



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

COMMUNITY SAFETY in Epsom & Ewell

7 June 2010

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 community safety funding [£2500] delegated to the Local Committee be transferred to the Epsom & Ewell Crime & Reduction Disorder Partnership.
- (ii) The Area Director manages and authorises expenditure from the budget delegated to the Local Committee in accordance with the Local Committee's decision.
- (iii) The funding of £12,000 to the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership for the provision of Domestic Abuse outreach is noted.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

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.

Surrey County Council is one of the statutory “responsible authorities” of the local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership [CDRP], and is required to work with partners to improve community safety and reduce crime and disorder.

As a matter of formality under the Crime & Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 the CDRP delegates its strategic assessment to the ‘strategy group’.

This group [made up of representatives from Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, Surrey Police and Surrey County Council’s Local Partnership Team] prepares the assessment, the preparation and implementation of the ensuing partnership action plan for the year.

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 2010/2011

- bogus callers
- anti social behaviour [focusing on interventions with youths]
- theft from vehicles
- anti social use of motor vehicles
- alcohol related crime and anti social behaviour
- domestic abuse

The four boroughs and districts in the East Surrey division [Mole Valley, Tandridge, Reigate & Banstead and Epsom & Ewell] have also met to identify shared priorities from the four completed strategic assessments. The common priorities for East Surrey are:

- substance misuse
- domestic abuse
- prevent
- anti-social behaviour
- safe driving/traffic related issues

The Strategic Assessments 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 2010/2011

- 2.1 The Strategy Group 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. [Annexe A]. These look to tackle:

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

Anti-Social Behaviour [focusing on interventions with youths] to reduce youth disorder, and in turn reduce crime and incidents, reassure local residents and free up partnership resources to tackle other issues

Theft from vehicles [focusing on theft of personal possessions and number plates]

Alcohol related crime and anti social behaviour

Domestic abuse

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.

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

- 2.2 Surrey County Council's Local Partnership and Communications and Media Team assisted Epsom & Ewell Borough Council in the design and production of a Community Safety Handbook distributed to every household in the local area, providing information on neighbourhood policing in Surrey, vehicle crime, anti-social driving, anti-social behaviour, alcohol, bogus callers, environmental crimes, domestic abuse and important contact telephone numbers, to inform local residents of community safety activities.

3 COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING IN EPSOM AND EWELL

- 3.1 In 2009/10 the Epsom & Ewell CDRP received £68,278 from the Area Based Grant, £32,500 from the Basic Command Unit and £55,220 from the Partnership Fund. The budget is held and administered by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council on behalf of the partnership. A copy of how the CDRP

funding was allocated in 2009/2010 is attached as Annexe B.

- 3.2 In 2010/2011, the CDRP in Epsom & Ewell will receive the same funding from the Area Based Grant consisting of both capital and revenue funding, although the capital funding will be reduced by 50%. Surrey Police will not be contributing any money into the partnership pot in 2010/2011. Epsom & Ewell Borough Council will contribute £10,250.

4 OPTIONS

The Local Committee has a monitoring role for the County Council's financial contribution to the 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 had previously been joined together in one meeting held quarterly. Following a review late last year, it was recommended that the LSP be separated from the CDRP. Additional thematic task groups reporting to the LSP and CDRP were formed to 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 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 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 CDRP has 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 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 2010 sets the priorities.. These priorities will direct how the 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 2010/2011.
- (ii) Consider community safety projects when allocating funding from its devolved budgets.

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 CDRP.

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