



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(EPSOM & EWELL)**

COMMUNITY SAFETY in Epsom & Ewell

13 July 2009

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 community safety work within the district, with a focus on the joint work through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership [CDRP].

SUMMARY

The Local Committee has a role in influencing and contributing to the community safety partnership in Epsom & Ewell, delivered through the CDRP.

The Local Committee also has a devolved power for the community safety funding allocated to the CDRP, spent in accordance with the community safety strategy.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Epsom & Ewell) is asked to agree that:

- (i) The budget of £14,500 devolved to the Local Committee for community safety be transferred to the Epsom & Ewell Community Safety Group [CSG] to be spent to further the work of the Group, with £12,000 of this funding specifically reserved to fund work to reduce the incidence of domestic abuse locally.
- (ii) Nominate the Local Committee Chair's representation on the Local Strategic Partnership [LSP] and CDRP for the current municipal year. The Vice Chairman of the Local Committee to deputise in his absence.
- (iii) A report to the Local Committee will be presented at a future meeting to agree County Councillor representation on the LSP and CDRP Task Groups [health & well being, children & young people, business

partnership, environment forum and education & lifelong learning], once the current review of partnership is completed and the new structure agreed.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislation places a requirement on Surrey County Council to consider crime and disorder in all the services it provides.
- 1.2 Surrey County Council is one of the statutory “responsible authorities” of the local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership [CDRP, known locally as the Local Strategic Partnership LSP], and is required to work with partners to improve community safety and reduce crime and disorder. Subsequent legislation has impacted on the way the partnership works and expanded the list of statutory organisations.
- 1.3 As a matter of formality under the Crime & Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 the LSP, acting as a CDRP, has delegated its assessment to the 'strategy group'. It passes responsibility for preparing the Strategic Assessment and the preparation and implementation of the ensuing partnership action plan for future formal adoption. The 'Strategy Group' is made up of representatives from Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, Surrey Police and Surrey County Council. Taking into account local crime statistics and data from partner agencies, resident's priorities and perceptions, the Strategy Group has identified the following issues as priority areas for consideration for 2009/10:
- Rubbish/Litter
 - Parking
 - Street Lighting
 - Youth ASB (including the anti social use of motor cycles)
 - Youth on Youth Robberies
 - Bogus Callers/Distracted Burglary

The Strategy Group produced a Partnership action plan for implementation from April 2009, 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.

The Strategic Assessment will be reviewed on an annual basis in order to ensure that priorities are current and to identify any new emerging Community Safety issues affecting the borough

2 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2009/2010

- 2.1 Actions Plans for each of the priority issues identified by the Strategic Assessment process have been drawn up by the CSG. These look to tackle:

Bogus callers: A reduction in the number of distraction burglaries and civil disputes as a result of rogue trading.

Youth on Youth Robbery: To reduce youth on youth robberies and in turn make residents in the Borough feel safer

Youth Anti-Social Behaviour [including the anti social use of motor cycles] To reduce youth disorder, and in turn reduce crime and incidents, reassure local residents and free up partnership resources to tackle other issues

Parking: To reduce the number of parking complaints raised at Neighbourhood Panels and reported directly to EEBC and the Police.

Litter – To reduce the amount of litter in the Borough, through a combination of education and enforcement, targeting the areas identified as hotspots and those identified as likely offenders.

Street Lighting: To reduce crime and anti-social behaviour as a result of improved lighting and increase residents feeling of safety as a result

- 2.2 The Partnership plan will be revised annually to reflect any new priorities emerging from the Strategic Assessment process.

3 COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING IN EPSOM AND EWELL

- 3.1 CDRPs receive funding through the Safer and Stronger Communities strand of the Local Area Agreement. The Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Board sets countywide priorities and projects, and agrees how to divide the community safety funds across the eleven CDRPs.
- 3.2 The final budget for 2008/09 (Annex A) shows how the CDRP funding was allocated. In 2008/09 the Epsom & Ewell LSP/CDRP received £170,748 for the year,. The budget is held and administered by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council on behalf of the partnership.
- 3.3 In 2009/10, the LSP/CDRP in Epsom & Ewell has a budget of £145,728. The budget is attached as Annex B.

| Funding Source | | Amount |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Government Funding (through LAA) | Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (capital) | £19,273 |
| | Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (revenue) | £49,005 |
| BCU Funding (held by Surrey Police) | | £32,500 |
| Partnership Funds | Surrey County Council | £14,500 |
| | Epsom & Ewell Borough Council | £10,250 |
| | Surrey Police | £8,200 |
| | Surrey Police [Domestic Abuse] | £12,000 |
| Total CDRP Funding in 2009/10 | | £145,728 |

4 OPTIONS

The Local Committee has a monitoring role for the County Council's financial contribution to the LSP/CDRP, and the achievements against the community safety strategy. As part of this role, the Local Committee can:

- Note the report and agree the recommendations
- Note the report and agree the recommendations, but request further information on any aspect of the report
- Defer the recommendations and request further information on any aspect of the report

5. CONSULTATIONS

In Epsom & Ewell the LSP and CDRP have been joined together. Following a recent review, it has been recommended that the LSP be separated from the CDRP. Additional task groups reporting to the LSP and CDRP will cover health & well being, children & young people, business partnership, environment forum and education & lifelong learning.

6. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications for the LSP/CDRP are set out in this report. There are also wider economic and financial benefits to improving community safety by making Epsom and Ewell a safer place to live and work

7. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The LSP/CDRP will need to consider equalities and diversity when holding any public forums or consultations, to ensure all residents are able to access and contribute to them.

8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

The LSP/CDRP and CSG have been established to improve community safety in Epsom & Ewell by prioritising the key issues within the Borough.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Surrey County Council is required by legislation to consider crime and disorder in all the services it provides. In Epsom and Ewell, the County

Council is a “responsible authority” of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

- 9.2 Together with key local partners, the LSP/CDRP has been working to tackle crime and disorder in the Borough, focusing on key priorities within the community safety strategy.
- 9.3 The Partnership Plan for 2009 sets the priorities for the CSG. These priorities will direct how the LSP/CDRP manages its resources and activities.

The Local Committee (Epsom & Ewell) is asked to:

- (i) Note the distribution of Surrey County Council community safety funding allocated to the Crime and Disorder Partnership in 2008/09.
- (ii) Consider community safety projects when allocating funding from its devolved budgets.
- (iii) Agree that the Area Director, in consultation with the Local Committee’s Chairman on the LSP/CDRP, agree the allocation of Surrey County Council community safety funding allocated to the Crime and Disorder Partnership, in accordance with the community safety strategy priorities.
- (iv) Nominate the Local Committee Chair’s representation on the LSP and CDRP for the current municipal year. The Vice Chairman of the Local Committee to deputise in his absence.

10. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Under Part 3, Section 1 of the County Council’s constitution, the Local Committee is responsible for monitoring services provided locally and contributing to the district based community safety strategy.
- 10.2 The Local Committee’s service monitoring role and devolved budgets provide an excellent opportunity for supporting the work of the LSP/CDRP and CSG.

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 Surrey Local Area Agreement
 E & E CDRP Community Safety Funding Plan 2008/09
 E & E CSG Community Safety Funding Plan 2009/10

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