



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE ELMBRIDGE

ELMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

8 DECEMBER 2008

KEY ISSUE

To receive an update from the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership (statutorily known as the Crime and Disorder Partnership) on its work, which is part funded by Surrey County Council.

SUMMARY

This report seeks to inform the Committee of the activities of the Partnership up to the end of October 2008.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to:

- (i) Note the activities of the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership between September – October 2008.
- (ii) Make representations on community safety issues to help shape the refresh of the Partnership Plan for 2009/10.

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 Partnership Plan for 2008 - 2011. The Partnership undertook a Strategic Assessment and produced its Partnership Plan, which was launched at a public meeting on the 18th June 2008.

The Partnership Plan has six priorities, in three overarching strands identified through the Strategic Assessment and public consultation. The 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.

The Partnership Plan currently consists of 46 actions across the six priorities and this report is submitted to update the Local Committee on the progress made against these actions since its last report in September 2008.

The Partnership is also required to conduct a Strategic Assessment each year and to update its Partnership Plan as necessary. That work is currently taking place.

- 1.2 In a similar approach to that which we adopted for our first Strategic Assessment, recently produced guidance suggests that Assessments should not solely focus on hard crime statistics but should recognise the importance of qualitative community data to inform priorities for the Partnership over the coming year. Once the Partnership has completed its Assessment, it will be combined with the partner data (including that from Surrey Police) to give an accurate picture of crime, disorder and community safety issues across the Borough.

In its role as a statutory partner of the Community Safety Partnership, Surrey County Council has contributed towards the Strategic Assessment process.

The Local Committee members will have an understanding of community safety issues in their respective area and know of the concerns of residents. The Partnership would be very interested in hearing your views on key community safety issues within the Borough and the locations or areas that are problematic. By collating these responses it will be possible to start to develop an up-to-date picture of key issues and themes across the Borough. The findings will then feed into the Strategic Assessment process and will help to set Community Safety Partnership priorities for the coming year (2009/10).

It is being requested that the Local Committee let the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership have any representations before the 30th November 2008.

2 Update on the work of Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership since the last report to the local Area Committee in September 2008, covering the months of September and October 2008

2.1 The work of the Partnership covers a diverse number of activities with the objective of achieving its six priorities.

The significant areas of work during the last two months (September 2008 – October 2008) have included:

Development of an Anti Social Behaviour and Youth Diversion working group and associated action plan.

Development and launch of the Impact web site for young people. www.elmbridgeimpact.co.uk to sign post them to positive activities and provide advice on how to stay safe. Printed versions are also to be produced for front line officers so they have a handy reference when dealing with young people in the streets.

A review of the Community Incident Action Group (CIAG), the multi agency officer group which case manages problematic individuals has been instigated to check effectiveness and take on any recommendations to improve its working.

The North Surrey Domestic Abuse Forum have set up a Campaign Task group being led by Elmbridge and Surrey County Council officers to undertake proactive work through the year.

Domestic Abuse Awareness week – 20th October, a balloon launch at the Heart complex to raise public awareness of the number of referrals to the outreach service and a stand throughout the week in the shopping centre promoting the issues of Domestic Abuse.

Lock Out Burglary campaign - Property Roadshow held at The Heart in September promoting property marking, security and also showcasing recovered stolen property. Engaged with over 150 members of the public.

Who's Looking at You promotion was undertaken in October with Surrey Police providing front line staff from partner agencies with details of suspect vehicles to look out for during their normal duties.

Youth Engagement Scheme – The second of our third scheduled courses was delivered at Walton Fire Station on the w/c 20th October.

Elmbridge had 4 young people involved who all graduated at the end of the week.

On the 23rd October Surrey Fire & Rescue Service presented the three Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership's in Elmbridge, Spelthorne and Epsom & Ewell with an External Partner Award for our support both financially and publicly since the YES scheme launched in North Surrey in May 2006.

Not in My Neighbourhood Week and Elmbridge Neighbourhood Watch annual meeting. The partnership supported these two events at Sandown on the 13th October.

Neighbourhood Watch mapping at ward level has now been completed which will assist with targeting hardening of individual locations by providing a visual map of areas not covered by watch schemes.

The Partnership was also able to facilitate the Molesey & Dittons Neighbourhood watch, purchase additional signage from their recent allocation from Surrey County Council.

Weybridge Community Action Day took place on the 29th October. Surrey Army Careers Service and Walton Army cadets supported the event by providing interactive events along with Surrey Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Elmbridge Housing Trust, Elmbridge Borough Council and the Primary Care Trust

Lower Green, Esher Community Day is due to take place on Saturday 29th November 2008, from 11am – 3pm. It builds on the Community Action Day held earlier in the year and event focuses on engaging local residents in association with the local Sports and Social Association. Members of the Local Committee are very welcome to attend.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 This report invites the Surrey County Council Local Committee (Elmbridge) to make representations on community safety issues they are aware of to enhance the annual Strategic Assessment and refresh of the Partnership Plan

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Surrey County Council contributed £24,000 towards the work of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership in 2008/09. In addition to

which the County Councillors have also funded several community safety initiatives through their Member Allocation funds.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Equalities and Diversity is a cross cutting theme of the Elmbridge Sustainable Community Strategy of which Building Safer Communities is a theme.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 As outlined above.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Whilst the work of the Partnership is undertaken in an effort to reduce crime and disorder it is rarely possible to measure the effectiveness of a particular piece of work on recorded crime during the same period. The reported crime for Elmbridge during this period compared with the previous year is:

CRIME TYPE	1.4.08 – 31.10.08	1.4.07- 31.10.07	% increase/decrease	number of crimes
Robbery	41	32	+ 28.1%	+ 9
Criminal Damage	1060	1257	-15.7%	- 197
Domestic Burglary	243	280	- 15.7%	- 37
Non Domestic Burglary	298	261	+14.2%	+37
Most Serious Violence	13	22	- 40.9%	- 9
Other Violence	813	979	- 17%	- 166
Vehicle Crime	500	649	-22.7%	- 147
Vehicle Interference	86	122	-29.5%	- 36
Serious Acquisitive Crime	784	959	- 18.2%	- 175
Total Notifiable Offences	4307	4800	- 10.3%	- 493

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The Local Committee is asked to note the work of the Partnership and offer any contributions as to its future work.
- 9.2 The report as an update on the financial contribution of Surrey County Council to the Elmbridge Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 The Elmbridge Local Committee is invited to receive a further update on progress in March / April 2009 when the Community Safety Partnership Board will have next met.

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