



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

COMMUNITY SAFETY IN MOLE VALLEY

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KEY ISSUE

Surrey County Council is required by legislation to consider crime and disorder in all the services it provides. The County Council is also a statutory "responsible authority" of the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership in Mole Valley. This partnership is required to produce a three year Community Safety Plan. A new plan has been produced for the period 2008-11.

SUMMARY

The Local Committee has a role in influencing and contributing to the community safety strategy for Mole Valley. The Local Committee also has a devolved power for the community safety funding allocated to the crime and disorder partnership, spent in accordance with the community safety plan.

This report updates the Local Committee on the new community safety plan and provides a summary of the partnerships work within the District over the past year.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to:

- (i) Note the work of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership;
- (ii) Note the distribution of Surrey County Council community safety funding allocated to the Crime and Disorder Partnership in 2006/07.
- (iii) Adopt the Community Safety Plan 2008-11 on behalf of Surrey County Council;
- (iv) Consider community safety projects when allocating funding from its devolved budgets.

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 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 This report, therefore, provides an update on the community safety work within the district, with a focus on the joint work through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP).
- 1.4 Representatives from the CDRP partners have provided information on community safety achievements and barriers in the last year. These are attached as Annex A. Representatives will also be attending the Local Committee meeting to highlight key points, answer questions and provide advice as Members consider the report and recommendations.

2 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2008-11

- 2.1 The Government have introduced legislation that changes the way CDRPs produce Community Safety Plans, with a greater focus on the police national intelligence model, to allow the partnership to be more responsive to the local priorities.
- 2.2 The CDRP carried out a strategic assessment in October/November 2007. The assessment combined evidence and data from across the partnership organisations and analysed this information to identify local community safety issues and highlight any trends or hotspots. These can then be used to set priorities within the new Community Safety Plan and action plan.
- 2.3 The strategic assessment must be reviewed annually by the CDRP to monitor the trends and hotspots and as an East Policing Division the partnership have agreed to trial a pilot which will make the assessments more partnership focused ensuring all agencies data is fed in, rather than being a police lead document.
- 2.4 CDRPs are required to review the partnership action plan on an annual basis so that any issues emerging through the strategic assessments can be included in the priorities. The partnership action plan directs how the CDRP manages its resources and activities. Work has been done in the East to share resources and work together where possible.

2.5 The CDRP agreed the new Community Safety Plan (Annex B) at its meeting on 2nd April. The priorities within the new plan are:

- Violent Crime
- Criminal Damage
- Theft
- Burglary Dwelling
- Antisocial Behaviour
- Road Safety
- Substance Misuse

2.6 Lead agencies have been nominated for each priority. These agencies are developing and managing annual partnership action plans outlining how the CDRP will tackle each priority. Specific targets for some of the priority areas are likely to emerge through the Local Area Agreement.

3 COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING IN MOLE VALLEY

- 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 2007/08 (Annex C) shows how the CDRP funding was allocated.
- 3.3 In 2008/09, the CDRP in Mole Valley has a provisional budget of £144,514. The CDRPs budget is attached as Annex D.

Funding Source		Amount
Government Funding (through LAA)	Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (capital)	£25,020
	Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (revenue)	£47,103
BCU Funding (held by Surrey Police)		£34,125
Partnership Funds		£38,266
Total CDRP Funding in 2008/09		£144,514

- 3.4 The Safer & Stronger Partnerships Board adopted a new formula, based on a population/crime split, for distributing funding to CDRPs in 2008/09. As a result, Mole Valley CDRP has seen its funding decrease. Neighbouring partnerships have also seen a funding decrease and as many of the posts are funded divisionally, the CDRPs have agreed to fund the posts on a proportional basis.
- 3.5 CDRP funding, particularly revenue funding, is under increasing pressure. The Local Committee could support the community safety work across Mole Valley by continuing to promote community safety projects through their member initiative funding.

4 OPTIONS

- 4.1 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. 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

- 5.1 Resident feedback through the Community Planning Group and Neighbourhood Panels. This helps form the Community Safety Plans priorities as part of the strategic assessment process.
- 5.2 As a result of recent legislation, councillors and members of the public will subject the CDRP to greater scrutiny. The government have not released full guidance on these aspects of the legislation.

6 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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.

7 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 When the government releases further guidance on how CDRPs should engage with local communities, the partnership will need to consider how to engage with hard to reach and minority groups within the community.

8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The CDRP has been established to improve community safety in Mole Valley 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 Mole Valley, 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 District, focusing on key priorities within the community safety strategy.
- 9.3 The new Community Safety Plan covers the period 2008-11 and sets the priorities for the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership. These priorities will direct how the CDRP manages its resources and activities.

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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.

11 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 11.1 The CDRP is developing partnership action plans for each priority within the Community Safety Plan.
- 11.2 The CDRP will also be considering how it can be more engaging with local communities as part of the requirements of the Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006.
- 11.3 The Local Committee will receive regular update reports on the CDRPs progress against the Community Safety Plan.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Community Safety Strategy 2005-08 Surrey Local Area Agreement Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Police Reform Act 2002 Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 Police and Justice Act 2006