



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(RUNNYMEDE)**

**ANNUAL REPORT ON RUNNYMEDE COMMUNITY SAFETY
PARTNERSHIP**

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KEY ISSUE

To provide an update on the activity and impact of the community safety partnership in Runnymede.

SUMMARY

The report describes the progress of the Partnership during the year 2011-12, sets out and comments on achievements and outlines future priorities.

This report is for information only.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act of 1998 established the principle that the Police, local authorities and other statutory agencies operating locally should share the responsibility of addressing crime and disorder in their area.
- 1.2 The Runnymede Community Safety Partnership (SWP) is the statutory Community Safety Partnership (CSP) for Runnymede. Of the statutory partners, representation from Runnymede Borough Council, Surrey Police, Surrey Police Authority and Probation remains unchanged. Formal voting on budgetary responsibility lies with the specified officers representing each of the statutory partners. In this respect the County Council is represented by Sylvia Carter (Community Partnership and Committee Officer) in conjunction with the Community Partnership Team Leader for West Surrey. The Local Committee representative is Mr Chris Norman of Surrey County Council. Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is represented separately by Paul Kenny, and Public Health by Michael Baker (Public Health Principal). Surrey Police Authority is represented by Mrs Yvonna Lay.
- 1.4 The Community Partnership Team continues to lead for the County Council in co-ordination, contributing to the strategic management of the Partnership and ensuring that relevant services are involved.

2 REVIEW AND ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The Partnership adopted an action plan in April 2011 which contained the following priority themes:
 - To address anti-social driving
 - To continue to deal with anti-social behaviour in a robust manner
 - To focus on alcohol misuse in public places
 - To promote good citizenship
 - To provide and encourage use of support services for victims of crime
 - To support inclusion activities
- 2.2 While the resources available to the partnership have reduced significantly in recent years, partners are themselves developing joint initiatives which are likely to impact on community confidence and community safety more widely. The Local Prevention Framework – under which the Committee approved a contract in June – is now operational and will focus on ensuring that vulnerable young people are supported into employment and training and away from criminal and anti-social activity.
- 2.3 The Partnership's Junior Citizen programme for Year 6 children was successfully delivered in autumn 2011.

The Partnership targets anti-social behaviour through its Community Incident Action Group (CIAG – focusing on individuals) and Joint Action Group (JAG – focusing on locations) and through routine policing activity.

As a result of ongoing problems with young people over 18 using alcohol on the streets and causing considerable nuisance to people in and around Addlestone town, the JAG agreed in Spring 2012 to seek a Section 12

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Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) to allow police to confiscate alcohol from people likely to cause disorder in a public place, covering the Addlestone area. A similar approach in the Chertsey area several years ago worked well, and early indications suggest that this is effective in Addlestone.

The Casualty Reduction Officer continues to undertake periodic speed checks using a mobile camera at various targeted locations in the borough. The Englefield Green and Egham area has seen additional resources towards enforcement in summer 2012, as a result of the Olympic Route Network on the A30 and the alternative route via St Jude's Road. The county-wide Drive Smart initiative is ongoing, and a new Cycle Smart campaign has been rolled out in 2012 to address the rising number of cycle casualties in Surrey.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey

- 2.4 Elections for the post of Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Surrey will be held in November 2012, and the associated changes to funding and governance arrangements will have major implications for the operation of the Partnership.
- 2.5 The existing Police Authority of 17 members will be abolished as a result and the PCC will have the following broad roles and responsibilities:
- Four year term (future elections in May)
 - Secure an efficient and effective police force for their area
 - Appoint the Chief Constable, hold him/her to account for the running of the force and if necessary dismiss him/her
 - Set the police and crime objectives for Surrey by producing a five year Police and Crime Plan
 - Set the annual force budget and police precept and produce an annual report
 - Contribute to the national and international policing capabilities set out by the Home Secretary in the Strategic Policing Requirement
 - Co-operate with the criminal justice system in the area
 - Work with partners and fund community safety activity to tackle crime and disorder
- 2.6 The legislation allows for a new 'check and balance' in the system in the form of a Police and Crime Panel (PCP). This panel, which for the first time gives a role to District and Borough Councils will be made up of 12 local elected councillors (one from each local authority: Councillor Terry Dicks has been appointed by Runnymede Borough Council) and two co-opted individuals. The PCP's powers and responsibilities will be broadly to scrutinise the PCC's exercise of his/her statutory functions and support the effective exercise of the functions of the PCC.
- 2.7 The introduction of a PCC will also mean fundamental changes for the way Community Safety Partnerships work. The PCCs will have overall responsibility for reducing crime and disorder and the intention is that they will work with CSPs and criminal justice partners to achieve their objectives. The PCC will be able to call CSP chairmen to meetings, request reports and commission services. From April 2013 the Community Safety Fund will be transferred to the PCC to support this change of arrangements.

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- 2.8 Members should be aware that the way the CSP operates could alter depending on the elected PCC, their strategic objectives and how he/she discharges the functions of the office. Members might also wish to consider the relationship between the PCC, the Local Committee, the PCP and the local authority crime and disorder scrutiny arrangements.

For further information please visit Surrey Police Authority's website:

www.surreypa.gov.uk/pcc

Tackling crime

- 2.9 The crime rate for Runnymede fluctuated slightly during the year with around 60 crimes per 1000 population, which is on a par with Woking's crime rate (TNO = total notifiable offences). The following statistics relating to key crime types have been provided by Surrey Police and compare the data for the period April-July 2012 year to date with the same period in the preceding year.

Runnymede	Last Year	This Year	Number	%age
TNO	1943	1426	-517	-26.6%
Serious Acquisitive	364	229	-135	-37.1%
Violence with injury	95	48	-47	-49.5%
Serious sexual	24	8	-16	-66.7%
Criminal damage	251	236	-15	-6.0%
Domestic burglary	155	83	-72	-46.5%
Drug offences	151	123	-28	-18.5%
Fraud and forgery	87	62	-25	-28.7%
Non-domestic burglary	215	148	-67	-31.2%
Other criminal offences	39	23	-16	-41.0%
Violence without injury	236	166	-70	-29.7%
Robbery	11	10	-1	-9.1%
Other sexual offences	2	1	-1	-50.0%
Theft (other than vehicle) & handling stolen goods	451	364	-87	-19.3%
Vehicle interference and tampering	28	18	-10	-35.7%
Vehicle crime (excluding interference)	198	136	-62	-31.3%

- 2.10 There has been an encouraging decline of 26% in reported crimes compared to the same period in 2011, and a similar reduction in offences has been seen across the county. Anti-social behaviour reports to Surrey Police in Runnymede have seen a less pronounced decrease, with 13% fewer reports in the year to date.
- 2.11 Joint activity and preventative interventions have supported the enforcement activity of Surrey Police and the Partnership has well-developed officer-level structures for achieving this.

3. DOMESTIC ABUSE OUTREACH

- 3.1 The provision of outreach services to survivors of domestic abuse is now funded and co-ordinated on a countywide basis. A commissioning group has developed a single Service Level Agreement to underpin all four contracts

across Surrey and Your Sanctuary (formerly Surrey Women's Aid) continues to provide outreach services in Runnymede, Surrey Heath and Woking. It is expected that the current contractors will by the late autumn of 2012 have aligned their working practices and identified a single point of contact.

4. ACTION PLAN AND CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 Following consideration of the Strategic Assessment, the Community Safety Partnership has published the Action Plan attached at **Annex 2** for 2012-13.

The next Public Action Day to address speed reduction and anti-social driving will be on the Casualty Reduction Route of Green Lane (Chertsey/Addlestone) on 29 September 2012, followed by similar activity on Woburn Hill (Addlestone) on 20 October 2012. The multi-agency Road Safety Working Group reviews the results from these activities.

The Haven children's centre has run two successful courses entitled "Feeling Safe" for children affected by domestic abuse from the Runnymede area, and funding is being sought to repeat this work with children and young people in 2012-13.

The Junior Citizen's programme in Runnymede schools will be delivered again by the Partnership in November 2012.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The County Council makes available to Local Committees a budget for use in conjunction with the Community Safety Partnerships. In addition the sum of £12,000 per borough/district is ring-fenced for outreach with those affected by domestic abuse and allocated centrally. The Local Committee's delegated budget for general community safety purposes, which it has traditionally agreed to allocate to the CSP as its contribution towards the projects and activities referred to above, has in 2012-13 been increased to £3160.
- 5.2 The Community Partnership and Committee Officer, as its representative on the Partnership, ensures that the County Council influences the objectives of the partnership and that the funding is spent in line with these objectives. The Committee agreed in June 2012 to formally delegate its budget of £3160 to the County Council's Community Partnership Manager for use by the community safety partnership in pursuit of its objectives.
- 5.3 The use of the Partnership's budgets in 2011-2012 is summarised at **Annex 1**. The Committee is reminded that, from 1 April 2012, the partnership no longer receives the Home Office Area Based Grant (Community Safety Fund) – as explained above, the fund will in future be transferred to the PCC.
- 5.4 The Committee is also reminded that the Community Partnership and Committee Officer provides support to the management, co-ordination and delivery of SWP's objectives and that, as reported above, relevant County Council services contribute to the operations of the Partnership from within their mainstream resources.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Partnership gives specific attention to the needs of residents who are vulnerable or likely to be disadvantaged for whatever reason, always considering the impact on victims of crime and anti-social behaviour of any course of action. Any patterns of incidents recorded as “hate crimes” and of community tensions which might be related to, for example, ethnicity or sexual orientation would be considered by the JAG.

7. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The report is exclusively concerned with community safety in its widest sense.

8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The Committee is invited to note the work of the CSP and its achievements over the year 2011-2012. Members also have this opportunity to comment on future priorities and suggest any further topics for attention.
- 8.2 The County Council is a statutory partner in the CSP and its services are involved in the promotion of safer and stronger communities in Runnymede.
- 8.3 The election of a PCC and introduction of the associated new arrangements for funding and governance during 2012-13 will present CSPs with significant challenges.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

ANNEX 1: FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR CSP 2011-12

Home Office Grant via SCSU	30,537
Additional via SCSU	1,280
Local Committee contribution	2,500
PCT (Health) contribution	1,092.50

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RBC contribution	2,796.60
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Total income	38,206.10

Salaries (community safety)	34,300
Printing (cross borough leaflets)	133.50
Community Engagement event	50
Cycle Marking labels	75
Distraction burglary memory cards	59.60
DPPO (Addlestone) advertisements	2,970
Signage for DPPO	618

	38,206.10