 1215 young people
- **Domestic Abuse Outreach Service** – Funding of £24,000 was provided to the Citizens Advice Bureau to provide an outreach service to victims of this type of crime.
- **SADAS Drug & Alcohol Outreach worker** – Funding of £22,000 is provided for an outreach service taking referrals direct from the CIAG of those persons who are causing community impact who have substance misuse issues.
- **Sport in the Park** – Funding of £1,500 made available to Elmbridge Borough Council to match fund the purchase of portable sports equipment and deployment during the year at drop in locations.
- **Youth Engagement Scheme** – Funding of £2,500 made available to this scheme run by Surrey Fire & Rescue, Youth Justice Service and Education Services.
- **Junior Citizen Scheme** – Funding of £500 made available to run this scheme which provided community safety advice for 1300 young people in 23 Elmbridge schools prior to their move to senior schools. The scheme runs for just over a two-week period with attendees going through a variety of sets during a half day.
- **Elmbridge Housing Trust Neighbourhood wardens** – Funding of £7,500 towards the funding of two warden posts within the Borough.
- **Teenage Tom Tom** – Funding of £1,000 made available to the 1 Elmbridge Partnership to commission a parenting project aimed at providing effective support to parents. Two course involving 9 parents have been completed and proved very successful. A nucleus of the parents have continued to stay in touch and wish to offer their experiences to support further works in 2008/9.
- **Drive out vehicle Crime** – Funding of £3,200 provided to run a vehicle crime project. Seven separate actions over a seven month period were promoted. Crime prevention advice and publicity reinforced the messages given. An 11% reduction in vehicle crime was achieved. In addition 7 of the Borough Council car parks achieved Park Mark status and plans formulated for a further 14 over the next two years.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Funding of £3,000 was made to help support the continued growth of Watch systems. At the end of the year an additional 1000 households had joined, adding a further 42 watch areas.
- **Kick out Graffiti** – This overarching project continued from its start the year before, a Community Clean Up was organised in May 2007 at Desborough Island which proved very successful, 70 volunteers attended for the day with over 2 tons of rubbish being removed. Additional fencing was introduced to design out the most popular fly tip area, which has provided a long-term solution. Reparation work has started with the Youth Justice Service undertaking work at Hersham on graffiti removal. This work will continue in 2008/9 with the adult

offenders, managed by the Probation Service booked for a series of tasks.

- **Community Road Shows** – Following the closure of the multi agency community safety surgeries and the Community safety centre at Walton Police Station due to lack of public demand the concept of taking our advice out into the community evolved and a number of road shows were established. Last year events were held at two Fire Station open days (Esher and Walton) and also at the Heart shopping centre.
- **Community Action Days** – Similar to the Road Shows the concept of the Action day is to target residential areas, typically within high density social housing estates. The events are supported by multi agency staff and look to engage with residents and provide youth diversionary activities. A pilot was run last year at Nightingale and Longmore, which included a community clean up, and youth activities, which proved highly successful.

- 3.3 Despite the good work, recorded crime continued to rise as is evidenced by the crime figures for the basket of 10 crimes shown above. Total Notifiable Offences increased by 3.4%, which is an increase of 277 Offences year on year and as can be seen nearly all of those occur in the main 10 crime types. Those that saw the major increases are criminal damage up by 166 offences, burglary dwelling up by 149, violence up by 106, which negated the gains made on such crime types such as theft from motor vehicle down 149, burglary non residential down 62, theft of motor vehicle down 14.
- 3.4 The figures on their own do not of course tell the whole story. Life threatening crimes actually reduced by 20%, which is 16 less victims than the previous year. The majority of offences being categorised as common assault (little or no injury) or actual bodily harm (resulting in a bruise or cut). Stranger violence accounted for less than 15% of the total violence offences and was at the same levels as the previous year.
- 3.5 Domestic Violence offences increased by 6.4% (to 447 offences) over the year and now equate to 20% of all violence offences.

4 PLANS FOR 2008/09

- 4.1 In order to address the problems identified in the Strategic Assessment a Partnership Plan has been developed for 2008/11 which will be subject to annual updates to ensure the actions remain relevant.
- 4.2 The JAG meets monthly and focuses on current trends and hot spot locations. The Police have reshaped their analytical teams and Elmbridge now has its own analysts focused on producing quality reports upon which sound operational decisions can be based.
- 4.3 Other measures to tackle anti social behaviour are also being

employed – we have three S13 (Designated Public Place Order) areas in place at the moment including Walton, Weybridge and Hersham. these will continue in 2008/9.

- 4.4 These measures along with the medium term projects managed through the Partnership Plan will help to reduce crime and disorder in the Borough and maintain a low fear of crime.

5 FUNDING AND RESOURCES

- 5.1 Funding for the work of the Partnership is received from Central Government via the Local Area Agreement. The Borough Council, Police and County Council also pool resources to fund staff and projects. The Board agreed the budget plan for 2008-09 and this is attached to the report (Appendix B).
- 5.2 Surrey County Council makes available to each of the 11 district-level Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) in Surrey the sum of £24,000 per annum, of which £12,000 is subject to the provision of a domestic abuse outreach service.
- 5.3 The Outreach Service provides 71 hours service a week and in the previous financial year (2006/7) dealt with 602 clients across the Division (234 from Elmbridge). We await a report on the 2007/8 financial year. In addition to the main outreach service, new areas of work have included the Sanctuary Scheme which have catered for 23 vulnerable residents to date and enabled to remain in their own homes.
- 5.4 As set out in the Scheme of Delegation for Local Committees, the Local Committee has a devolved responsibility for the £24k budget, but it needs to be spent in accordance with the local community safety strategy and in agreement with other partners. An essential ingredient of the local crime and disorder/community safety arrangements is the ability of statutory partners to be able to agree in partnership the deployment of pooled funds in pursuance of local priorities, in this case, those contained in the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership Plan 2008 - 2011.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership is a major partnership initiative and will launch the new Partnership Plan on 18 June 2008. All members of the Local Committee are invited to the public event and are asked to support the future work of the Partnership.

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Safer and Stronger LAA Targets

The Safer & Stronger Communities Partnership Board chaired by the Chief Constable has led on the Safer and Stronger targets within the new Surrey Local Area Agreement (LAA); it has agreed 8 indicators within the overall total of about 28 for Surrey (plus 6 'undesigned' and 16 statutory).

The partnership worked on the suite of Safer & Stronger targets for some time (through the SSCPB and LAA structures), to ensure that the agreed targets reflect issues that the public and officials care about in Surrey. The targets have a gratifyingly wide range of owners, 2 with the Police, 2 with Probation, 3 with the County Council and one with the Voluntary Sector.

The Suite of targets includes specific crime related measures – anti social behaviour, domestic abuse, prolific offenders and the threat of terrorism are under-pinned by targets on public influence and satisfaction, the strength of the voluntary and community sector and getting vulnerable people into housing.

These 3 year LAA targets are included in the Surrey Community Strategy which is currently being redrafted. Both the full draft document and the draft chapter on Safer and Stronger communities are available on the SCC website.

Safer Indicators

- **NI 21 Dealing with local concerns about anti social behaviour and crime issues by the local council and the police.** Target owner is Nick Dove of the Surrey Police. This will be based on the new Place Survey and there is no previous measurement that exactly replicates this measure. In the meantime Nick is working on an action plan.
- **NI 30 The Change in convictions for Prolific and Priority Offenders over a given period.** The target owner is Karen Page, the Chief Probation Officer who chairs the PPO Steering Group. The baseline is 18% (06/07) and the 07/08 total is awaited from 'J-Track'. An improvement target of 21% for 08/09 has been agreed. Karen is working on an action plan.
- **NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence.** The target owner is Karen Page the Chief Probation Officer who chairs the Domestic Abuse Forum. The measurement is based on cases subject to Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs). As these are fairly newly set up in Surrey we haven't yet got a baseline for re-offending for the police, but an improvement target will be set in 2008/9. In the meantime Karen is working on an action plan.

- **NI 36 Protection against terrorist attack – crowded places.** Target owner is Rob Price of Surrey Police. The Police already undertake a great deal of work on this issue and this is their opportunity to get other sectors fully engaged. The target is assessed on a new rating scale which is not yet established so, and so will be established when the measure is in place. In the meantime Rob is working on an action plan.

NB NI 39 the alcohol indicator on alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates is in the Health & Wellbeing block

Stronger Indicators

- **NI (National Indicator) 4 - Percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality.** Target owner is Michael Jennings, Head of Policy and Public Affairs for SCC. He is in close negotiation with the Surrey Chief Executives Group about this target as local authorities are critical to its achievement. The Police and the Health Authority are also key players. The best guide we have to performance is the 27% of people who feel they have influence from the 06/07 BVPI survey. This indicator will be measured by the New Place Survey, which will first be deployed in November 2008. A target will be set when the outcome of this is known. In the meantime Michael is working on an action plan with the key players.
- **NI 5 Overall/general satisfaction with the local area.** Owner Michael Jennings as above. Last BVPI survey result 77%. Again we will set a target when the Place Survey has been completed. Michael working on an action plan.
- **NI 7 Environment for a thriving third sector.** Target owner is Jean Roberts Jones, Chief Executive of Surry Community Action. This NI will measure the number of third sector organisations giving a positive rating to their working environment. This will be measured by a new survey, which will be deployed for the first time in the Autumn of 2008. In the meantime Jean and her colleagues are working up an action plan in discussion with key players in the voluntary and public sector.
- **NI 141 Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living.** This measure the extent to which housing related support (Supporting People) helps people move on in a planned way to more independent living. The people targeted includes many of those the Safer and Stronger block focuses upon, such as victims of domestic abuse, substance mis-users, offenders etc. Hence its inclusion in this block. The target owner is Andrea Cannon the County Council lead on Supporting People. The baseline is 68.4% with a target of 69% in 08/09, 70% in 09/10 and 71% in 10/11. Andrea is working on an action plan to underpin this improvement.