



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(MOLE VALLEY)**

**NOMINATIONS TO THE CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION  
PARTNERSHIP AND LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP IN  
MOLE VALLEY**

**11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007**

**KEY ISSUE**

Surrey County Council is required by legislation to consider crime and disorder issues in the provision of county services; the County Council is a statutory “responsible authority” of the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) in Mole Valley. Surrey County Council is also a statutory partner on the Mole Valley Local Strategic Partnership (LSP).

**SUMMARY**

The Local Committee has a role in influencing and contributing to community planning and community safety in Mole Valley. The Local Committee also has a devolved power for the community safety funding allocated to the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, spent in accordance with the community safety plan.

## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to:**

- (i) Nominate a County Councillor to the Mole Valley Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership.
- (ii) Agree that the Area Director, in consultation with the Local Committee representative on the 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.
- (iii) Nominate a County Councillor to the Mole Valley Local Strategic Partnership.

## 1 CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERHSIP

- 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 partnership, 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 In June 2007 the committee received a report updating Members on the work carried out by the partnership. Members will note that due to staffing changes it has been agreed this update will be given in September 2008.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 In 2008/09, the CDRP in Mole Valley has a provisional budget of £139,471.

Funding Source		Amount
Government Funding (through LAA)	Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (capital)	£17,941
	Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (revenue)	£ 51,897
BCU Funding (held by Surrey Police)		£31,367
Partnership Funds		£38,266
<b>Total CDRP Funding in 2008/09</b>		<b>£139, 471</b>

- 1.6 The countywide Safer & Stronger Partnerships Board adopted a new formula, based on a population/crime split, for distributing funding to Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships in 2008/09. As a result, Mole Valley CDRP has seen a funding decrease, though divisional-wide projects and funding of posts are now allocated on an agreed proportional basis taking account of the differences in districts.

## **2 LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND THE COMMUNITY PLAN**

- 1.1 The Community Plan is a ten-year plan launched in April 2006. Under the Local Government Act 2000 local authorities were given a duty to prepare a Community Strategy in partnership with the community, statutory organisations, businesses and the voluntary sector.
- 1.2 The purpose of the plan is to set out a long-term vision and to devise a strategy for areas where partnership working is needed to improve quality of life according to the needs and wishes articulated by the community. The plan is therefore 'owned' by all members of the LSP, who are responsible for its development and implementation. Members from the district and county council sit on the LSP; the member role is to champion the plan, lend specific support to projects and feedback information to members of the Local Committee as appropriate.
- 1.3 Throughout 2004 a series of workshops were held to consult with the community, including 'hard to reach' groups of both place and interest, on the key priorities for Mole Valley. Following this exercise, the six key priorities were identified:
  - Transport
  - Affordable Housing
  - Young People
  - Waste and Recycling
  - Health
  - Developing Stronger Communities
- 1.4 Mole Valley has a thriving Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), known in Mole Valley as the Community Planning Group, currently chaired by the Chief Executive of Mount Green Housing Association, meeting four times a year. A significant amount of work goes into each priority between meetings, with partners working together to achieve agreed targets.
- 1.5 The Local Committee has a role in influencing and contributing to the community plan for Mole Valley by nominating a County Council representative to sit on the LSP.

## **3 OPTIONS**

- 3.1 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. The Local Committee also has an influencing and monitoring role on the work of the LSP. As part of this role, the Local Committee can:
  - Note the report and agree the recommendations;

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- Defer the recommendations and request further information on any aspect of the report.

#### **4 CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 Community feedback through resident forums and neighbourhood panels helped form the community safety plan priorities as part of the strategic assessment process, giving an overview of the issues in Mole Valley and where resource should be focused as a priority.
- 4.2 The Community Plan for Mole Valley was subject to widespread consultation.

#### **5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 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 Mole Valley a safer place to live and work.
- 5.2 There are no financial implications with regards to the LSP.

## **6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Any future consultation with local communities will need to consider how to engage with hard-to-reach and minority groups within the community.

## **7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The CDRP has been established to improve community safety in Mole Valley by prioritising the key issues within the District.
- 7.2 The Stronger Communities strand of the Community Strategy looks at reducing crime and disorder through partnership working and by providing more opportunities to those residents in areas of relative deprivation.

## **8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 Surrey County Council is required by legislation to consider crime and disorder in all the services it provides. In Mole Valley, the County Council is a “responsible authority” of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.
- 8.2 Together with key local partners, the CDRP works to tackle crime and disorder in the District, focusing on key priorities within the community safety strategy.
- 8.3 Surrey County Council is also the statutory partner on the LSP.
- 8.4 Detailed updates on the community safety partnership work will be provided to the Local Committee in September 2008.

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## 9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 The Local Committee's service monitoring role and devolved budgets provide an excellent opportunity for supporting the work of the CDRP and LSP.

## 10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 The CDRP is developing partnership action plans for each priority within the Community Safety Plan.
- 10.2 The CDRP will also be considering how it can develop engagement with local communities as part of the requirements of the Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006.
- 10.3 The Local Committee will receive a full update report on community safety and the Mole Valley Community Strategy in September 2008.

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