



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(Surrey Heath)**

COMMUNITY SAFETY

9 July 2009

KEY ISSUE

The report provides an update on the work of the Safer Surrey Heath Partnership and plans for the coming year. Borough and police partners have also contributed to this report and will attend the Local Committee.

SUMMARY

The county of Surrey is one of the safest counties in England, and Surrey Heath has a low incidence of crime with a fall of 6% in reported crimes over the last year.

The Safer Surrey Heath Partnership has achieved many of its objectives in 2008-9 and agreed a range of actions to deliver the objectives in its 2009-10 Partnership Plan.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to agree to:

- (i) **delegate responsibility for expenditure of the County Council's local crime & disorder funding (£14,500) in Surrey Heath to the Area Director;**
- (ii) **endorse the importance of the contribution of all services towards community safety and progress made;**
- (iii) **that a county councillor be nominated to attend the Surrey Heath Partnership (including the CDRP).**

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. The Safer Surrey Heath partnership comprises statutory representatives from six agencies: Surrey Police, Surrey County Council, Surrey Heath Borough Council, the Primary Care Trust, Surrey Fire & Rescue Service and the Police Authority. In the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 (amended 2006), a local crime and disorder reduction partnership (CDRP) is a statutory requirement with the function of auditing and monitoring local incidences of crime, and working together to devise and deliver an effective strategy to address it.

2. Section 17 of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act requires local authorities to consider the crime and disorder implications of all their activities and functions, and do all that they reasonably can to reduce these problems. Surrey County Council services make an active contribution to crime prevention locally, through work with children and young people, Trading Standards, highways, countryside rights of way, and other key services. Public services are expected to have regard to S.17, and to design out crime as far as possible especially when developing new amenities.
3. The working group of officers for the CDRP undertook the annual strategic assessment of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the borough in the latter part of 2008, in preparation for updating and refreshing the Partnership Plan 2009-10 with current objectives and activities, which is attached at **Annex 4** (and may be downloaded from a partnership website www.safersurreyheath.org.uk).
4. The CDRP is assisted in delivering its targets by systematic work undertaken through two important multi-agency meetings:
 - the Joint Action Group (JAG), which meets monthly to review local hotspots for anti-social behaviour and to agree actions to tackle the behaviour;
 - the Community Incidents Action Group (CIAG) which meets monthly to monitor individuals having an impact on the community through their behaviour, and to agree and implement interventions to address this behaviour.
5. A number of other multi-agency meetings manage other aspects of crime in the division, including one set up to monitor “prolific and persistent offenders” (PPOs), the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) to address high risk cases of domestic abuse, and the Multi Agency Protection Panel (MAPP) which assesses individuals who may pose a risk to the public.

ANALYSIS

6. Surrey remains one of the safest counties in England according to Home Office recorded crime data 2008-9, and Surrey Heath’s crime rate has decreased by 6% in the last year and was within the lowest quintile for England in 2008. (see **Annex 1** latest recorded crimes - Surrey).
7. Serious violence against the person has fallen by just over 55%. Vehicle interference and tampering has fallen by 43% with other vehicle crime falling by 26%. There have been increases in domestic burglary (20%), theft and handling stolen goods (15%) and fraud & forgery (38.5%) These are most probably linked to the credit crunch.
8. Surrey Police have targeted serious violence against the person and this crime remains at very low levels in the borough – only 1 crime was classified as such last year and there has been no increase in the current year. However, there has been a small increase in other violent crimes including woundings, and incidents of domestic abuse reported to the police that have been attributed in part to the drive to increase the number of victims seeking help and the economic downturn.
9. The Surrey Police website, www.surrey.police.uk, provides comprehensive data at borough and ward level on the latest crime figures and this data is refreshed every month (select Crime maps and statistics on the homepage). The Surrey Heath neighbourhood pages include details of the local policing team and how to

contact them, together with information about current priorities and concerns. Details of neighbourhood panel meetings are included in **Annex 2** and a map of the Surrey Heath neighbourhoods is at **Annex 3**.

10. Residents can report crime by calling 999 (if the matter is serious and urgent), or by calling Surrey Police on 0845 125 222 for non-emergency reports. If they wish to report anti-social behaviour, residents can call their neighbourhood police officer to describe the problem, or use on-line anti-social behaviour reporting forms which may be downloaded from: www.safersurreyheath.co.uk. This information is then sent direct to the responsible officer to address.

Strategic assessment of needs and concerns

11. Following the 2006 review of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act, the government issued guidance in 2007 requiring authorities to undertake annual strategic assessments to provide partnerships with recent intelligence and evidence to help them prioritise their work. This annual assessment is used to produce a Partnership Plan specifying objectives and actions (**see Annex 4**). The assessment draws on local evidence, ranging from crime data to traffic accident analysis from Surrey highways and records from the borough of damage and graffiti. Public survey data is also taken into account.

Partnership successes in 2008/9

12. The Partnership has continued to monitor incidents affecting the community across the borough and has tackled hotspots where there was evidence of a cluster of reports. A number of individuals were supported by partners through the CIAG group and subsequently removed from the agenda because of an improvement in their behaviour. At May 2009, only two Anti-Social Behaviour Orders were in place against Surrey Heath residents, reflecting the preventative work undertaken with individuals to reduce their anti-social impact on the community.
13. The Partnership gave financial support to several projects in 2008/9:
 - Surrey Women's Aid outreach service to people experiencing domestic abuse (with Surrey Heath and Woking boroughs), the partnership also supported local events to mark Domestic Abuse Awareness Week in November 08.
 - the Surrey Fire & Rescue Service Youth Engagement Scheme, which trains "at risk" young people to help them become responsible citizens.
 - Funding to support the work of Youth Cafes in Surrey Heath including offering guidance and advice to new cafes.
 - Supporting young people to find more beneficial ways to spend their free time e.g. cadet fees and army outreach courses.
 - Funded a Taxi Marshall scheme in the town centre that assisted in reducing incidents at taxi ranks which tend to be flash point when licensed premises close.
 - Supported community events e.g. the Heatherside Halloween Event.
 - Financed additional connection point for mobile CCTV cameras to allow more areas to be covered.
 - Produced anti-vandalism leaflets to be used around the borough's parks and open spaces.
 - Purchased a new partnership van to support partnership activities including education and enforcement events.
 - Gave start up funding to the Street Angels schemes which is due to start later in the year.
 - Contributed funding to Neighbourhood Watch to produce their newsletter.
 - Provided marketing support for the SNAP discos held at Camberley theatre.

14. More detailed information on the work of the partnership can be found in the Annual report at www.safersurryheath.info
15. The main project being driven forward by the partnership is the Heatherside recreation project. Following agreement from the Safer Surrey Heath Partnership a task group has worked to address the view points from stakeholders and the community. Agreement was reached earlier this year that 4 options were to be presented for consideration by the community as part of an extensive community consultation exercise. Three of the options are around new community recreation facilities and the fourth option is to do nothing.
16. The consultation is due to commence with a launch at Heather Ridge School on Monday 13 July from 6pm until 8pm. Invitations will be sent out to all residents in the Heatherside ward this week. The presentation will be available to view from 14 – 31 July in the foyer of the community centre. Officers will be present on Sat 18 July 10am-12pm, Mon 20 July 4pm – 8pm, Sat 25 July 10am-12pm and Mon 27 July 4pm-8pm.
17. A second letter will send out on the 27 July, which will contain a survey that will enable up to 5 people per household to participate within the consultation, together with a pre-paid envelope for the returns. The aim is to provide an opportunity for all family members who reside within the Heatherside ward a chance to take part. The information will then be collated and a further public meeting is scheduled to take place at Heather Ridge School on Wednesday 21st October 2009 at 6.30pm to feedback the outcome, due to the previous sensitivities, the preferred option will be subject to planning consent.
18. Community days have been held in the past year at Old Dean, Bagshot, St Michael's and Frimley. These co-ordinated partnership efforts show residents that statutory and voluntary agencies were working together to tackle crime. Forthcoming Community Days in Old Dean, St Michael's and other locations, show the public that services such as trading standards, youth services, street cleansing and leisure & recreation are working alongside neighbourhood police to make their streets and parks safer and more pleasant places.
19. Surrey PCT organised the Big Drink Debate in 2008 and received 208 responses from Surrey Heath residents (5% of total responses). The PCT has launched an alcohol strategy for Surrey which will target hazardous drinkers, and young people aged under 24, as well as ensuring effective law enforcement on alcohol. The Partnership contributed to the survey but promoting the questionnaire and having a stall in the town centre to raise awareness of the issue.

Partnership Plan 2009-10

20. The CDRP strategy group used the results of the strategic assessment to draft a list of priorities for action in the coming year. The Partnership has agreed to target the following themes:
 - To reduce fear of crime
 - To reduce public place disorder, e.g. secondary fires, alcohol-related disorder and criminal damage
 - To reduce priority crimes, e.g. domestic abuse, household burglaries and theft of vehicles
 - To reduce substance misuse

21. The total budget allocated to the CDRP in 2008-9 was as follows:

- Basic Command Unit Fund (revenue) - £30,063
- SSC Fund (capital) - £74,918
- Partnership fund (revenue) - £62,000

Other partnership developments

22. It is expected that, in the course of 2009, the Government Connect initiative will be implemented. This will enable partners from various statutory agencies to exchange personal and confidential information electronically using a secure network, which will increase ease of communication in relation to the groups such as CIAG.

Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Board

23. Community safety forms part of the “safer and stronger” strand of Surrey’s Local Area Agreement (LAA) with government. The Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Board was established in 2005-6 – chaired by the Chief Constable it includes senior representatives from Probation, Surrey Police Authority, Surrey PCT’s Public Health, Surrey Community Action, Surrey Community Safety Unit, borough chief executives, youth justice service, Government Office for South-East and CDRP chairmen. It allocates funding from the Area Based Grant (a non ring-fenced general grant from Government) to individual CDRPs, and will agree over summer/autumn 2009 its future strategy for funding crime and disorder work.

OPTIONS

24. The Committee has two options: to delegate representation including finance decisions to the Area Director who attends meetings of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, or to require that all proposals for CDRP expenditure are brought before the Local Committee. The latter option would be impractical, given the timescales for such decisions and the relatively modest sums of expenditure involved.

CONSULTATIONS

25. Surrey Police conduct regular neighbourhood panel meetings at local level with members of the public, as part of the neighbourhoods agenda, together with a quarterly Policing Forum. Details of forthcoming Panel meetings and neighbourhood officers are laid out in **Annex 2**.

FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

26. None.

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

27. The CDRP funding contributes to a domestic abuse outreach service provided under contract by Surrey Women’s Aid. Support is provided to people, referred by the police and other local agencies, who have experienced various types of domestic abuse. Service data is attached in **Annex 5**.

CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

28. The Crime and Disorder implications are implicit in the report.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

29. Members are asked to agree to delegate responsibility for expenditure of the County Council’s local crime and disorder funding in Surrey Heath to the Area Director.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

30. The delegation is recommended to facilitate timely decision making in response to fast moving trends in patterns of crime and disorder locally.

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Annexes:

Annex 1 – Latest recorded crime statistics.

Annex 2 – Neighbourhood panel and surgery dates

Annex 3 – Map of Surrey Heath – **to follow**.

Annex 4 – Partnership plan

Annex 5 – Surrey Women's Aid data

**Annex 1: CRIME DATA FOR SURREY 2008-9 YEAR TO DATE,
& crime category trends for Surrey Heath in May 2009**

Borough Changes											
<i>Year to date: Apr-2008 to MAY-2009</i>											
TOTAL CRIMES											
<i>Volume</i>											
Borough	Crime				Sanctioned Detections				Sanction Detection Rate		
	Last Year	This Year	#	%	Last Year	This Year	#	%	Last Year	This Year	%Point Change
Epsom & Ewell	722	700	-22	-3	152	119	-33	-21.7	21.1	17	-4.1
Mole Valley	725	749	24	3.3	198	156	-42	-21.2	27.3	20.8	-6.5
Reigate & Banstead	1450	1515	65	4.5	327	357	30	9.2	22.6	23.6	1
Tandridge	801	823	22	2.7	116	115	-1	-.9	14.5	14	-.5
Eastern	3698	3787	89	2.4	793	747	-46	-5.8	21.4	19.7	-1.7
Elmbridge	1302	1250	-52	-4	289	206	-83	-28.7	22.2	16.5	-5.7
Runnymede	870	960	90	10.3	160	152	-8	-5	18.4	15.8	-2.6
Spelthorne	1271	1247	-24	-1.9	261	251	-10	-3.8	20.5	20.1	-.4
Northern	3443	3457	14	.4	710	609	-101	-14.2	20.6	17.6	-3
Guildford	1433	1500	67	4.7	532	292	-240	-45.1	37.1	19.5	-17.7
Surrey Heath	728	750	22	3	220	165	-55	-25	30.2	22	-8.2
Waverley	905	1002	97	10.7	229	151	-78	-34.1	25.3	15.1	-10.2
Woking	1029	1144	115	11.2	334	245	-89	-26.6	32.5	21.4	-11
Western	4095	4396	301	7.4	1315	853	-462	-35.1	32.1	19.4	-12.7
FORCE	11236	11640	404	3.6	2818	2209	-609	-21.6	25.1	19	-6.1

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ITEM 8**Surrey Heath: Crimes by category:**

Crime type	07/08	08/09	Number change	% change
Serious Acquisitive	719	622	-97	-13.5%
Serious Violence	18	8	-10	-55.6%
Serious sexual offence	33	29	-4	-12.1%
Criminal damage	1077	957	-120	-11.1%
Domestic burglary	201	241	40	19.9%
Drug offences	208	168	-40	-19.2%
Fraud and forgery	156	216	60	38.5%
Most serious violence against the person	18	8	-10	-55.6%
Non-domestic burglary	260	282	22	8.5%
Other criminal offences	94	73	-21	-22.3%
Other violence against the person	1005	866	-139	-13.8%
Robbery	11	9	-2	-18.2%
Sexual offences	45	35	-10	-22.2%
Theft (other than vehicle) & handling stolen goods	806	929	123	15.3%
Vehicle interference and tampering	83	47	-36	-43.4%
Vehicle crime (excluding interference)	507	372	-135	-26.6%
Total Notified Offences	4471	4203	-268	-6.0%

This data is provisional and is subject to audit by the Home Office.

Annex 2

Dates of Police Neighbourhood Panel meetings, Summer 2009

Old Dean

Surgery is every Wednesday evening between 17.30 and 18.30 hrs at the Old Dean Advice Centre, Upper College Ride.

Next Panel meeting will take place on Thursday 6th August 2009 at the Old Dean Advice Centre, Upper College Ride. The meeting will start at 19.00 hours.

During school term time, Collingwood Surgery is every Tuesday lunchtime for pupils at the school

St Michael's and Watchetts

Panel meetings - Wednesday – 12th August 2009 at 1930 hours, The Baptist Church, Frimley Road.

Come along and visit PCSO Jamil on the 1st Thursday of every month from 1800 to 1900 hours, at The Islamic Centre, London Road , Camberley and from 1900 to 2000 hours at The Baptist Church, Frimley Road.

Camberley Town

There is a monthly drop in surgery at the High Cross Church, Knoll Road, Camberley on the first Wednesday of each month from 11am.

St Paul's

The next Panel Meeting is on Wednesday 22nd July at 7pm and will be at the normal venue - St Paul's Church.

Heatherside and Parkside

Surgeries at:

Heatherside 3rd Thursday of each month @ Heatherside Community Centre start time of 18:30 hours

Parkside 1st Thursday of each month @ St. Francis Church Hall start time of 18:30 hours

Drop in Surgeries at the following venues/times:

Heather Ridge Infant School 1st Friday of each month between 14:30 & 15:30 hours

The Grove Primary School 2nd Friday of each month between 14:45 & 15:45 hours

Prior Heath Infant School 3rd Friday of each month between 14:30 & 15:30 hours

Ravenscote Community School 4th Friday of each month between 15:00 & 16:00 hours

Next Panel Meeting:

Parkside 06/08/2009 18:30-19:30 at St. Francis Church Hall Chobham Road.

Heatherside: 17/09/2009 18:30-19:30 at Heatherside Community Centre, Martindale Avenue

Frimley

Police Surgeries are held on the first Tuesday of every month at St Peter's Church Hall, Frimley. Every third surgery will be your quarterly Panel Meetings. This is where you decide your Neighbourhood Policing Priorities.

Tuesday 7th July, 4th August 2009, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December 2009 at 7 pm

Mytchett, Deepcut and Frimley Green

Police Surgeries are held Monthly at The Basingstoke canal Centre Mytchett, The Deepcut Village Centre Deepcut and also Frimley Green Methodist Church Hall. Also hold Quartely Panel meetings where the Wards Policing Priorities are decided upon at the same venues.

Mytchett

Tuesday 07th July 2009 07.00pm
Tuesday 04th August 2009 07.00 pm
Tuesday 01st September 2009 07.00pm

Deepcut

Thursday 09th July 2009 07.00pm Panel Meeting
Thursday 13th August 2009 07.00pm
Thursday 10th September 2009 07.00pm

Frimley Green

Monday 06th July 2009 19.30 Panel Meeting
Monday 03rd August 2009 19.30
Monday 07th September 2009 19.30

Also holds a regular Surgery at Cranmore Court Residential home in Mytchett at 10.30 till 11.30 every other Tuesday from the 31st of March 2009 and every alternate tuesday at Frimley Green Library from 10.30 till 11.30 and every Wednesday between 10.30 and 11.30 at the Deepcut Village Centre.

Also there is a drop in at The Cafe at Basingstoke Canal Centre between 11.00 and 12.00 every second Thursday of the month.

Bagshot and Windlesham

Panels:

Bagshot Infants School, School Lane, Bagshot -7th July 2009
St John the Baptist Church, Church Road, Windlesham -8th July 2009

Surgeries:

Every other Saturday (unless otherwise stated) at The Village Cafe, High Street, 9:30am to 10:30am. Next will be held on Saturday 27th June 2009

Every other Saturday (unless otherwise stated) at Suttons Bakery, Updown Hill, 11am to 12pm. Next will be held on Saturday 27th June 2009

On the First Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise stated) at Meade Court, Guildford Raod, 10:00am to 11:00am.

Lightwater

The next Lightwater surgery will be held on Saturday 27 June between 11:00 and 12:00 outside Budgens.

Chobham , Bisley and West End

The Bisley Saturday surgery is located at the Recycling Centre at the junction of Guildford Road and Shaftesbury Road. The next surgery will be held at 2.30pm on Saturday 20 June 09.

New Street Surgery for Chobham

A new Saturday surgery is being launched in Chobham at the recycling point in the carpark behind Chobham Rider Carpark. The first surgery will be held by PCSO Maria Budd on Saturday 20 June between 1 and 2pm.

Every Wednesday between 10am and 11am a joint Parish/Police surgery will be at the Parish Pavilion on Station Road, Chobham to discuss any issues or concerns regarding Chobham.

The next West End surgery will be held at the start of the West End Village Society meeting at 1900hrs on Monday 13th July, at the Sports Pavilion on Benner Lane.

PC Alison Worger will also be holding a Saturday Morning Surgery at Gosden Parade at 0945hrs on Saturday 27 June 09.

Dates of future Panel meetings will be posted on the Surrey Police website: www.surrey.police.uk and follow the link to your neighbourhood.