



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

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
UPDATE**

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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 joint work through the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership - SSSP (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 2012 - 2015 and the end of year Performance Report of the SSSP 2011 - 2012.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) is asked to:

- i) Receive and note the 2012 – 2015 Partnership Plan (Appendix A).
- ii) Receive and note the details of the Performance Overview and Performance Data 2011 – 2012 (Appendices B and C)

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 2012 – 2015 Partnership Plan and Performance Update for 2011 – 2012 which are attached as Appendices A, B and C to this report.

3. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 Surrey County Council contributed £2,500 towards the work of the Community Safety Partnership in 2011/12. The SCC contribution to the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership goes into a pooled income pot along with contributions from other organisations.
- 3.3 In 2011/12, the pooled monies were used to support the Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator post, Spelthorne Neighbourhood Watch and to support interventions taken by the local Community Incident Action Group (CIAG) and Joint Action Group (JAG). The contribution was also used to support the Partnership Action Day event (multi-agency Community Safety Action Days).
- 3.4 As set out in the Scheme of Delegation for Local Committees, the Local Committee has a devolved responsibility for £3,160 of funding toward community Safety for 2012/13. This funding needs to be spent in accordance with the local community safety strategy in agreement with other partners.

4 RESPONDING TO CHANGE

- 4.1 The Partnership seeks to be alert and respond to emerging concerns and patterns of crime and disorder in Spelthorne and also to the changes arising from local governance. It is anticipated that the transfer of public health specialists into the County Council will improve joint working in a number of areas, including community safety, e.g. in relation to drug and alcohol misuse, domestic abuse, mental health and road safety.
- 4.2 Most significantly, the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Surrey in November 2012, and the associated changes to funding and governance arrangements, will have major implications for the operation of the Partnership.
- 4.3 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 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.
- 4.4 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) 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.
- 4.5 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.

- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 For further information please visit Surrey Police Authority's website: www.surreypa.gov.uk/pcc

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

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

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

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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**BACKGROUND
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