



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

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KEY ISSUES

Surrey County Council is a statutory partner on the Reigate and Banstead Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The Local Committee has been delegated £3,160 to support the work of the CSP in 2012/13. The Committee is asked to 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, according to the Community Safety Strategy priorities.

SUMMARY

The Local Committee has a role in influencing and contributing to community planning in Reigate and Banstead 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 (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to:

- (i) Note the Reigate and Banstead Community Safety Partnership's Priorities for 2012/13.
- (ii) Nominate a County Councillor to the Reigate and Banstead Community Safety Partnership for 2012/13.
- (iii) Agree that the community safety budget of £3,160 that has been delegated to the Local Committee be transferred to the Community Safety Partnership.

- (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.

1 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

- 1.1 The Local Committee has delegated authority over a small budget of some £3,160 of Surrey County Council funding contributed towards addressing local areas of concern in relation to Community Safety.
- 1.2 The Reigate and Banstead Community Safety Partnership has agreed the following priorities in its plan for 2012/13:
- Town Centre Crime and Disorder (continuing to focus on Redhill as well as extending to Reigate and Horley as necessary)
 - Domestic Abuse (also a county-wide priority)
 - Safer and Stronger Merstham
 - Young People: gaps in provision and anti-social behaviour
 - Substance Misuse (also a county-wide priority)
 - Anti-social driving (continuing delivery through Drive Smart as well as other local initiatives)
 - Public Reassurance and Communications (including crime reduction and awareness raising campaigns to target theft and burglary)
- 1.3 A Surrey County Council Member sits on the CSP to contribute to the debates and influence decisions which will affect local residents in Reigate and Banstead, and to report back to the Local Committee at regular intervals to keep committee members fully informed of progress.

2 OPTIONS

- 2.1 The Local Committee has an influencing and monitoring role on the work of CSP. Members can further the work of the CSP by nominating a County Member who will effectively represent the best interests of the County and of the local residents of Reigate and Banstead.
- 2.2 The Local Committee can also further the work of the CSP by delegating its Community Safety budget to the CSP. The CSP's budget is spent on local projects aimed at delivering local community safety priorities.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 The CSP includes representatives of local partner organisations working in Reigate and Banstead, and has been consulted on and agreed the priorities for 2012/13.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 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.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

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

6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 Surrey County Council is a statutory partner on the CSP.
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7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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

8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 8.1 The Surrey County Council Member representative will attend the Community Safety Partnership meetings, and will support and enable county involvement on the targets of CSP and feedback to the Local Committee on a regular basis.

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