



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

COMMUNITY SAFETY IN TANDRIDGE

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KEY ISSUE

Surrey County Council is required by legislation to consider crime and disorder in all the services it provides. The County Council is also a statutory 'responsible authority' of the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership in Tandridge. This partnership is required to produce a three year Community Safety Plan. A new plan has been produced for the period 2008-11.

SUMMARY

The Local Committee has a role in influencing and contributing to the community safety strategy for Tandridge. The Local Committee also has a devolved power for the community safety funding allocated to the crime and disorder partnership, spent in accordance with the community safety plan.

This report updates the Local Committee on the new community safety plan and provides a summary of the partnership work within the district over the past year.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to:

- (i) Note the work of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership;
- (ii) Adopt the Community Safety Plan 2008-11 on behalf of Surrey County Council;
- (iii) Consider community safety projects when allocating funding from its devolved budgets.
- (iv) Nominate a County Councillor to the Tandridge Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership.
- (v) Agree that the Area Director, in consultation with the Local Committee representative on the CDRP, agree the allocation of Surrey County Council community safety funding allocated to the Crime and Disorder Partnership, in accordance with the community safety strategy priorities.

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 partnership, and is required to work with partners to improve community safety and reduce crime and disorder. Subsequent legislation has impacted on the way the partnership works and expanded the list of statutory organisations.
- 1.3 This report, therefore, provides an update on the community safety work within the borough, with a focus on the joint work through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP).
- 1.4 Representatives from the CDRP partners have provided information on community safety achievements and barriers in the last year. These are attached as Annex A. Representatives will also be attending the Local Committee meeting to highlight key points, answer questions and provide advice as Members consider the report and recommendations.

2 REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2005-08

- 2.1 The CDRP is required to produce a Community Safety Strategy, outlining the priorities for the area. The 2005-08 strategy was developed following a full community safety audit and public consultation process.
- 2.2 The priorities within the strategy were:
 - Overall crime, particularly in burglary, vehicle crime and criminal damage
 - Anti-social behaviour, focusing on behaviour that causes harassment, alarm or distress
 - Public reassurance, using appropriate publicity and crime prevention initiatives to minimise feelings of insecurity or fear of crime
 - Substance misuse, addressing the links between drug and alcohol abuse and acquisitive crime such as burglary
 - Road casualties, reducing road casualties making roads safer through good engineering, education and enforcement.
- 2.3 The Home Office set Tandridge CDRP a very ambitious target of reducing the British Crime Survey basket of crimes by 12.5% by March 2008.
- 2.4 Tandridge achieved a 3.7% increase in crime; in Surrey only two CDRPs achieved their targets.

2.5 Particularly positive results for Tandridge include reductions in:

- Theft from a person - 44.1%
- Personal robbery -44.8%
- Vehicle interference -19.8%
- Theft of a motor vehicle -19.2%
- Domestic burglaries -10.4%
- Theft from a vehicle -2.8%

2.6 Areas of concern and future focus for the CDRP include:

- Common assault +60.2%
- Criminal damage +11.3%
- Wounding +11.3%

3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2008-11

3.1 The Government has introduced legislation that changes the way CDRPs produce Community Safety Plans, with a greater focus on the police national intelligence model, to allow the partnership to be more responsive to the local priorities.

3.2 The CDRP carried out a strategic assessment in October/November 2007. The assessment combined evidence and data from across the partnership organisations and analysed this information to identify local community safety issues and highlight any trends or hotspots. These can now be used to set priorities within the new Community Safety Plan.

3.3 The strategic assessment must be reviewed annually by the CDRP to monitor the trends and hotspots.

3.4 CDRPs are required to review the partnership plan on an annual basis so that any issues emerging through the strategic assessments can be included in the priorities. The partnership plan directs how the CDRP manages its resources and activities.

3.5 The CDRP has agreed the new Community Safety Plan (Annex B). The priorities within the new plan are:

- Violent Crime
- Criminal Damage
- Theft
- Burglary Dwelling
- Antisocial Behaviour

- Road Safety
- Substance Misuse

3.6 Lead agencies have been nominated for each priority. These agencies are developing annual partnership action plans outlining how the CDRP will tackle each priority. Specific targets for some of the priority areas are likely to emerge through the Local Area Agreement when finalised.

4 COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING IN TANDRIDGE

4.1 CDRPs receive funding through the Safer and Stronger Communities strand of the Local Area Agreement. The Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Board sets countywide priorities and projects, and agrees how to divide the community safety funds across the eleven CDRPs.

4.2 In 2008/09, the CDRP in Tandridge has a provisional budget of £178,635.

Funding Source		Amount
Government Funding (through LAA)	Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (capital)	£20,474
	Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (revenue)	£58,303
BCU Funding (held by Surrey Police)		£34,938
Partnership Funds	Surrey County Council	£24,000
	Tandridge District Council	£28,500
	Police	£12,420
Total CDRP Funding in 2008/09		£178,635

4.3 The Safer & Stronger Partnerships Board adopted a new formula, based on a population/crime split, for distributing funding to CDRPs in 2008/09. As a result, Tandridge CDRP has seen its funding decrease but as many of the posts are funded divisionally, the east area CDRPs have agreed to fund the posts on a proportional basis, effectively absorbing any decrease.

4.4 The Local Committee allocated approximately £5,500 from Member Initiative funds in 2007/08 to projects with community safety benefits including key safes and sloppy slippers as part of a safety event held in the district.

- 4.5 CDRP funding, particularly revenue funding, is under increasing pressure. The Local Committee could support the community safety work across Tandridge by continuing to promote community safety projects through their member initiative funding.

5 OPTIONS

- 5.1 The Local Committee has a monitoring role for the County Council's financial contribution to the CDRP, and the achievements against the community safety strategy. As part of this role, the Local Committee can:
- Note the report and agree the recommendations;
 - Note the report and agree the recommendations, but request further information on any aspect of the report;
 - Defer the recommendations and request further information on any aspect of the report.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 As a result of recent legislation, the CDRP will be subject to greater scrutiny by councillors and members of the public. The government has not released full guidance on these aspects of the legislation.

7 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The financial implications for the CDRP are set out in this report. There are also wider economic and financial benefits to improving community safety by making Reigate and Banstead a safer place to live and work.

8 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 When the government releases further guidance on how CDRPs should engage with local communities, the partnership will need to consider how to engage with hard to reach and minority groups within the community.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The CDRP has been established to improve community safety in Tandridge by prioritising the key issues within the Borough.

10 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Surrey County Council is required by legislation to consider crime and disorder in all the services it provides. In Tandridge, the County Council is a 'responsible authority' of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.
- 10.2 Together with key local partners, the CDRP has been working to tackle crime and disorder in the Borough, focusing on key priorities within the community safety strategy.
- 10.3 The new Community Safety Plan covers the period 2008-11 and sets the priorities for the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership. These priorities will direct how the CDRP manages its resources and activities.
- 10.4 The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to:
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11 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 The Local Committee's service monitoring role and devolved budgets provide an excellent opportunity for supporting the work of the CDRP.

12 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 12.1 The CDRP is developing partnership action plans for each priority within the Community Safety Plan.

12.2 The CDRP will also be considering how it can engage more with local communities as part of the requirements of the Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006.

12.3 The Local Committee will receive regular update reports on the CDRP's progress against the Community Safety Plan.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Community Safety Strategy 2005-08 Surrey Local Area Agreement Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Police Reform Act 2002 Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 Police and Justice Act 2006

