

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE - TANDRIDGE

Friday 4 December 2009

Place: District Council Offices, RH8 0BT**Time:** 10:15am**Organisation:****Tandridge District Council****Attendee(s):****Hilary New, Community Safety Manager****What role does your organisation play in improving community safety?**

Tandridge District Council strives to ensure that community safety issues are considered in the daily delivery of its services

The Community Safety Manager plays a key role by:

- 1) Supporting the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) helping ensure that it conforms to current and emerging legislation.
- 2) Managing the Area Based Grant and 'partner contributions' allocated to the CDRP, monitoring expenditure and producing regular expenditure reports.
- 3) Managing the annual Strategic Assessment process on behalf of CDRP.
- 4) Updating the Tandridge Community Safety Plan 2008-2011 annually.
- 5) Producing and updating Action Plans to support the agreed Strategic Aims.
- 6) Co-chairing (with District Inspector) the monthly Community Incident Action Group (CIAG) & Joint Action Group (JAG) meetings. Chairing the monthly Drug CIAG meetings.
- 7) Developing and encouraging cross borough/divisional working by chairing the quarterly East Surrey Domestic Abuse and East Surrey Substance Misuse Working Groups.
- 8) Providing a central point of contact for community safety advice and information for residents, councillors, partners and officers

Other District Council services that contribute to improving community safety:

- 1) **Amenity Services:** graffiti removal, abandoned vehicles, fly-tipping and litter.
- 2) **Housing:** Compliance with Tenancy Conditions and legal remedies are routinely used in dealing with anti-social and nuisance behaviour of tenants.
- 3) Provision of Care & Repair Agency.
- 4) **Planning:** Regular consultation takes place with Surrey Police Architecture Liaison Officer to ensure crime prevention advice is incorporated into new developments.
- 5) **Environmental Health:** Licensing of premises and noise complaints.

Recent successes

- 1) Production of the Strategic Assessment, identifying local priorities for the District. (due end Dec).
- 2) Updating of the Tandridge Community Safety Plan 2008-2011, confirming the strategic aims for the CDRP.
- 3) Council's Internal Audit. awarding the highest level of 'assurance' (substantial), following a review of community safety.
- 4) Organisation of a Domestic Abuse Roadshow (for professionals & practitioners) to promote and encourage inter-agency working.
- 5) Production of three Community Safety Newsletters, distributed to every household and business in District via the Tandridge Magazine.
- 6) Development of Service Level Agreement with 'Community Service' personnel to remove graffiti on an on-going basis across the District.

In association with Surrey Police:

- 1) Organisation and co-ordination of two Junior Citizen Events (March & October 2009) with attendance by 2600 children from both Tandridge and Reigate & Banstead schools.
- 2) Organisation of four community safety events, including attendance at Godstone Fire Station Open Day 27.9.09.
- 3) Programme of activity to support Tackling Drugs Awareness Week (8.6.09), Domestic Abuse and Alcohol Awareness Weeks (19.10.09) and Not In My Neighbourhood Week (2.11.09)

Aspirations For The Future

To build on the successful partnership working to further improve community safety in Tandridge. Government funding allocated to CDRPs was again reduced in 09/10 and further reductions are expected in future years which may undermine and jeopardise existing work/projects. Continued support from elected members to protect existing funding allocations and/or identify new opportunities would be welcomed.