



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (SPELTHORNE)

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

11th July 2011

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 presents the Partnership Plan for 2011 -2014 and the action plans of the SSSP 2010 -2013,

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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) is asked to:

- (i) Agree that the community safety funding [£2500] delegated to the Local Committee be transferred to Spelthorne Safer and Stronger Partnership.
- (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 2011 – 2014 Partnership Plan
- (iv) Receive and note the details of the Action Plans 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 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.

2. REVIEW OF LAST YEAR

The Partnership has produced a 2011 – 2014 Partnership Plan and Action Plans for 2010 – 2013 which are attached as Appendices A and B to this report.

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.
- 4.2 Surrey County Council contributed £14,500 towards the work of the Community Safety Partnership in 2010/11 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 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.

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/CSP has been working to tackle crime and disorder in the Borough, focusing on key priorities within the Partnership Plan.

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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