

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

## LOCAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS TO LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP, COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP, LEAD for SURREY FIRE & RESCUE AND YOUTH TASK GROUP

## 25 June 2012

## **KEY ISSUE**

To appoint Members to represent the Local Committee on the bodies listed in 2012/2013

## SUMMARY

This report seeks to appoint Members of the Local Committee to various bodies for 2012/2013 municipal year to represent Surrey County Council.

## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

- (i) To make Local Committee appointments to the following::
  - a] representation on the Local Strategic Partnership for 2012-2013
  - b] representation on the Community Safety Thematic Partnership group for 2012-2013
  - c] lead for Surrey Fire & Rescue Service for 2012-2013

d] establish a Youth Task Group to assist and advise the Local Committee in relation to youth issues and the future delivery of youth provision locally for 2011-2012.

(ii) To note the requirement that Members appointed to outside bodies should update the Local Committee on the group/service they are appointed to/represent on a six monthly basis or as appropriate.

#### INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Surrey County Council Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] can make appointments to various outside bodies and Task Groups. The representative appointed to these outside bodies will be representing Surrey County Council and will be asked to report on the work of these groups on a six monthly basis or as necessary.

#### 1 LOCAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Committee is asked to make appointments to the following:

1.1 **The Local Strategic Partnership** [LSP] monitors the overall progress towards achieving the aims set out in the Epsom & Ewell sustainable community strategy. It meets on a quarterly basis. The Community Partnership & Committee Officer (CPCO)is also a board member.

It is proposed that the Chairman of the Local Committee – C. Cllr David Wood be appointed to the Local Strategic Partnership from 2012-2013.

2.2 **The Community Safety Thematic Partnership** [CSP] is a themed group of the Local Strategic Partnership. Surrey County Council is actively involved in the Epsom & Ewell CSP and would benefit from support of a lead County Councillor. The lead County Councillor will work closely with the Local Partnership Team on local issues and monitor the work of the CSP by attendance at the meetings. The CPCO also attends the meetings.

It is proposed that C Cllr Jan Mason be appointed as lead County Councillor from 2012-2013 – Cllr Mason has held this post previously in 2011/12.

#### 1.3 Lead for Fire & Rescue Service

The Surrey Fire & Rescue Service asked that each of the eleven Borough and Districts appoint a lead County Councillor to enable them to establish a network of key contacts. The County Councillors involvement in this work will be on an ad hoc basis with no requirement, at this stage to attend regular meetings.

It is proposed that C Cllr David Wood be appointed as lead County Councillor from 2012-2013. .

#### 1.4 Youth Task Group

Youth Task Groups were set up in 2011 to involve Members and young people in the commissioning of Local Prevention contracts through a preapproved provider framework. These contracts went live on 01 April 2012 and Epsom & Ewell Borough Council were successful in gaining the contract for the Borough. Going forwards the role of Task Groups will be to monitor and report on the progress of the Local Prevention commission including:

- To review the local needs of young people
- Monitor the performance of Local Prevention contracts
- Have an overview of youth work across the Borough

As a result of all County Members of the Local Committee also being Borough Councillors and the Borough Council holding the Local Prevention contract neither the Task Group nor the Local Committee will be able to make any decisions in relation to the commissioning of the contract. These will be made by the Cabinet Member.

It is proposed that the Task Group will continue with the same membership four appointees - two county and two borough councillors and a representative from the Local Strategic Partnership. The Task Group will also contain young people representatives appointed from the Youth Work Steering Groups. The terms of reference for this Task Group are attached as Annexe A.

#### **Centre Based Youth Work Steering Groups**

In addition each youth centre will have a local Youth Work Steering Group to oversee and advise the development of Centre Based Youth Work. It is the responsibility of the new Managing Agent to set up the Steering Group and to ensure the involvement and leadership of young people at the centre. Specific terms of reference will be developed locally however it is envisaged that each Steering Group will:

- Help ensure local fit and community cohesion
- Represent the voice of young people at the club and involve them in decisions that are made in relation to the club
- Develop partnerships to help prevent local young people from becoming NEET or offending
- Advise and steer the club to support local young people in the community

The relationship between the Steering Group and the Managing Agent will be advisory only.

## Membership

Membership of the Steering Groups will be decided locally. However, typical membership could include:

- County Councillor (co-chair)
- Young person (co-chair)
- Borough or District councillor
- Local young people (members of the youth club)
- Churches / faith groups
- Police
- Schools
- Colleges
- Parents
- Local employers / business people
- Services for Young People
- Borough / Districts Council
- Voluntary sector leaders (that are not providers)
- Other by agreement with SCC.

#### Formation

The Steering Groups will be formed during the first quarter of the 2012/13 financial year. It is the responsibility of Managing Agent to invite the County Councillor who represents the division in which the Youth Centre is located to co-chair the Steering Group. It is understood that the County Councillor may

decide to recommend an alternative co-chair or decline the invitation in which case an alternative community representative would be invited to co-chair the Steering Group.

## 2 OPTIONS

2.1 The Local Committee has the authority to determine who will represent Surrey County Council on their behalf.

# 4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS None.

#### 5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The Local Strategic Partnership and associated themed groups considers equality and diversity implications on an on-going basis.

### 6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

The Local Strategic Partnership aims to deliver the Safer Communities strand of the Epsom & Ewell Community strategy. This work is delivered through the Crime & Reduction Disorder Partnership. This report proposes that a lead County Councillor for community safety issues be appointed.

#### 7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

: It is recommended that the proposed appointments be agreed.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Epsom & Ewell CDRP terms of reference Epsom & Ewell LSP terms of reference