



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DELEGATION OF COMMUNITY SAFETY BUDGET

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KEY ISSUES

Surrey County Council is a statutory partner on the Tandridge Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The Local Committee has been delegated £3,160 to support the work of the CSP in 2012/13. The Committee is asked to confirm that it wishes to use its budget of £3,160 to fund community safety initiatives identified by the Community Safety Manager and to delegate authority to the Community Partnership Manager to oversee the expenditure of this budget.

SUMMARY

The Local Committee has a role in influencing and contributing to community planning in Tandridge and in planning for effective crime reduction initiatives particularly in relation to funding contributed by Surrey County Council towards the local crime prevention programme.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to:

- (i) Note the Tandridge Community Safety Partnership's Priorities for 2012/13.
- (ii) Agree to allocate its budget of £3,160 to fund community safety initiatives identified by the Tandridge Community Safety team.
- (iii) Delegate authority to the Community Partnership Manager to oversee the expenditure of this budget.
- (iv) Note the possible changes for the Community Safety Partnership following the appointment of the Police and Crime Commissioner in item 1.5 and 1.6.

1 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

- 1.1 The County Council has in the past made available to Local Committees the sum of £14,500 per borough/district for use in conjunction with the Community Safety Partnerships, of which £12,000 was ring-fenced for outreach with those affected by domestic abuse and the Local Committee was asked to allocate the remainder of the funding for community safety work. As part of the centralised approach to these services, the domestic abuse outreach is being funded centrally for allocation by the Community Safety Unit. This year, the Local Committee has delegated authority over budget of £3,160 to contribute towards addressing local areas of concern in relation to Community Safety.
- 1.2 The Tandridge Community Safety Partnership has agreed the following strategic priorities in its plan for 2012/13:
- Serious acquisitive crime, focusing on non-dwelling burglary and metal theft
 - Serious violent crime – domestic abuse
 - Vehicle crime, particularly theft from motor vehicles
 - Community reassurance, focusing on work with young people and antisocial driving
- 1.3 A Surrey County Council Member sits on the CSP to contribute to the debates and influence decisions which will affect local residents in Tandridge, and to report back to the Local Committee at regular intervals to keep committee members fully informed of progress.
- 1.4 In November 2012 the way Surrey Police are held to account will change significantly with the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The existing Police Authority of 17 members will be abolished as a result. The election will be held on the 15 November 2012.
- 1.5 The introduction of a PCC will 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 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.
- 1.6 Members should be aware that going forward the way the CSP operates could alter depending on the elected PCC, their strategic objectives and how he/she discharges their functions. 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.

2 OPTIONS

- 2.1 The Local Committee can further the work of the CSP by delegating its Community Safety budget to the CSP. The CSP's budget is spent on local projects aimed at delivering local community safety priorities.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 The CSP includes representatives of local partner organisations working in Tandridge, and has been consulted on and agreed the priorities for 2012/13.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The CSP funding is held in common with the other partners and decisions are taken as a group on how it should best be spent. This is done with particular attention to value for money.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Any future consultation with local communities will consider how to engage with hard-to-reach and minority groups within the community.

6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 Surrey County Council is a statutory partner on the CSP.
- 6.2 The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to:
- (i) Note the Tandridge Community Safety Partnership's Priorities for 2012/13.
 - (ii) To agree to allocate its budget of £3,160 to fund community safety initiatives identified by the Tandridge Community Safety team and to delegate authority to the Community Partnership Manager to oversee the expenditure of this budget.

7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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

8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 8.1 The Surrey County Council Member representative will attend the Community Safety Partnership meetings, and will support and enable county involvement on the targets of CSP and feedback to the Local Committee on a regular basis.
- 8.2 The Community Partnership Manager will oversee the expenditure of this budget.

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