



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE ELMBRIDGE

ELMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

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KEY ISSUE

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a requirement on Surrey County Council to consider crime and disorder in all the services it provides.

This report updates the Local Committee on the joint work through the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership (previously known as a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership) on its work, which is partly funded by SCC contributions.

SUMMARY

This report seeks to inform the Committee of the activities of the Partnership over the last year from April 2009 – March 2010. To present the Partnership Plan for 2010-11 and the action plan of activities to support the Partnership Plan during 2010/11.

It also seeks agreement to use the Committee's devolved community safety budget to further the aims of the Partnership Plan.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to:

- (i) Agree that the community safety funding [£2500] delegated to the Local Committee be transferred to the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership
- (ii) Agree that the Area Director manages and authorises expenditure from the budget delegated to the Local Committee in accordance with the Local Committee's decision.

- (iii) Note the funding of £12,000 to Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership for the provision of Domestic Abuse outreach in Elmbridge.
- (iv) Receive the end of year report on activities for 2009/10.
- (v) Receive details of the Partnership Plan for 2010 – 11 and the actions to support that Plan.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The partners consisting of Surrey County Council, Surrey Police, Elmbridge Housing Trust, Surrey Police Authority, Surrey Fire & Rescue Service and Elmbridge Borough Council has been delivering against a 46 point Community Safety Action Plan, which supports the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership Plan which was approved by the Partnership Executive Board last year.
- 1.2 The Community Safety Partnership Executive Board reported on the highlights of the 2009/10 Action Plan at their public meeting on the 16 June 2010, and launched the Partnership Plan for 2010/11.
- 1.3 Statutory changes for the Partnership have been made during the year, these are :
 - A change of name from Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership(CDRP) to Community Safety Partnership (CSP)
 - Inclusion of the probation services as a statutory member, on the 1st April 2010 the newly merged Surrey & Sussex Probation Trust nominated a senior representative to sit on the CSP executive board
 - Requirement for the CSP to produce and publish a minimum standard for dealing with anti social behaviour
 - Introduced a new responsibility to reduce reoffending
 - Introduced Councillors Call for Action and made CSP's subject to local authority scrutiny

2 A REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE ELMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP DURING 2009/10.

(Supporting the interim reports to the Local Committee in July and December 2009.)

The work of the Partnership Action Plan covered a number of activities to:

- Reduce crime
- Reduce the fear of crime
- Reduce anti social behaviour
- Provide positive youth activities
- Reduce substance misuse
- Reduce violent crime, including domestic abuse

These 2009/10 priorities remained unchanged from the previous year albeit that anti social driving and parking had a higher emphasis of public concern than in previous years.

End of year report on activities for 2009/10:

The Action Plan consisted of 46 separate actions of which 43 were achieved, and 3 failed to meet the targets we had set ourselves.

Those that failed were the YES course in that we had set a target of 10 young people but only managed to get 6 graduated over the 3 course. Brief Intervention training provided by the DAAT was unable to be progressed and Sanctuary whilst working with 6 cases did not achieve the target originally set of 12 cases during the year..

Significant progress was achieved in the other areas of work, an example being

- Undertaking the 3 week Junior Citizen scheme, 1151 young people took part from 23 local schools. A major sponsor has now been secured which will enable each child at the 2010/11 event to receive a work book for them to take home which will enhance the lessons learnt during their visit.
- Establishment of the 515th neighbourhood watch scheme, now covering 22,404 households over 717 roads
- The introduction of 3 No Cold Calling Zones covering Hersham, Claygate and Cobham
- Completion of 16 Reparation projects during the year
- Founding of a Elmbridge Fishing Academy in conjunction with of two local businesses to offer young people an alternative youth diversion project. A successful funding bid was also made to the Local Criminal Justice Board for £5,000 funding from the seizure of criminal assets to assist in set up costs.
- Door UK, hard hitting presentations from an ex offender on crime and consequences delivered to a total of 798 young people at 5
- Removal of 873 items of graffiti compared to 1572 in the previous year, a 44% reduction year on year with average removal times dropping from 5 working days to some removals being undertaken either on the same or the next working day and the majority within 2 working days.

Domestic abuse

Surrey County Council provides £12,000 of funding to Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership for the provision of Domestic Abuse outreach in Elmbridge.

Domestic Abuse Outreach services for North Surrey are provided by Walton CAB via a service level agreement with three Community

Safety partnerships (CSPs), Elmbridge, Epsom & Ewell and Spelthorne who jointly fund this provision.

There is a statutory requirement to provide Domestic Abuse outreach provision and the County has a Local Area Agreement target (LAA) to achieve a percentage reduction in repeat victimisation for those domestic violence cases being managed by a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC).

Between April 2009 to March 2010 the Outreach service had 1049 contacts from victims of Domestic abuse, which was a 60 percent increase on the previous year. 61% of victims in contact with outreach service in North Surrey between April 2009 to March 2010 had children under 16 years old living with them.

Victims make contact with outreach via a number of referral route the most common being via the police (71 percent of referrals) or via self referrals (20 percent of referrals). The percentage of referrals via the police has increased by 19 percent on the previous year.

For 2010/11 the Service Level Agreement for the provision of Domestic Abuse outreach services across North Surrey has been reviewed and updated to focus support on those victims assessed as being at highest risk. This work is in line with the development of a new countywide service specification, which has been adopted by all current service providers within Surrey.

3 DETAILS OF PARTNERSHIP PLAN FOR 2010/11

The Partnership plan is revised annually to reflect any new priorities emerging from the Strategic Assessment process. For 2010/2011 Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership produced a Community Safety Partnership Action Plan for implementation from April 2010, which contained actions for partners to tackle the identified priorities, what resources will be allocated and deployed, and the methods used to measure success of this implementation. [Annex A]. These look to tackle:

- To Reduce crime and increase public confidence
- To reduce Violent crime (including Domestic abuse), and the harm caused by drugs and alcohol
- To reduce anti social behavior, including the anti social use of vehicles and support positive youth diversion.

4 OPTIONS

4.1 Not applicable.

5 CONSULTATIONS

5.1 Not applicable.

6 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Surrey County Council contributed £14,500 towards the work of the Community Safety Partnership in 2009/10 of which £12,000 was 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.

For 2010/11 Surrey County Council has budget of £14,500 to each of the eleven district/borough areas in Surrey. £12,000 of this sum is ring-fenced for the use of the community safety partnership subject to Domestic Abuse outreach being provided and it no for Local Committee decision.

As set out in the Scheme of Delegation for Local Committees, the Local Committee has a devolved responsibility for £2500 of funding toward community Safety. This funding needs to be spent in accordance with the local community safety strategy in agreement with other partners.

It is proposed that the Local Committee agrees to the Area Director managing and authorising expenditure from this budget delegated to the Local Committee and that these funds are transferred to the Elmbridge Community safety partnership (CSP). The Area Director is a board member of the Elmbridge CSP and can monitor the budget accordingly.

7 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

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

8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 As outlined above.

9 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1.1 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 recoded crime during the same period. The reported crime for Elmbridge during the last financial year compared with the previous year is:

CRIME TYPE	1.4.09 – 31.3.10	1.4.08- 31.3.09	% increase/decrease	number of crimes
Robbery	62	65	- 4.6%	- 3
Criminal Damage	1442	1687	- 14.5%	- 245

Domestic Burglary	468	497	-5.8%	-29
Non Domestic Burglary	602	508	+ 18.5%	+ 94
Most Serious Violence	23	21	+9.5%	+2
Other Violence	1342	1334	+ 0.6%	+ 8
Vehicle Crime	805	795	+ 1.3%	+ 10
Vehicle Interference	113	130	-13.1%	-17
Serious Acquisitive Crime	1335	1357	-1.6%	-22
Total Notifiable Offences	6946	7090	-2.0%	-144

9.2 It should be noted that Total Notifiable Offences (TNO's) include other categories of crime other than those shown above such as shoplifting, drugs, theft of pedal cycle etc.

The increases in non-domestic burglary are mainly due to the level of thefts from sheds and garages with the items of choice being garden equipment and pedal cycles both being easily disposable and often unidentifiable.

Vehicle crime increases are made up solely of thefts of vehicles with criminal damage to and theft from vehicles showing slight reductions on last year's levels

10 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1.1 The Local Committee is asked to note the work of the Partnership to ensure it is aware of its work and to offer any contributions as to its future work and offer advice on any area it has influence over.

The Local Committee will also wish to be satisfied that the financial contribution it makes toward the work of the Partnership is being used as intended.

11 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

11.1.1 The Elmbridge Local Committee is invited to receive further updates on the work of the Partnership during 2010/11 as required.

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