



## **Safer Woking Partnership**

### **Local Committee for Woking 14 July 2004**

#### **KEY ISSUE:**

To inform the Local Committee about the work of the Safer Woking Partnership, including how the funding received from the Government Office for the South East is planned to be spent this year.

#### **SUMMARY:**

The Safer Woking Partnership is a statutory group that aims to:

- Reduce crime - by working together with main agencies, the voluntary sector and the public to reduce the levels of, and deal with the causes of, crime and disorder.
- Reassurance – by involving the public and working with all communities to reduce the fear of crime and provide people with a sense of safety and reassurance.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None – this report is for information

## **Introduction and background**

1. The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act gave the Police, Borough Council and County Council a shared responsibility to develop and implement a strategy to reduce crime and disorder. Within Woking, this responsibility fell to the Chief Executive of Woking Borough Council, the Police Divisional Commander and the Local Director (Woking) for Surrey County Council, who are collectively known as the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. As a result of the Police Reform Act 2002 the Surrey Heath and Woking Primary Care Trust, Fire and Rescue and the Police Authority have joined the Partnership, which has since been branded as the Safer Woking Partnership.
2. The Partnership are implementing the second three year Community Safety Strategy which covers the period from April 2002 until March 2005. During the remainder of this year, the Safer Woking Partnership will be conducting a crime and disorder audit and a fear of crime survey to establish the priorities for the Community Safety Strategy for Woking Borough 2005-2008.
3. On the 13 April 2004 the Surrey County Council Executive agreed a Community Safety Action Plan for 2004/05 for Surrey County Council. This action plan sets out how Surrey County Council services will implement the Community Safety Policy adopted by the County Council on 30 September 2003. This work complements the work being undertaken by the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships locally.

## **Community Safety Strategy for Woking Borough 2002 to 2005**

4. The current Community Safety Strategy is based on detailed analysis of local crime and disorder data and widespread consultation, which is set out in the Crime and Disorder Audit 2001.
5. Following consultation, there were 5 key themes identified:
  - a. Awareness and accessibility
  - b. The local environment
  - c. Supporting victims
  - d. Young people
  - e. Alcohol and drugs issues.
6. A Project Leader was appointed for each theme. They report on progress quarterly to the Safer Woking Partnership.
7. Copies of the strategy will be available at the meeting.

## **Key Successes from April 2003 – March 2004**

- Drugs - Operation Violet (more information will be provided within the police presentation)
- Environment - Lakeview spring clean community event
- Young People - Teenage pregnancy group, Goldsworth Park
- Getting appropriate data onto SCaDIS in preparation for the audit
- Development of the CIAG and JAG (Community Incident Action Group and Joint Action Group that are multi-agency problem solving groups tackling problem individuals or locations)
- Development of the multi-agency funded domestic violence outreach service
- The Woking Park Skate Park project developed by Safer Woking in consultation with local young skaters
- Deployment of the jointly funded CCTV van.

## **Key Actions for the remainder of the Strategy**

- Development of 2005-08 Community Safety Strategy based on the outcomes of the Crime and Disorder Audit, fear of crime survey and community consultations.
- Development of a communications and media strategy
- Improving processes within the Safer Woking Partnership following the Self Assessment currently being carried out
- Youth Service Rapid Response Team
- Appointing Anti-Social Behaviour Case Worker and Manager
- Continuation of the successful working of the CIAG and JAG
- Look to pump prime a town centre drug and alcohol service provision
- Pilot a new process to tackle abandoned vehicles, location to be identified through the JAG
- Reassurance project at Lakeview, which includes funding contribution for the Community Development Worker.

## Funding

8. The Safer Woking Partnership has funding from Central Government to support projects under the Community Safety Strategy. In addition, the agencies from the Safer Woking Partnership contribute a sum of money each year to the Safer Woking Partnership Fund. The money available to the Partnership for 2004/05 is set out below:

Building Safer Communities (to be spent mainly on alcohol and drugs initiatives within the borough, such as Police Drugs Focus Team, Life Education Centres, DIPSY etc)	£105,572
Basic Command Unit (employment of partnership staff and an intervention fund to assist CIAG and JAG)	£41,273
Anti-Social Behaviour (to be spent on the appointment of an Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Case Worker for Woking and part funding an ASB Manager for the Police Division)	£25,000
<b>Total GOSE</b>	<b>£171,845</b>
Safer Woking Partnership (to be spent on fear of crime survey , consultation and development of new strategy and other initiatives yet to be identified)	£8,000 (plus £28,531 carry forward)
Domestic Violence Outreach (funding for DV Outreach worker)	£32,000 plus £44,167 carry forward)

## Ethnic Minority Implications

9. The Safer Woking Partnership works to improve accessibility and reporting methods for racial incidents.

## Financial Implications

10. As agreed at the Local Committee for Woking on 26 April 2004, the Local Committee will allocate £8,750 of the £24,000 community safety budget to Police Community Support Officers, a sum of between £2,000 and £3,000 to Safer Woking to use for administration and projects (the precise sum to be determined by *Safer Woking*) and the balance of the community safety budget to domestic violence outreach.

## Crime and Disorder Implications

11. This report has wide ranging crime and disorder implications.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Surrey County Council Community Safety Action Plan  
04/05

Community Safety Policy for Surrey County Council  
Community Safety Strategy for Woking Borough  
2002-2005

Woking Crime and Disorder Audit – October 2001

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