



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

COMMUNITY SAFETY in Epsom & Ewell

27 June 2011

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], known as the Community Safety Partnership [CSP] in Epsom and Ewell..

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 Community Safety Partnership [CSP].
- (ii) The Community Partnership Manager manages and authorises expenditure from the budget delegated to the Local Committee in accordance with the Local Committee's decision.
- (iii) Note that the funding of £12,000, which is ring fenced for the use of the crime and disorder partnerships subject to Domestic Abuse outreach being provided, will be paid to the Surrey Community Safety Unit, who are now managing and administering the funding to the Domestic Abuse

outreach providers in the Epsom and Ewell borough.

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 2011/2012

- bogus callers/distraction burglary/rogue traders
- anti social and rowdy/nuisance behaviour [including issues relating to alcohol]
- anti social use of motor vehicles [including anti social driving and parking issues]
- dwelling burglary

The Partnership will also continue to tackle issues relating to Domestic Abuse through continued support of the Outreach Service and awareness raising campaigns.

These priorities have been agreed by the Community Safety Partnership group.

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 2011/2011

- 2.1 The Strategy Group produced a Community Safety Partnership Action Plan for implementation from April 2011, 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/rogue traders/distraction burglary – as these have been on the increase in the last couple of years, this will continue to be a priority for 2011/12 with ongoing awareness raising activity.

Anti-Social Behaviour [focusing on interventions with youths] – this continues to be an issue for the Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, Surrey Police, and Rosebery Housing and will continue to be a partnership priority for 2011/12. The action plan aims to tackle Anti social behaviour also looking at issues relating to alcohol.

Anti-social use of motor vehicles [including anti social driving and parking issues] – This continues to be a concern for residents, despite the County's awareness raising campaigns such as DRIVE SMART to educate drivers on how to keep Surrey's roads safe and crack down on people who drive in a selfish manner, and PARK SMART which aimed to reduce accidents. Further work will be undertaken by the partnership to address issues relating to anti social driving [including perceptions relating to speeding] and through the Borough Parking Strategy group to improve joined up working and address inconsiderate parking issues.

Dwelling burglary – this has emerged as an increasing priority for Epsom and Ewell due to an increase in offences, and increased statistics. This will become a new partnership priority for 2011/12.

Domestic abuse

The partnership will continue to tackle issues relating to domestic abuse through the continued support of the Outreach Service and awareness raising campaigns..

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 In 2010/11 the Epsom & Ewell CDRP received £53,743 from the Area Based Grant, £32,500 from the Basic Command Unit and £37,842 from the Partnership Fund. The budget is held and administered by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council on behalf of the partnership.
- 3.2 In 2011/2012, the CSP in Epsom & Ewell will receive reduced funding from the Community Safety Fund (previously called the Area Based Grant). There will be no capital funding and Surrey Police will not be contributing any

money into the partnership pot in 2011/2012. Epsom & Ewell Borough Council will contribute £10,250. The funding plan is set out at Annexe B.

4 OPTIONS

The Local Committee has a monitoring role for the County Council's financial contribution to the CSP, 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

The Community Safety Partnership is one of the five thematic partnership groups that report to the Local Strategic Partnership. The others are [1] Children & Young People, [2] Health Housing and Well Being, [3] Economic Well-being, [4] Environment and sustainability. The groups were formed in 2010 and have been working on various priorities in Epsom & Ewell.

6. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications for the CSP 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 CSP 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 CSP 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 CSP 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 2011 sets the priorities.. These priorities will direct how the CSP 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 2011/2012.

- (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 CSP.

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