



## **OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (SPELTHORNE)**

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

#### **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 joint work through the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership (statutorily known as the Community Safety Partnership) on its work, which is partly funded by SCC contributions.

#### **SUMMARY**

This report seeks to inform the Committee of the activities of the Partnership over the last year from April 2009 – March 2010. To present the Partnership Plan for 2010-11 and the action plan of activities to support the Partnership Plan during 2010/11.

This report seeks agreement to use the Committee's devolved Community Safety Budget to further the aims of the Partnership Plan.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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- (i) Agree that the community safety funding [£2500] delegated to the Local Committee be transferred to Spelthorne Safer and Stronger Partnership.
- (ii) Agree that the Area Director manages and authorises expenditure from the budget delegated to the Local Committee in accordance with the Local Committee's decision.
- (ii) Note the funding of £12,000 to the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership for the provision of Domestic Abuse outreach in Spelthorne.
- (iii) Receive and note the end of year report on activities for 2009/10.
- (iv) Note details of the Partnership Plan for 2010 –2013.

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislation places a requirement on Surrey County Council to consider crime and disorder in all the services it provides.
- 1.2 Surrey County Council is one of the statutory “responsible authorities” of the local Community Safety Partnership [or CSP, known locally as the Spelthorne Safer and Stronger Partnership], and is required to work with partners to improve community safety and reduce crime and disorder.
- 1.3 For 2010 statutory changes to the Partnership have been made during the year these include:
  - A change of name in legislation from Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) to Community Safety Partnership (CSP).
  - Inclusion of the probation services as a statutory member, on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 the newly merged Surrey & Sussex Probation Trust nominated a senior representative to sit on the CSP.
  - A Requirement for the CSP to produce and publish a minimum standard for dealing with anti social behaviour.
  - The introduction of a new responsibility to reduce re-offending.
  - Introduced Councillors Call for Action and made CSP’s subject to local authority scrutiny.
- 1.4 Nationally each Community Safety Partnership is required annually to undertake a strategic assessment of crime and disorder and to consult with the community about the areas of concern. This assessment is an analysis of crimes, including trends and projections linked to community feedback. The strategic assessment is used to produce the Partnership Plan reflects the priorities of the partnership; it is a rolling three-year plan that has to be refreshed annually. The strategic assessment enables the Partnership to review progress of the existing Community Safety Plan and to plan for the next 3-year plan for 2010 - 13.
- 1.5 For 2010-2013 The Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership Plan was drawn up to reflect the concerns of residents of Spelthorne and contains the following key priorities:
  - Reduce Anti-social behaviour - especially anti-social use of Vehicles;
  - Reduce Crime - Those which are most significant to Spelthorne including Burglary and Acquisitive crime, misuse of drugs and alcohol, criminal damage including graffiti and theft of and from vehicles;
  - Reduce Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders and repeat incidents of domestic violence;
  - To Improve / increase confidence and provide greater reassurance.

1.6 The Partnership uses a wide range of methods to engage with the local community. These include meetings such as forums and panels and written forms of engagement such as publications, surveys, newsletters and websites, examples include:

- To raise the visibility of the Partnership the partnership held its annual Face The People session last September in order to update the communities in relation to progress in tackling crime and disorder. This event also provided a public forum where residents could raise issues of concern with senior statutory representatives from the forum.
- Partnership actions days are held around the borough involving numerous agencies and the voluntary and community sector working together to tackle particular issues highlighted within an area.
- Engagement is also maintained through Have Your Say Area Forums open meetings covering each of the main communities in Spelthorne and through the Neighbourhood Policing Panels.

## 2. REVIEW OF LAST YEAR

2.1 The Partnership has produced a set of annual action plans to ensure delivery against the priorities which are set. These plans are S.M.A.R.T with overall performance monitored by the Partnership Board.

2.2 The annual action plan for period 1.4.09–31.3.10 contained 75 actions, of these actions by year-end 64 were in green status and complete, 11 were in amber status and one was in red status. The red status target related to the target to reduce acquisitive crime within the borough.

2.3 A summary of performance data in respect of Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership Targets for 2009 – 10 is attached as **annex A** to this paper. In summary from performance data sourced from Police and Iquanta data:

- Residential burglary was down by 18.5%, Criminal Damage down by 12%, vehicle crime by 18%, Anti-Social Behaviour had reduced by 4.5%.
- Acquisitive Crime (Theft) had increased by 4%.
- Overall, all crime had reduced by 6% for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

2.3 The Partnership has a very strong record of success in helping reduce overall crime and disorder and in running numerous innovative Partnership schemes across the Borough. During 2009/10 the Partnership and its members undertook a wide range of individual and joint projects to reduce criminal disorder and to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors. Activities have included:

- Partnership Action Days;
- Skills Bus;
- Neighbourhood Contracts;
- Junior Citizen;
- Support of the Sanctuary Scheme;
- Face the People event;
- Community Payback;
- Support of the Drive Smart Initiative

2.4 There is a statutory requirement to provide Domestic Abuse outreach provision and the County has a Local Area Agreement target (LAA) to achieve a percentage reduction in repeat victimization for those domestic violence cases being managed by a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC).

2.5 In relation to Domestic Abuse within the borough, Surrey County Council provides the Spelthorne Safer and Stronger Partnership with £12,000 of funding toward the provision of a Domestic Abuse outreach service covering Spelthorne. Walton CAB provides domestic Abuse Outreach services for North Surrey via a service level agreement with three Community Safety partnerships (CSPs), Elmbridge, Epsom & Ewell and Spelthorne who jointly fund this provision.

2.6 Between April 2009 to March 2010 the Outreach service had 1049 contacts from victims of Domestic abuse, which was a 60 percent increase on the previous year. 61% of victims in contact with outreach service in North Surrey between April 2009 to March 2010 had children under 16 years old living with them.

2.7 Victims make contact with outreach via a number of referral routes the most common being via the police (71 percent of referrals) or via self referrals (20 percent of referrals). The percentage of referrals via the police has increased by 19 percent on the previous year.

2.8 For 2010/11 the Service Level Agreement for the provision of Domestic Abuse outreach services across North Surrey has been reviewed and updated to focus support on those victims assessed as being at highest risk. This work is in line with the development of a new countywide service specification, which has been adopted by all current service providers within Surrey.

### **3. PLANS FOR 2010/13**

3.1 For 2010 – 2013. The Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership will continue to focus on the key concerns of residents of Spelthorne and deliver against the key priorities identified in the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership Plan

- 3.2 Action plans are in place with updated baselines under each of the key priority headings to reflect the current year. There are 2 additional targets incorporated in to the action plan for this year NI 35 Building Resilience to Violent Extremism and NI 3 Civic Participation in the Local Area. For 2010 the Action Plan, Partnership Plan and Strategic Assessment of the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership are all available on the Borough Council website for the public to reference.

#### **4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Resources for the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership are prioritised as part of this action planning process. The partnership is determined to make best use of its available resources. In the current economic climate and reducing budgets the partnership will seek to achieve even greater value for money in respect of our limited resources and will explore opportunities of maximizing our funding by identifying jointly funded initiatives and projects with neighbouring Community Safety partnerships.
- 4.2 Surrey County Council contributed £14,500 towards the work of the Community Safety Partnership in 2009/10 of which £12,000 was subject to the provision of a domestic abuse outreach service. In addition to which the County Councillors have also funded several community safety initiatives through their Member Allocation funds.
- 4.3 For 2010/11 Surrey County Council has budget of £14,500 to each of the eleven district/borough areas in Surrey. £12,000 of this sum is ring-fenced for the use of the community safety partnership subject to Domestic Abuse outreach being provided and it no for Local Committee decision.
- 4.4 As set out in the Scheme of Delegation for Local Committees, the Local Committee has a devolved responsibility for £2500 of funding toward community Safety. This funding needs to be spent in accordance with the local community safety strategy in agreement with other partners.
- 4.5 It is proposed that the Local Committee agrees to the Area Director managing and authorizing expenditure from this budget delegated to the Local Committee and that these funds are transferred to the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership. The Area Director as a board member of the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership will be in a position to monitor this budget.
- 4.6 An essential ingredient of the local crime and disorder/community safety arrangements is the ability of statutory partners to be able to agree in partnership the deployment of pooled funds in pursuance of local priorities. A summary of the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership Budget for 2010/11 is attached as **annex 2** to this paper.

- 4.7 The wider economic and financial benefits to improving community safety by making Spelthorne a safer place to live and work need also to be acknowledged.

## **5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The partnership will need to consider how to engage with hard to reach and minority groups within the community.

## **6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership has been established to improve community safety in Spelthorne by prioritising the key issues within the Borough.

## **7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 Surrey County Council is required by legislation to consider crime and disorder in all the services it provides. In Spelthorne the County Council is a “responsible authority” of the Community Safety Partnership.
- 7.2 Together with key local partners, the LSP/CDRP has been working to tackle crime and disorder in the Borough, focusing on key priorities within the Partnership Plan.
- 7.3 The new Plan covers the period 2010-13 and sets the priorities for the Community Safety Partnership. These priorities will direct how the Community Safety Partnership manages its resources and activities.

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## **8. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 Under Part 3, Section 1 of the County Council's constitution, the Local Committee is responsible for monitoring services provided locally and contributing to the district based community safety strategy.

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

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**BACKGROUND  
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**APPENDIX A**

## PERFORMANCE - ACTION PLAN SUMMARY 1.4.09 – 31.3.2010

### Residential Burglary

1<sup>st</sup> April 2009

Most Similar Family: Spelthorne in **8<sup>th</sup>** position

Baseline 471 crimes

**31.3.2010**

Most Similar Family: Target 7<sup>th</sup> place: Actual **9<sup>th</sup>** PLACE

CRIME TARGET 433: ACTUAL 384 = **-87**

**18.5% reduction**

### Criminal Damage

1<sup>st</sup> April 2009

Most Similar Family: Spelthorne in **13<sup>th</sup>** position

Baseline 1,625 crimes

**31.3.2010**

Most Similar Family: Target 12<sup>th</sup> place: Actual **14<sup>th</sup>** PLACE

CRIME TARGET 1,430: ACTUAL 1,428 = **-197**

**12% reduction**

### Acquisitive Crime:

1.4.2009

Most Similar Family: Spelthorne in **7<sup>th</sup>** position

Baseline 1464 crimes

**31.3.2010**

Most Similar Family Target 6<sup>th</sup> place: Actual **11<sup>th</sup>** PLACE

CRIME TARGET 1414: ACTUAL 1,525 = **+61**

**4% increase**

### Vehicle Crime

1<sup>st</sup> April 2009

Most Similar Family: Spelthorne in **10<sup>th</sup>** position

Baseline 836 crimes

**31.3.2010**

Most Similar Family: Target 9<sup>th</sup> Actual place: **8<sup>th</sup>** PLACE

CRIME TARGET 728: ACTUAL 687 = **- 149**

**18% decrease**

### Anti- Social Behaviour

1<sup>st</sup> April 2009

Baseline 6,528 incidents

**31.3.2010**

TARGET 5,865: ACTUAL 6232 = **- 296**

**4.5% reduction**