



## **OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

### **SELF RELIANCE IN REIGATE AND BANSTEAD**

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#### **KEY ISSUE**

To report the partnership work within the County Council's Self-Reliance target areas in Reigate and Banstead, and provide members with a summary of the latest area profile data available through the Index of Multiple Deprivation data 2007.

#### **SUMMARY**

The County Council's Self Reliance policy aims to ensure that the particular needs of selected parts of the County are inbuilt into local service planning and delivery.

The report highlights key statistical data from the recently published Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007. It looks at the characteristics of the borough in a national, county and local context and highlights the partnership work underway in previously identified areas of Preston and Merstham.

The Local Committee has received regular updates on the Self Reliance initiatives across the Borough. The Local Committee has a particular role in monitoring the self reliance funding that was allocated to initiatives in the Preston area.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to:**

- (i) Note the initiatives in progress and in development in Preston, and Merstham;
- (ii) Provide insight into the areas highlighted by the Index of Multiple Deprivation, on the basis of Members' local knowledge.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Surrey County Council adopted its Self Reliance Policy on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2000, in order to tackle deprivation in localities that are particularly in need of assistance. The three aims of the Self Reliance policy are to:
- Target help on disadvantaged individuals and communities so that they can become more self-reliant and enjoy a better quality of life
  - Work at long-term solutions which will break the dependency cycle
  - Work in partnership with other government organisations, the business community and the voluntary sector.
- 1.2 The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) analyses the relative deprivation of the population in considerable detail. The Department for Communities and Local Government released a new IMD in December 2007. Sections 2 and 3 provide a brief analysis of the IMD 2007 analysis for Reigate and Banstead.
- 1.3 The Local Committee received a report on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2004, which provided a summary of the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004.

## 2 INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION 2007

- 2.1 The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) was first compiled 2000. It was intended to provide a comprehensive database of relative levels of deprivation throughout England, and has become established as a key tool for assessing levels of need in different localities.
- 2.2 The original IMD was based on ward boundaries, which caused problems with comparisons when these boundaries changed. As a result the IMD 2004 was based on Super Output Areas (SOAs). These boundaries are below ward level and will remain fixed to allow comparisons over time. There are 32,482 SOAs in England, with 709 in Surrey. The Borough of Reigate and Banstead is divided into 86 SOAs.
- 2.3 The IMD ranks all the SOAs by giving them an overall score. This score is made up of seven domain indices. Each domain contains a number of component indicators. Full details of these indicators can be found in the government summary report *Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2007* (Department for Communities and Local Government, December 2007).

- 2.4 The seven domains are weighted to give an overall IMD score and rank. The domain weights are:

<b>Domain name</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Summary of indicators</b>
Income Deprivation	22.5%	Income benefit levels
Employment Deprivation	22.5%	Employment benefit, New Deal participant levels
Health Deprivation and Disability	13.5%	Life expectancy, disability levels
Education, Skills and Training Deprivation	13.5%	KS2 & KS3 text levels, school absences, qualification levels
Barriers to Housing and Services	9.3%	Overcrowding, Distances to services
Crime and Disorder	9.3%	Burglary, theft, criminal damage, violence
Living Environment Deprivation	9.3%	Housing conditions, no central heating, air quality, road accidents

- 2.5 The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) is a very useful tool when comparing the different needs of each area. It is also useful when highlighting where certain services or provision should be targeted. The latest IMD was published in December 2007. The following section provides some analysis of this data.

### **3 INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION 2007 – REIGATE AND BANSTEAD**

- 3.1 Surrey is the most urbanised shire county with 85% of its population living in the urban areas, and is also the third most affluent county in England. In comparison with other local authority areas in England and Wales, Reigate and Banstead is not at all deprived.
- 3.2 Surrey's affluence can mask pockets of considerable relative deprivation, and the experience of deprivation can be greatly increased when less affluent communities are located close to areas that are substantially better off. Therefore, it is important to look at data for much smaller areas and to make comparisons at local levels in terms of relative need.

### 3.3 Overall Deprivation

3.3.1 When looking at Reigate and Banstead in the Surrey context, we see that proportionately Reigate and Banstead has a larger number of SOAs in the County's 10% most deprived areas. Table 1 shows that the Borough contains 12.1% of the SOAs within Surrey, and has 11.8% of the SOAs in the most deprived quartile.

Table 1: Breakdown of SOAs in 10% and 25% most deprived within Surrey by Borough/District area

Borough / District	% Surrey SOAs	% SOAs in Surreys 10% most deprived	% SOAs in Surreys 25% most deprived
Elmbridge	11.4	8.5	7.9
Epsom & Ewell	6.2	4.2	3.4
Mole Valley	11.8	16.9	11.2
Guildford	7.6	4.2	7.3
<b>Reigate &amp; Banstead</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>
Runnymede	7.3	8.5	8.4
Spelthorne	8.5	18.3	17.4
Surrey Heath	7.8	5.6	5.1
Tandridge	7.1	1.4	6.7
Waverley	11.6	4.2	10.7
Woking	8.6	12.7	10.1

3.3.2 Areas that show some of the highest levels of overall deprivation within Reigate and Banstead are Merstham, Redhill West, South Park & Woodhatch, Horley West and Preston. Annex A gives a full list of the SOAs within Reigate and Banstead, as well as their national and county ranks.

Area	% Borough SOAs	% SOAs in Borough's 25% most deprived
Merstham	5.8	13.6
Redhill West	5.8	13.6
South Park & Woodhatch	5.8	13.6
Horley West	5.8	13.6
Preston	2.3	9.1

- 3.3.3 It should be noted that although some areas are showing an improvement in their county rank, they are showing a decline in their national ranking. For example, although Merstham is no longer the most deprived SOA in Surrey, it now ranks within 25% most deprived areas nationally, one of only 4 areas within Surrey to do so. There are also examples where areas are showing a small decline in their county rank, but a much larger decline when compared nationally. This is very concerning, although it could be argued that this is inevitable when central government funding is targeted to areas outside of Surrey.
- 3.3.4 Table 2 provides a breakdown of the County's least deprived areas by Borough/District. This shows that Reigate and Banstead also has a large number of areas with very low levels of deprivation. These areas can often be very close to, or even neighbouring areas of high deprivation. Horley West, Tadworth and Walton, Nork and Redhill West all have areas of little deprivation, but as the overall deprivation map in Annex B shows, they are close to areas of higher need.

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- 3.3.5 It is important to remember that not all households within an SOA that ranks highly will necessarily experience deprivation. Even at this sub ward level, the SOA represents an average for a locality with a population of around 3,000 people.

### **3.4 Deprivation Domains**

- 3.4.1 The overall IMD score is made up of seven domain indices, as detailed in section 2 of this report. This provides the opportunity to look at particular types of deprivation in the area.
- 3.4.2 The maps attached in Annex B provide an overview of the deprivation domains, showing how each SOA in Reigate and Banstead ranks compared with the rest of Surrey.
- 3.4.3 The maps highlight that Reigate and Banstead has a higher proportion of SOAs suffering from health and education deprivation, but a lower proportion suffering from employment, income and crime deprivation when compared with the rest of Surrey.
- 3.4.4 Certain locations are highlighted across the domains. These will be those mentioned in the overall deprivation analysis above. Other areas are highlighted that have particularly high deprivation in only one or two domains. Examples include Redhill East for Living Environment domain, Chipstead, Hooley and Woodmansterne for Access to services domain, or Horley Central, which has an area with particularly high crime deprivation.

## **4 SELF RELIANCE INITIATIVES IN PRESTON**

- 4.1 Following the adoption of the Self Reliance policy in November 2000, the County Council identified 5 key areas to target with 'pump-priming' funding. One of the areas identified was Preston in Reigate and Banstead. At the time, Preston was ranked as the most deprived ward in east Surrey.
- 4.2 The Local Partnerships Team managed a budget of £150,000 for preventative projects over three years, with the aim of providing start up funds for schemes that would be absorbed by mainstream provision, to provide long term support for the area.
- 4.3 The Self Reliance work in Preston has focused around the Communities that Care (CtC) process. Communities that Care is an evidence based process that was first used in Community Development work in America. Through this work, the following risk factors were identified for Preston:
- Alienation and Lack of Social Commitment
  - Community Disorganisation and Neglect
  - Family History of Problem Behaviour
  - Parental Involvement/Attitudes Condoning Problem Behaviour

- 4.4 Using the Self Reliance funding allocated to Preston, a number of projects have been established to tackle these risk factors. A condition of the funding was to evaluate the success of these projects. The projects, and a summary of the evaluation to date are detailed in Annex C.
- 4.5 Raven Housing Trust has redeveloped a shop unit on the estate, which officially opened in September 2006. Along with the local housing services, many partner organisations operate outreach services from the neighbourhood shop. For example, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council operates a help shop and the Citizens Advice Bureau use the facilities for meeting clients. Many community groups have also been using the facility for meetings.

## **5 SELF RELIANCE INITIATIVES IN MERSTHAM**

- 5.1 As Merstham has been identified as an area of need, Surrey County Council jointly funded a Community Development post in Merstham for the three years to March 2008.
- 5.2 This post has provided a valuable community resource to support community groups and projects, and act as an advocate for the needs of the community. Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, Raven Housing Trust and the local churches have allocated funding to continue the post for a further year.
- 5.3 The New Merstham Residents Association is working to develop a community facility using a shop unit in Portland Drive. The facility will be community led and run, and will be available for use by a range of community groups, learning providers and services.
- 5.4 Surrey Police, with the support of the Community Development Worker and local councillors have recently established a Community Speedwatch scheme. Funding previously allocated by this committee will support the equipment costs for the scheme.
- 5.5 Furzefield school has been identified as the site for a phase 2 children's centre. The centre will provide a range of services directly for the local community, as well as providing links to other services such as jobcentre plus, training and health information.

## **6 OPTIONS**

- 6.1 The Local Committee has a monitoring role for the County Council's self reliance work and promoting social, economic and environmental well-being within the local area. 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.

## **7 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The self reliance initiatives are undertaken with a considerable amount of community consultation and support. There are community action groups established in Preston and Merstham.

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

- 8.1 The financial benefits of preventing greater future unemployment, reducing ill health etc, are allied to the social benefits of promoting the capacity of people in self-reliance areas to contribute to their own communities and society as a whole.

## **9 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 Successful implementation of Self Reliance initiatives will provide a much wider range of life chances to socially excluded populations, ranging from young people to older residents in a variety of circumstances. The purpose of the Self-Reliance programme is to bring identified areas of deprivation closer to the Surrey average, and thereby increase the participation of the communities affected in the prosperity of the County as a whole.



## **10 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 One of the principal purposes of self-reliance is to assist communities in reducing crime and, in particular, the fear of crime. By addressing a lack of facilities, and by focusing on parenting and children's education and upbringing, it is intended that the tendency of poorly-supported young people to engage in anti-social and criminal behaviour can be reduced, and that a wider range of life choices available to them can promote more constructive patterns of behaviour.

## **11 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11.1 Surrey County Council has focused, with partners, on specific communities in order to tackle deprivation. In Reigate and Banstead, this work has been in Preston and Merstham in particular, but more recently there are other areas of the borough that could be a priority for the future, e.g. Redhill West, South Park and Woodhatch and Horley West.

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## **12 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 12.1 Under Part 3, Section 1 of the County Council's constitution, the Local Committee is responsible for monitoring services provided locally and the funding for self reliance projects within the Borough.
- 12.2 The Local Committee's service monitoring role and devolved budgets provide an excellent opportunity for supporting the work in the targeted self reliance areas.

## **13 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 13.1 Surrey County Council is putting together a proposal for developing "stronger" communities by working in partnership with other organisations and the community. This will give clarity for a strategic approach and may have resource support.

- 13.2 Local focus will be directed in areas of particular need and priority on the basis of the Index of Multiple Deprivation data, from member intelligence, as well as any additional and appropriate data from partner organisations.
- 13.3 Members will be involved in this process and updated through the Local Committee as the work progresses.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** Surrey County Council Self Reliance Policy  
Preston Communities that Care Risk Audit report  
Preston Communities that Care Action Plan

## INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION – REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

IMD RANK WITHIN BOROUGH (Out of 86 SOA's)	SOA (Super Output Area)	WARD NAME	COUNTY RANK OF IMD (Out of 709 SOAs)		NATIONAL RANK OF IMD (Out of 32485 SOAs)		
			IMD SCORE	COUNTY RANK 2004	COUNTY RANK 2004	NATIONAL RANK 2004	
1	E01030599	Merstham	31.24	3	1	7687	8174
2	E01030615	Redhill West	25.48	12	8	10320	11159
3	E01030588	Horley West	25.26	13	16	10442	12228
4	E01030619	Redhill West	22.28	26	20	12285	12969
5	E01030579	Horley Central	21.34	32	53	12916	16216
6	E01030578	Horley Central	20.66	35	22	13365	13041
7	E01030609	Preston	20.29	38	25	13681	13611
8	E01030608	Preston	20.25	39	26	13715	13641
9	E01030634	South Park and Woodhatch	18.60	50	36	15030	14951
10	E01030601	Merstham	18.29	53	50	15286	15860
11	E01030640	Tattenhams	16.65	70	57	16650	16941
12	E01030618	Redhill West	15.17	81	89	18039	20013
13	E01030569	Chipstead Hooley & Woodmansterne	15.17	82	66	18041	18071
14	E01030594	Meadvale and St John`s	14.93	87	154	18274	23123
15	E01030610	Redhill East	12.76	125	127	20531	21888
16	E01030633	South Park and Woodhatch	12.61	130	84	20683	19588
17	E01030572	Earlswood and Whitebushes	12.55	132	42	20758	15462
18	E01030586	Horley West	12.38	133	116	20943	21392
19	E01030631	South Park and Woodhatch	11.83	140	122	21577	21608
20	E01030600	Merstham	11.03	162	162	22500	23475
21	E01030587	Horley West	10.86	173	169	22715	23647
22	E01030565	Chipstead Hooley & Woodmansterne	10.76	179	141	22845	22538
23	E01030629	Salfords and Sidlow	10.61	181	204	23037	24614
24	E01030570	Earlswood and Whitebushes	10.42	190	191	23276	24273

25	E01030562	Banstead Village	9.93	200	136	23915	22360
26	E01030576	Horley Central	9.52	211	221	24476	25485
27	E01030575	Horley Central	9.47	212	170	24520	23651
28	E01030643	Tattenhams	9.47	213	177	24526	23847
29	E01030591	Kingswood with Burgh Heath	9.43	215	181	24590	23942
30	E01030621	Reigate Central	9.40	216	209	24644	24851
31	E01030628	Salfords and Sidlow	9.36	217	155	24697	23207
32	E01030598	Merstham	9.32	221	120	24748	21447
33	E01030622	Reigate Central	9.21	223	196	24869	24534
34	E01030613	Redhill East	9.18	225	211	24898	24997
35	E01030612	Redhill East	7.92	277	222	26475	25513
36	E01030573	Earlswood and Whitebushes	7.69	288	371	26777	29055
37	E01030630	South Park and Woodhatch	7.54	297	183	26945	23947
38	E01030567	Chipstead Hooley & Woodmansterne	7.27	311	193	27320	24418
39	E01030571	Earlswood and Whitebushes	7.08	322	316	27534	27883
40	E01030592	Kingswood with Burgh Heath	7.03	325	125	27594	21845
41	E01030635	Tadworth and Walton	6.77	341	352	27924	28740
42	E01030617	Redhill West	6.49	355	351	28264	28737
43	E01030595	Meadvale and St John`s	6.44	359	417	28311	29702
44	E01030624	Reigate Hill	6.34	364	287	28423	27300
45	E01030574	Earlswood and Whitebushes	6.20	371	268	28592	26732
46	E01030560	Banstead Village	5.98	382	347	28822	28579
47	E01030566	Chipstead Hooley & Woodmansterne	5.88	388	261	28938	26640
48	E01030577	Horley Central	5.86	391	299	28971	27620
49	E01030625	Reigate Hill	5.84	392	374	28987	29086
50	E01030580	Horley East	5.84	393	349	28988	28651
51	E01030583	Horley East	5.84	394	324	28991	28132
52	E01030644	Tattenhams	5.68	402	340	29188	28404
53	E01030602	Merstham	5.56	406	418	29334	29712
54	E01030590	Kingswood with Burgh Heath	5.38	418	294	29526	27536
55	E01030559	Banstead Village	5.26	429	466	29652	30532
56	E01030596	Meadvale and St John`s	5.09	437	434	29831	30105

57	E01030568	Chipstead Hooley & Woodmansterne	4.76	460	363	30151	29002
58	E01030611	Redhill East	4.73	461	394	30174	29336
59	E01030582	Horley East	4.73	462	386	30176	29228
60	E01030563	Banstead Village	4.53	479	380	30373	29160
61	E01030639	Tadworth and Walton	4.46	482	283	30442	27123
62	E01030636	Tadworth and Walton	4.28	495	435	30650	30118
63	E01030604	Nork	4.25	498	490	30680	30816
64	E01030623	Reigate Central	4.22	502	302	30707	27656
65	E01030585	Horley West	4.22	503	594	30711	31699
66	E01030620	Reigate Central	4.04	521	411	30867	29619
67	E01030605	Nork	3.87	532	422	31022	29824
68	E01030564	Banstead Village	3.79	535	439	31097	30171
69	E01030607	Nork	3.73	542	525	31153	31102
70	E01030593	Meadvale and St John`s	3.63	551	427	31240	29999
71	E01030642	Tattenhams	3.58	556	465	31278	30495
72	E01030561	Banstead Village	3.57	557	590	31285	31678
73	E01030632	South Park and Woodhatch	3.56	558	450	31288	30264
74	E01030626	Reigate Hill	3.55	560	561	31300	31430
75	E01030614	Redhill East	3.48	563	415	31350	29646
76	E01030641	Tattenhams	3.35	572	538	31435	31221
77	E01030581	Horley East	3.25	580	549	31521	31350
78	E01030627	Reigate Hill	3.10	593	542	31633	31266
79	E01030584	Horley West	2.65	629	601	31950	31782
80	E01030589	Kingswood with Burgh Heath	2.45	642	532	32073	31173
81	E01030597	Meadvale and St John`s	2.41	646	665	32089	32256
82	E01030616	Redhill West	2.21	660	472	32175	30612
83	E01030637	Tadworth and Walton	2.12	668	654	32212	32186
84	E01030603	Nork	1.96	675	627	32269	32003
85	E01030606	Nork	1.89	679	652	32297	32174
86	E01030638	Tadworth and Walton	1.23	701	697	32445	32416

Top 2 ranked SOAs in District and/or County

10% most deprived SOAs in District and/or County

25% most deprived SOAs in District and/or County