



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

COMMUNITY SAFETY IN 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 (CDRP).

SUMMARY

The Local Committee has a role in influencing and contributing to the community safety strategy for Reigate and Banstead, delivered through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

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 2009/10.
- (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.

- (v) Nominate a County Councillor representative to the Reigate and Banstead Crime and Disorder Partnership (CDRP).

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. 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).

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:

- Surrey County Council
- Reigate and Banstead Borough 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.

3 COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

- 3.1 The CDRP is required to produce a six-monthly Strategic Assessment, outlining the key issues in Reigate and Banstead and the priorities for the area.

- 3.2 Action Plans are being compiled to address the issues identified in the Strategic Assessment.

- 3.3 An executive summary of the Strategic Assessment can be seen in Annex B. The priorities within the current Strategic Assessment are:

- Violent crime
- Acquisitive crime

- Youth anti-social behaviour (and its perception)
 - Environmental crime
 - Speeding/ anti-social behaviour
 - Substance misuse
- 3.4 The partners produce regular performance reports against these priorities to the CDRP and updates to the Local Committee.
- 3.5 Following the Police and Justice Act 2006 there is an expectation on CDRPs to be more accessible to the public. CDRPs and partners will be required to hold public sessions, where residents will be able to ask questions and raise concerns. These sessions take various forms across the borough.
- 3.6 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.

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 agrees countywide priorities and projects, and 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 The CDRP budget in Reigate and Banstead for 2009/10 is attached in Annex C.
- 4.3 CDRP funding, particularly revenue funding, is under increasing pressure. The Local Committee may wish to 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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- (iii) Note the distribution of Surrey County Council community safety funding allocated to the Crime and Disorder Partnership in 2009/2010.
- (iv) Agree that the Area Director allocate the Surrey County Council community safety funding to the Crime and Disorder Partnership with partners at the CDRP, in accordance with the community safety strategy priorities.
- (v) Nominate a County Councillor representative to the Reigate and Banstead Crime and Disorder Partnership.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS	Strategic Assessment Surrey Local Area Agreement Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Police Reform Act 2002 Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 Police and Justice Act 2006
