

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)****DATE: 18 JUNE 2014****LEAD OFFICER: GORDON FALCONER, COMMUNITY SAFETY UNIT SENIOR MANAGER****SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SAFETY IN MOLE VALLEY 2014-15****DIVISION: ALL MOLE VALLEY DIVISIONS****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Surrey County Council is a statutory partner on Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) at a borough/district level.

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) has been delegated £3,294 to support community safety work in the district; this money requires Local Committee agreement to be delegated for use by the local Community Safety officers.

In East Surrey (Reigate & Banstead, Mole Valley and Tandridge), there is a long history of working together, including jointly-funded posts and co-ordinated delivery of campaigns. The conclusion of a recent review conducted by partner agencies on the CSP is an agreement to formally merge the three CSPs into a single East Surrey CSP.

A County Councillor from each District or Borough area will represent the Local Committees on the new East CSP.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to:**

- (i) Agree that the community safety budget of £3,294 that has been delegated to the Local Committee be transferred to the Mole Valley Partnership Manager for the purposes of addressing community safety priorities, authorising the Partnerships Manager to carry out this transfer on the Committees behalf.
- (ii) Note the formation of a new East CSP, which includes Mole Valley, and the new way of working across the East.
- (iii) Nominate a County Councillor to represent the Mole Valley Local Committee on the East Surrey CSP in 2014-15 and a named substitute if so wished.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Surrey County Council is a Responsible Authority on Community Safety Partnerships and has a responsibility to be represented at their meetings. Contributing delegated funding will help to ensure that there is a sufficient budget to fund projects aimed at reducing crime and anti-social behaviour within the district.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The Local Committee has delegated authority over a small budget of £3,294 of Surrey County Council funding. The purpose of this funding is to address local areas of concern in relation to community safety.
- 1.2 The Mole Valley Community Safety Partnership (CSP) consists of a number of Responsible Authorities (including Surrey County Council, Surrey Police and Mole Valley District Council).
- 1.3 The Mole Valley CSP Plan normally sets out the partnership's priorities for the year ahead; however as the local CSP is merging to an East Surrey CSP, a joint plan will be written. The Strategic Assessment process identified shared priorities however, listed below (2.6).
- 1.4 The conclusion of a recent review conducted by partner agencies on the CSP is an agreement to formally merge the three CSPs in Reigate and Banstead, Mole Valley and Tandridge into a single CSP for East Surrey (see paragraphs 2.1 – 2.10 below).
- 1.5 A Surrey County Council Member is appointed to represent the Local Committee on the East Surrey CSP in order to contribute to the debates and influence decisions which will affect local residents in Mole Valley, and to report back to the Local Committee at regular intervals to keep committee Members fully informed of progress. A named substitute is appointed in the event that the representative is unable to attend a meeting.
- 1.6 Decisions on Community Safety funding are an Executive Function of the Local Committee as set out in Paragraph 7.2(b) (ii) of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

2. ANALYSIS:

2.1 Background

The Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in East Surrey have historically worked closely through joint-funding of shared specialist posts and co-ordinated delivery of campaigns. In 2013 a task and finish group was established to explore a more formal approach to merging. The group was commissioned in response to a number of factors impacting on the community safety landscape, including reducing budgets and changing government priorities, all placing severe pressure on public resources. The review was undertaken to mitigate the impact of these factors on future partnership working.

- 2.2 As part of the review, senior representatives of the responsible authorities, co-operating partners and key stakeholders for each CSP were consulted to establish views on the current and potential future working arrangements of the three statutory CSPs.
- 2.3 The outcome of the review and the consultation is an agreement to a formal merger of the three CSPs; Mole Valley, Reigate and Banstead and Tandridge; and the creation of an East Surrey CSP.

2.4 Membership

East Surrey CSP membership will be formed from the following representatives:

- District / Borough Councils – one elected member and senior officer per authority and a Community Safety Manager on a rotating basis
- Surrey County Council – one elected member per district / borough and one senior officer
- Surrey Police – Senior Police Representative(s)
- Clinical Commissioning Groups (Surrey Downs and East Surrey)
- Surrey & Sussex Probation Trust
- Surrey Fire & Rescue Service
- Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
- Surrey County Council Public Health
- Circle Housing and Registered Social Landlords
- Voluntary sector representative

2.5 Benefits / added value

- Encouraging even closer collaborative working on shared concerns.
- Promoting the integration of community safety priorities across mainstream policies and services.
- Achieve stronger “buy-in” from county-wide partners who currently have to attend 3 separate CSPs.
- Increasing community reassurance through co-ordinated awareness-raising campaigns.
- Stronger influence on decision-making at the Surrey Community Safety Board.
- Improved identification of funding opportunities and combined funding submissions, based on robust collaborative bids.
- Contributing to and supporting the delivery of relevant County-wide strategies.
- Ensuring the strategic vision is translated into real change across East Surrey

2.6 Purpose, Strategic Vision and Priorities

The purpose of the new merged community safety partnership will be ‘to provide strategic leadership to reduce crime and disorder through effective partnership working and to deliver measurable results across the area’.

The strategic vision of the new CSP is “Working together to keep East Surrey safe”.

The priorities across the three merging CSPs were identified through the recent strategic assessment process and are broadly similar. The shared priorities of the East CSP will be:

- Substance misuse (with a key focus on alcohol)
- Domestic Abuse
- Acquisitive crime (Domestic and non-Domestic burglary, vehicle crime)

- Anti-social Behaviour

Local delivery of location specific issues will continue through the current structures of Community Incident Action Groups (CIAGs) and Joint Action Groups (JAGs).

2.7 Community Safety Plan and Priorities for Mole Valley

The Mole Valley CSP is required under the Police and Justice Act 2006 to produce an annual Community Safety Plan, demonstrating how its members will work together to tackle key crime and disorder priorities for the year ahead. These priorities are identified by analysing data provided by partner organisations and feedback from local residents however due to the local CSP merge to an East Surrey CSP, a joint plan will be written.

2.8 The joint East Surrey CSP priorities are referred to in 2.6

2.9 Partner agencies contribute ring-fenced funds aimed at addressing the annual targets. Surrey County Council contributes to the provision of Domestic Abuse outreach work via a budget held by the central Community Safety Team, as well as the delegated funding which the Local Committee is being asked to agree. In addition, Surrey County Council services such as Services for Young People and Public Health contribute to community safety work in the district, for example, via the Local Prevention Framework for young people at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)/entering the criminal justice system.

2.10 This budget has been used in the past to fund a number of specially trained staff and a range of initiatives to tackle anti-social behaviour and low level crime. Examples from the past year include Drug Outreach Worker, Fairs Road clean up, which won the Derek Willmot award and Ladz Nights run by Leatherhead youth project to tackle anti-social behaviour.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 The Local Committee has had an influencing and monitoring role on the work of the Mole Valley CSP, and has the opportunity to do so in relation to the East Surrey CSP. Members can further the work of the East Surrey CSP by nominating a County Councillor (and deputy) who will effectively represent the best interest of the County and of the local residents of Mole Valley.

3.2 By delegating its Community Safety budget to the Mole Valley Community Safety Manager, the Local Committee can contribute to the reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour in Mole Valley by funding activity aimed at delivering against the locally identified community safety priorities.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 The Mole Valley CSP includes representatives of local partner organisations working in Mole Valley, and has been consulted on and agreed the local priorities for 2014-15.

4.2 On 1st April 2014, the Mole Valley Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the CSP Plan.

4.3 Senior representatives from the key partner agencies involved in Reigate and Banstead, Mole Valley and Tandridge CSPs were consulted on the proposal to form an East Surrey CSP. The Executive of each borough/district has formally agreed the proposals (in Mole Valley, this took place at Executive on the 8th April 2014).

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 The amount of delegated funding is £3,294. This funding is ring-fenced for use within Mole Valley, and expenditure from this fund will be agreed by local statutory partners of the CSP. All bidders must provide detailed information about the purpose and aims of the proposed project and timescales. Decisions are taken with particular attention to value for money and being in line with the Mole Valley community safety priorities, and bids may be refused or further information sought if this is not evident.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 This report does not have any direct equalities and diversity implications, but any future consultation with local communities will consider how to engage with hard to reach and minority groups within the community.

6.2 Successfully tackling crime and anti-social behaviour is of benefit to the entire community.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 If agreed, the recommendations will benefit all residents and businesses in Mole Valley by helping to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the district.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below.
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report.
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report.
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report.

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

By contributing delegated funding and ensuring that the Local Committee is represented on the partnership, the Local Committee will contribute to the success of the East Surrey CSP in addressing the local priorities for the reduction of crime and disorder in the district of Mole Valley during 2014-15.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 Surrey County Council is a Responsible Authority on the CSP and has a responsibility to be represented at its meetings.
- 9.2 Contributing delegated funding will help to ensure that there is a sufficient budget to fund projects aimed at reducing crime and anti-social behaviour within Mole Valley
- 9.3 The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to:
- (i) Agree that the community safety budget of £3,294 that has been delegated to the Local Committee be transferred to the Mole Valley Community Safety Manager for the purposes of addressing community safety priorities, authorising the Partnerships Manager to carry out this transfer on the Committees behalf.
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10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 Written agreement will be sought from each responsible authority with a view to holding an inaugural meeting in July 2014 where Terms of Reference will be approved and a Chair elected.
- 10.2 The Surrey County Council Member representative will attend the East Surrey CSP meetings, support and enable County involvement on the CSP's priorities and targets, and provide feedback to the Local Committee on a regular basis.

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Consulted:

See Section 4 above.

Annexes:

None.

Sources/background papers:

- Mole Valley CSP Constitution
- Mole Valley Scrutiny Committee minutes, 1st April 2014
- Report to Mole Valley Executive, 8th April 2014.

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