



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

### **MOLE VALLEY PARTNERSHIPS NOMINATIONS AND DELEGATED POWERS**

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#### **KEY ISSUE**

Surrey County Council is a statutory partner on the Mole Valley Community Partnership (CP) and on the Mole Valley Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The Local Committee has been delegated £14,500 annually to support the work of the CSP. This fund is delegated to the Community Partnership Manager and spent in consultation with the County Council's representative on the CSP, according to the Community Safety Strategy priorities.

#### **SUMMARY**

The Local Committee has a role in influencing and contributing to community planning in Mole Valley and in planning for effective crime reduction initiatives particularly in relation to funding contributed by Surrey County Council towards the local crime prevention programme.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

- (i) Nominate a County Councillor to the Mole Valley Community Partnership.
- (ii) Nominate a County Councillor to the Mole Valley Community Safety Partnership.

- (iii) Agree the delegation of the allocation of the Surrey County Council Community Safety funding to the Community Partnerships Manager for use in accordance with the Community Safety Strategy for Mole Valley, in consultation with the County Councillor representative.
- (iv) Agree that the Community Partnership Manager manages and authorises expenditure from the budget delegated to the Local Committee in accordance with the Local Committee's decision.
- (v) 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 Mole Valley.

## **1 COMMUNITY 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 CP, who are responsible for its development and implementation. Members from the district and county council sit on the CP; 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 Mole Valley has a thriving Community Partnership (CP), 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.
- 1.4 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 CP.

## **2 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

- 2.1 The Local Committee has delegated authority over a small budget of some £14,500 of Surrey County Council funding contributed towards addressing local areas of concern in relation to Community Safety.
- 2.2 A Surrey County Council Member sits on this partnership group, to contribute to the debates and influence decisions which, will affect local residents in Mole Valley, and to report back to the Local Committee at regular intervals to keep committee members fully informed of progress.
- 2.3 The Mole Valley Community Safety Partnership has recommended the following priorities in its plan for 2011/12:
  - ASB, including issues relating to arson related issues and anti social driving
  - Substance Misuse
  - Domestic Abuse
  - Doorstep Crime

### **3 OPTIONS**

- 3.1 The Local Committee has an influencing and monitoring role on the work of the CP and on the CSP. It can note and comment on the Community Plan and it can also influence the decisions of the CSP.
- 3.2 Members can further the work of each of these bodies by nominating a County Member who will effectively represent the best interests of the County and of the local residents of Mole Valley.

### **4 CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 The Community Plan for Mole Valley was subject to widespread consultation. Residents are consulted via a regular survey on all matters pertaining to Community Safety.

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

- 5.1 There are no financial implications with regards to the CP. The CSP funding is held in common with the other partners and decisions are taken as a group on how it should best be spent. This is done with particular attention to value for money.

### **6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 Surrey County Council is the statutory partner on the CP and on the CSP.

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## **8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 The Local Committee's service monitoring role and devolved budgets provide an excellent opportunity for supporting the work of the CP and the CSP.

## **9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 9.1 The Surrey County Council member representative(s) will attend the Community Partnership (CP) and/or the Community Safety Partnership meetings, and will support and enable county involvement on the targets of the CP/CSP and feedback to members with the Community Partnership Manager at Local Committee on a regular basis.

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