



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE ELMBRIDGE

ELMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

9 MARCH 2009

KEY ISSUE

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

SUMMARY

This report seeks to inform the Committee of the activities of the Partnership over the last quarter from November 2008 – January 2009.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to:

- (i) Note the activities of the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership between November 2008 – January 2009.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The partners consisting of Surrey Police, Elmbridge Housing Trust, Surrey County Council, Surrey Police Authority, Surrey Fire & Rescue Service and Elmbridge Borough Council have been delivering against a 46-point community safety action plan that supports the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership Plan which was approved by the Executive Board last year and which was launched at the annual public meeting of the Partnership in June 2008.
- 1.2 The Community Safety Partnership Executive Board meet on a quarterly basis throughout the year and additionally as required to enable them to monitor and review activity, monitor commissioned services, ensure the finances of the Partnership are being used effectively in an effort to reduce crime, and anti social behaviour.
- 2 Update on the work of Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership since the last report to the Local Committee in December 2008, which covered the months of September and October 2008
- 2.1 The work of the Partnership Action Plan covers a number of activities to
 - Reduce crime
 - Reduce the fear of crime
 - Reduce anti social behaviour
 - Provide positive youth diversion
 - Reduce substance misuse
 - Reduce violent crime, including domestic abuse

The significant areas of work during the last three months (November – January 2009) have included:

- Lock Out Burglary campaign. Completion of the monthly activity for October, November and December and an overall evaluation of the seven-month project. (Further detail is provided in a presentation at the meeting).
- Distraction Burglary Awareness Week took place between the 29th September – 3rd October 2008. A series of events took place during the week followed up with the distribution of over 1600 Christmas cards in December. (Further detail is provided in a presentation at the meeting).
- Know Your Limits Campaign – December saw the production and distribution of our own posters promoting sensible drinking supported by promotional materials available from drink Aware (Further detail is provided in a presentation at the meeting).
- Neighbourhood Watch: Mapping, as reported at the last meeting has been completed. As of the 16th December 2008, there were

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459 watch schemes covering nearly 21,000 homes over 673 roads. Over the last five years there has been a 47% increase in watch schemes with 12% (50) of these starting in 2008. An evaluation by the Surrey Police Crime Reduction Officer for Elmbridge concludes that since April 2008 Elmbridge NHW roads have attracted 70% less burglary offences than non-NHW roads. This is 20% above the national average. (Elmbridge NHW map is provided in a presentation at the meeting).

- Lower Green, Esher - Community Day – This event took place on Saturday 29th November 2008 from 11am – 3pm building on the Community Action Day held earlier in the year. The event focused more on engaging local residents in an effort to increase community cohesion focused on the use of the local Sports and Social Association. The day proved very successful and drew in over 200 people
- Launch of the Elmbridge Off Watch scheme in December 2008. Following on from a successful pilot covering Cobham & Oxshott it was decided to launch a borough wide scheme. Waitrose supermarket came forward to lead the group as secretary and Chairman. Surrey Police and Elmbridge Borough Council licensing officers will now concentrate on building up membership to ensure it was representative of the number of off sales premises in the borough.
- Over this last quarter we have completed the Strategic Assessment for Elmbridge, a legal requirement, and both the Assessment and an updated Partnership Plan for 2009 will be presented to the Partnership Board in March for their consideration.
- In December, the Partnership Board considered its interim-funding plan. It is anticipated that income will be substantially reduced in 2009/10 although we have yet to be made aware of the exact figures it is likely to be in excess of £29,000. The Board have therefore had to reduce expenditure accordingly which has affected existing services and also restricted the support/development of new schemes/projects.
- National Indicator 21 steering group formed - Surrey Police in January 2009, produced a matrix of indicators in response to NI-21, which deals with 'Local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police'. The matrix is based on police safer neighbourhood areas and took into account the results of public satisfaction/perception surveys, actual crime and anti social behaviour reports and levels of police staff. This revealed that Walton was a priority area across Surrey.

- Drugs Education in secondary schools – DRED UK who are commissioned to deliver this service to the four secondary schools in Elmbridge have undertaken visits and deliveries at three of the schools in this last period.

Esher High – 12 Modules to be delivered to years 8, 10 and 11.

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| 6 th November | 7 th November | 21 st November |
| 18 th December | 12 th January | 20 th January |

Rydens – 12 Modules to be delivered to years 7 and 12

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| 11 th December | 15 th December | 30 th January |
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Heathside – 12 Modules to be delivered to year 9

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| 23 rd January | 26 th January |
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Hinchleywood – received their deliveries in June and October.

DRED UK are required to produce an end of year evaluation in March 2009 and feedback will be requested from the schools and the Surrey DAAT following its receipt.

3 OPTIONS

3.1 Not applicable.

4 CONSULTATIONS

4.1 Not applicable.

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 of which £12,000 is subject to the provision of a domestic abuse outreach service. 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 pieces of work on recoded crime during the same period. The reported crime for Elmbridge during this period compared with the previous year is:

| CRIME TYPE | 1.4.08 – 31.1.09 | 1.4.07- 31.1.08 | % increase/decrease | number of crimes |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Robbery | 59 | 57 | + 3.5% | + 2 |
| Criminal Damage | 1431 | 1779 | -19.6% | - 348 |
| Domestic Burglary | 422 | 532 | - 20.7% | - 110 |
| Non Domestic Burglary | 423 | 434 | -2.5% | -11 |
| Most Serious Violence | 17 | 23 | - 26.1% | - 6 |
| Other Violence | 1154 | 1367 | - 15.6% | - 213 |
| Vehicle Crime | 675 | 975 | -30.8% | - 300 |
| Vehicle Interference | 110 | 214 | -48.6% | - 104 |
| Serious Acquisitive Crime | 1156 | 1564 | - 26.1% | - 408 |
| Total Notifiable Offences | 6028 | 7161 | - 15.8% | - 1133 |

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The Local Committee is asked to note the work of the Partnership and offer any contributions regarding future work.
- 9.2 The Local Committee will also wish to be satisfied that the financial contribution it makes toward the work of the Partnership is being used effectively and achieving results.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 The Elmbridge Local Committee will receive the next quarterly update at the Local Committee in July.

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