



COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

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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 Borough, with a focus on the joint work through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

SUMMARY

The Local Committee has a role in influencing and contributing to the community safety strategy for Reigate and Banstead. The Police and Justice Act 2006 will see the process of developing these strategies change.

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 strategy.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the work of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership in Reigate and Banstead.
- (ii) Consider how the Local Committee and County Council services can support the work of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.
- (iii) Note the distribution of Surrey County Council community safety funding allocated to the Crime and Disorder Partnership in 2006/07.
- (iv) Agree that the Area Director, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman, 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.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a requirement on Surrey County Council to consider crime and disorder in all the services it provides. The Local Committee and the county council have a role to play in delivering community safety in Reigate and Banstead borough. This report, therefore, provides an update on the community safety work within the borough, with a focus on the joint work through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP).

2 CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP IN REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

- 2.1 CDRPs are statutory groups established through the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Surrey County Council is one of the statutory members 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.
- 2.2 In Reigate and Banstead, the following organisations form the CDRP:
- Raven Housing Trust
 - Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
 - Reigate and Banstead Council of Voluntary Services
 - Surrey County Council
 - Surrey Fire and Rescue Service
 - Surrey Police
 - Surrey Police Authority
 - Surrey Primary Care Trust
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 CDRPs are allocated government funding through the Local Area Agreement (LAA), and are responsible for the delivery of community safety targets within the LAA. Details of the Reigate and Banstead CDRP funding is provided in section 5 of this report.

3 COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

- 3.1 The CDRP is required to produce a three-year Community Safety Strategy, outlining the priorities for the area.
- 3.2 The current Community safety Strategy covers the period April 2005 – March 2008. The strategy was developed following a full community safety audit and public consultation process. This was undertaken by consultants employed by the CDRP.

- 3.3 The priorities within the current strategy are:
- To prevent and deter individuals, especially young people, from becoming involved in illegal activities, and to tackle anti-social behaviour quickly through a multi-agency approach.
 - To catch and convict prolific offenders and bring them to justice. Through this, to reduce total crime in the Borough by 15.3% by 2008
 - To rehabilitate offenders and substance abusers back into the community after imprisonment or treatment, to reduce the likelihood of re-offending.
 - To reduce Fear of Crime.
- 3.4 The CDRP produces regular performance reports against these priorities. A summary is attached as Annex B.
- 3.5 The Police and Justice Act 2006 will bring significant changes to the way that CDRPs plan and operate. From March 2008, CDRPs will no longer be required to develop a new strategy every three years, nor conduct the community safety audits and consultations that go with that. Instead, the CDRPs are required to adopt an intelligence led model and develop a rolling three year strategy. The expectation is that this will enable the CDRPs to be more responsive to the local priorities, by providing flexibility.
- 3.6 The CDRPs will conduct strategic assessments every six months. These will analyse the local community safety issues, and will be based on the information and evidence available from all the partners. The strategic assessments will then be used as the basis for reviewing the three year rolling strategy and directing CDRP activity over the coming year.
- 3.7 There will be an increased expectation on CDRPs to be more accessible to the public. CDRPs will be required to hold public sessions, where residents will be able to ask questions and raise concerns.
- 3.8 The new legislation will also see the local authority scrutiny committee take a formal role in monitoring the CDRP and holding the partnership to account.
- 3.9 The CDRP is currently in the process of identifying and collecting the most appropriate evidence for the first of these strategic assessments. Officers would welcome any suggestions on appropriate data and evidence to consider as part of this process.
- 3.10 A draft assessment and strategy will be presented to the Local Committee for comment in the autumn.

4 COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING IN REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

- 4.1 The adoption of a Local Area Agreement has resulted in some changes to the way CDRPs are funded. In the past the CDRPs received funding individually from the Government Office for the South East, and reported back to them on achievements. Through the LAA, all funding is paid directly to Surrey County Council. A Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Board has been established to agree countywide priorities and projects, and agree how to divide the community safety funds across the eleven CDRPs. This Board includes representatives from Surrey County Council, Borough/District Councils, Surrey Police and Primary Care Trust.
- 4.2 In 2006/07, the CDRP in Reigate and Banstead had a total budget of £278,865. The table below gives a breakdown of this funding.

Funding Source		Amount
Government Funding (through LAA)	Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (capital)	£32,502
	Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (revenue)	£90,277
	ASB Fund	£25,000
BCU Funding (held by Surrey Police)		£54,901
Partnership Funds	Surrey County Council	£24,000
	Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	£13,000
	Police	£12,000
	East Surrey Primary Care Trust	£18,985
	Mole Valley District Council (CCTV Manager)	£8,200
Total CDRP Funding in 2006/07		£278,865

- 4.3 The complete budget for 2006/07 is attached as Annex C.

- 4.4 In 2007/08, the CDRP in Reigate and Banstead has a provisional budget of £274,791. This is a reduction of £4,074; there may be a further decrease once the budget is confirmed, putting additional pressure on the CDRP funds. The table below gives a breakdown of the provisional funding.

Funding Source		Amount
Government Funding (through LAA)	Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (capital)	£32,502
	Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (revenue)	£112,877
BCU Funding (held by Surrey Police)		£52,781
Partnership Funds	Surrey County Council	£24,000
	Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	£13,200
	Police	£12,000
	East Surrey Primary Care Trust	£18,985
	Mole Valley District Council (CCTV Manager) (TBC)	£8,446
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- 4.5 The Local Committee allocated just under £40,000 from Member Initiative funds in 2006/07 to projects with community safety benefits including underage drinking, street lighting, CCTV, and vehicle-activated signs. This represented 39.6% of the budget.
- 4.6 CDRP funding, particularly revenue funding, is under increasing pressure. The Local Committee could support the community safety work across the Borough by continuing to promote community safety projects through their member initiative funding.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The CDRP 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.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The direct financial implications are set out in this report. There are wider economic and financial benefits to improving community safety by making Reigate and Banstead a safer place to live and work.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The CDRP has been established to improve community safety in Reigate and Banstead by prioritising the key issues within the Borough. These are detailed within the report.

8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a requirement on Surrey County Council to consider crime and disorder in all the services it provides. The Local Committee has an influencing role in delivering community safety in the borough and is able to monitor the County Council service input to crime and disorder issues within the Borough.

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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
