

## SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

## LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)

DATE: 11 DECEMBER 2013

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TEAM

SUBJECT: GUILDFORD PARTNERSHIPS ANNUAL REPORT

DIVISION: ALL

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

The Local Committee (Guildford) takes an active interest and members participate in partnership work within the borough and in particular in our priority places. Members of the Local Committee are nominated to act as representatives on a number of key partnerships. This report provides an overview of the activities of those partnerships during the past year and a round-up of partnership work supported by the Community Partnerships Team.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:****The Local Committee (Guildford) is asked to**

- (i) Note the Guildford Partnership Annual Report
- (ii) Comment on partnership activities
- (iii) continue to use the resources at its disposal to promote the development of stronger, more self-reliant communities in Guildford

**REASONS**

Partnership and collaborative working is a good way to ensure best outcomes and value with regards to resources and funding. The Local Committee, and the local members in particular, have invested in many projects in priority communities and the support of members is highly valued. The Local Committee is asked to give its support to the work of the partners to promote the importance of sustained, co-ordinated work in all services planning and resourcing both in the priority and wider communities.

<b>1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:</b>
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- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 established the formation of statutory Community Safety Partnership's (CSP's) in recognition that crime reduction cannot be the responsibility of just one agency and should be tackled by a variety of agencies working together in partnership. In law the CSP must include the Police, local authorities, the Fire Service and Probation Services, but may also include a range of additional organisations, all of whom work together to develop and implement strategies for tackling crime and disorder at a local level. In Guildford the CSP is called the Safer Guildford Partnership and Mrs Fiona White is the Guildford Local Committee representative. The Community Partnership Team provides the statutory representation for the County Council.
- 1.2 When someone dies as a result of domestic violence a multi-agency Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) is carried out under guidelines provided by the Home Office. The objective of the review is to identify where agencies and services may improve to better protect others. It is the duty of the CSP's to undertake DHR's.
- 1.3 Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) are non-statutory public, voluntary and community sector partnerships with a role in promoting economic, social and environmental wellbeing in the local area. The Guildford LSP was dissolved during 2013 in favour of a new partnership framework which includes a Public Sector Board (PSB). Mr Mark Brett-Warburton is the Guildford Local Committee representative on the PSB.
- 1.4 Health and social care systems were reformed during 2012. Central to the reform was the creation of Health and Well-being boards at upper tier local authority level. The intention was to bring together key commissioning authorities to take a strategic approach local service provision. When the LSP was dissolved the Healthy Guildford Group was also deleted in favour of a local Health and Well-being Board in order to better reflect changes at county and national level and seek more coordinated local service delivery. Mrs Pauline Searle is the Guildford Local Committee representative on the Guildford Health and Well-being Board.
- 1.5 Local 'priority' communities are those where the IMD data reveals a negative indication away from the average for the county. Priority communities with multiple indicators in the borough include neighbourhoods in Westborough, Stoke and Ash, although there are pockets of relative deprivation measurable against a variety of indicators throughout the borough. Indicators include child poverty, access to training, barriers to housing and health, life expectancy and disability.
- 1.6 Westborough was designated a Priority Place by the Surrey Strategic Partnership in 2009 based upon health and wellbeing, children and young people and economic development issues. Social data analysis came from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD 2007).
- 1.7 Over recent years the Guildford LSP agreed a strategy and action plan for Westborough and one for Stoke. These plans were presented to the local committee in December 2012. Both plans work towards developing a coherent set of actions that the community and partners can deliver together to improve health, the environment and opportunities for local people.
- 1.8 The Stoke and Westborough Action Group (SWAG) is an agency group with local councillor representation monitoring and delivering the Stoke and Westborough Action Plans.
- 1.9 The Ash Network is a local agency, voluntary, community and faith group linking up to share and progress partnership activities and local initiatives.

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Mrs Marsha Moseley and ward Councillor Nigel Manning are active members of the Network.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

### **Safer Guildford Partnership (SGP)**

2.1 The SGP has shared priorities with the county and neighbouring boroughs as laid out in the Single Strategic Assessment produced by Surrey County Council. The priorities of the single assessment for Guildford are

- Anti-social behaviour
- Burglary
- Domestic abuse
- Mental health
- Substance misuse
- Working with the highest need individuals

2.2 The current Safer Guildford Partnership Plan 2011 – 2014 was presented to the committee last year and sets out the following three overarching priorities for the Borough:

- promoting confidence
- reducing and preventing crime
- reducing re-offending

2.3 To deliver the partnership priorities the SGP has a number of working groups. The latest performance reports are attached at **Annexe 1**.

#### (i) Joint Action Group (JAG - focused on places)

The areas of partnership attention during 2013 have been:

- Ash Hill Road area (Anti-social behaviour)
- UK Skunkworks and Haydon Place (Anti-social behaviour)
- Bellfields (Anti-social behaviour)
- York Road/Town Centre Car Parks (Rough sleepers)
- Persian New Year, Ockham (logistics management / environmental impact)
- Seasonal issues: Guildford parks and events (Anti-social behaviour, fire starting, road safety etc.)

#### (ii) Community Impact Action Group (CIAG - focused on individuals)

This is a multi-agency problem solving group that focuses on interventions to reduce the impact of individuals (both juveniles and adults) on the community. It would not be appropriate to comment on specific cases, but 2013 has seen additional support to this group from the new Family Support Team based at the borough council.

#### (iii) Town Centre Disorder Group (TCDG - focused on the night-time economy)

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The Partnership has been pleased to see alcohol violence come down again for another year. Venues of concern have become more engaged. There has been a combined approach including a late entry policy, taxi marshals, recruitment of a Night-time Economy Manager, working towards the Best Bar None (part of the Purple Flag) accreditation scheme, Guildford Pub Watch and a high profile campaign at Fresher's Week which have brought good results.

### (iv) Casualty Reduction Group (CRG - focused on education and awareness of safer road use)

Casualty reduction is a priority for the SGP and the purpose of this group is to raise awareness of safer road use in the borough. During 2013 the CRG has monitored and supported Community Speed Watch initiatives, School Speed Watch events, Junior Citizens and Road Safety Week. During the coming year the group plans to develop closer links with Surrey County Council and assisting with the local roll-out of Drive Smart road safety initiatives.

### (v) Domestic Homicide Reviews

During 2013 one review has been completed and received approval from the Home Office and another has been commenced. The SGP currently sets aside a budgetary contingent for such reviews, however with no confirmed future income to the CSP's it is currently unclear where the SGP may bid in the future to obtain funding for DHR's.

### (vi) CCTV Review

The partnership is undertaking a review of the CCTV in the borough on behalf of the Customer and Communities Scrutiny Committee (GBC). The review will focus on value for money and best practice. The outcomes will be delivered to the March meeting of the scrutiny committee and Local Committee members will be informed.

### **Priorities for 2014/15**

- 2.4 The Safer Guildford Partnership has agreed priorities that will include burglary (domestic and non-domestic) in rural areas. The focus on town centre disorder will continue.

### **Funding**

- 2.5 The Community Safety Fund (CSF) which was administered to CSP's by Surrey County Council was transferred to the elected Police and Crime Commissioner from April 2013. The PCC made available £509,000 to receive bids from groups, including CSPs. From April 2014 the CSF allocation will be incorporated into the Police Main Grant. The current Safer Guildford budget is at **Annexe 2**. Income to the Safer Guildford Partnership includes contributions from Guildford Borough Council and Surrey County Council via Guildford Local Committee. Future income will be dependent upon the continuation of local authority contributions and successful bids to available funding streams including any made available by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

### **Guildford Surrey Board**

- 2.6 During 2013 the Local Strategic Partnership Board for Guildford was dissolved in favour of a new partnership framework between Surrey County Council and Guildford Borough Council. A memorandum of Understanding was signed by both authorities. The University of Surrey, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford College and Enterprise M3 have now also been

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incorporated within the new partnership. The areas of work to be undertaken by the new board are outlined at **Annexe 3** Councillor Mark Brett-Warburton as Chairman of the Guildford Local Committee sits on the board.

#### **Guildford Health & Well-Being Board**

- 2.7 The new board has agreed its membership. Terms of reference will be agreed at the board meeting in December. Draft terms of reference can be found at **Annexe 4** A local strategy for Guildford will be produced reflecting the county-wide strategy and national health and well-being guidelines. The new local strategy will be circulated to members in due course. Multi-agency task groups continue to promote physical activity and young people's health.

#### **Stoke & Westborough Action Plans**

- 2.8 Stoke and Westborough continue to be priority communities for the county council and local partners. Both areas have benefitted from the delivery of Travel Smart funding during the past year. Travel Smart funding is awarded to projects supporting sustainable transportation and skills training. This funding has enabled projects to continue and new schemes to start. Notably, this funding has been community driven and has demonstrated good levels of community engagement. The existing action plans have been assessed by the Stoke and Westborough Action Group and as a next step key local priorities and projects to deliver these priorities will be identified. In follow up, local residents will be consulted on these priorities and projects through a series of engagement activities possibly tied in with Travel Smart or other events.

#### **Travel SMART & 109 Southway**

- 2.9 During 2013 a new partnership was created to deliver a number of services and opportunities under one roof. Part of SCC's Travel Smart programme funding had been set aside to create a community hub. The community hub was to provide information and advice about sustainable travel and transport options. In partnership with Guildford Borough Council, Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership and Guildford College a shop unit is being refurbished to re-open as a Travel Smart community hub, a retail home for the Guildford Bike Project and a centre for learning and skills training opportunities. It is planned that the shop/hub will open end of 2013/early 2014.

#### **Ash Network**

- 2.10 During 2013 partner agencies and local councillors took a review of the Community Profiles produced by Surrey-i to identify local priorities and target areas of working. The statistical evidence pointed to the following indicators where figures were higher than average for Surrey:

- Welfare reform (affecting those claiming benefits)
- Levels of adult training & skills
- Young people training & skills (employment opportunities)
- Health and life expectancy
- Child poverty
- Anti Social Behaviour

These indicators were adopted as priorities for the Ash Network. Throughout the year the Network has undertaken extended presentations from agencies working in the priority areas so as to better understand and respond to the local need. During the summer the partnership Network held a stall at the Ash

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Fun Day to circulate information and undertake signposting to local agency service providers.

### **3. OPTIONS:**

3.1 The Guildford Local Committee member representation on local partnership groups is reviewed and nominations put forward at the first meeting of the municipal year.

### **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

4.1 Local councillors, as community representatives, are fully engaged in all of the local partnerships described in this report.

### **5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:**

5.1 Prevention work through co-ordinated action in priority areas represents value for money to a range of public agencies.

### **6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:**

6.1 It is a requirement of Surrey County Council to take account of its public sector equality duty whenever it makes any decisions.

6.2 It is expected that all agency partners involved in the partnership projects and initiatives described in this report will comply with equalities legislation including the Equality Act 2010.

6.3 Local partnership work seeks to achieve equality of opportunity to those living in priority communities.

### **7. LOCALISM:**

7.1 The local partnerships in the borough include local members, and representatives of the local voluntary and community and faith sector. The partnerships seek a collaborative approach to delivering services locally.

### **8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

#### **8.1 Crime and Disorder implications**

Community safety is a priority for residents and effective collaboration and local response contributes to the promotion of stronger, more resilient communities which can increase confidence in resisting crime and anti-social behaviour.

#### **8.2 Sustainability implications**

The local partnerships seek to encourage sustainable, self-reliant communities.

#### **8.3 Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults implications**

Members of the community safety partnership groups are all signed up to the Surrey County Council Information Sharing Protocol.

#### 8.4 Public Health implications

The local partnerships seek to help to build healthy individuals and healthy communities.

### **9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 9.1 Guildford Local Committee provides funding for the Safer Guildford Partnership and it is important that the committee is kept abreast of the priorities and activities undertaken.
- 9.2 There are close links between all of the partnerships mentioned in this report and creating and maintaining healthy, resilient communities. It is important that the committee nominates representatives to the partnerships to maintain a joined up overview.
- 9.3 The Local Committee has a remit under the scheme of delegation to monitor and scrutinise issues of local concern. Also to identify priorities for collaborative working. There are various ways members can undertake these duties via the committee process, but an additional and important way is through participation in local partnerships.
- 9.4 Local Committee members have adopted a partnership approach through the committee Youth Task Group and have identified priority areas of need and advised the committee to target the Local Prevention Framework funding accordingly. The committee has agreed that Westborough, Stoke and Ash are target areas for the Framework contract.
- 9.5 It is the aim of this report to provide a helpful overview of local partnership working during the year that has involved local committee members and the Community Partnership Team. It is in no way intended to provide a complete list of partnership projects underway locally as they are too numerous and broad ranging to list. However, should members have an interest in finding out more about local partnerships mentioned either in or outside of this report they should ask the Community Partnership Team who will be pleased to direct them.

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### **10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

- 10.1 Members, statutory agencies, community, voluntary and faith partners and other key stakeholders will continue to collaborate formally and informally in local partnerships.

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**Annexes:**

1. Performance figures from the Safer Guildford Partnership sub groups

2. Safer Guildford Partnership Budget

3. Terms of Reference for the Guildford Surrey Board

4. Draft Terms of Reference for the Guildford Health & Well-being Board

**Sources/background papers:**

- Westborough Action Plan
  - Stoke Action Plan
  - SCC Surrey Single Strategic Assessment
  - Safer Guildford Partnership Plan
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