

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)

DATE: 25 JUNE 2014

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SUBJECT: LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY SAFETY BUDGET 2014-15

DIVISION: ALL



SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

For the financial year 2014-15 the Local Committee has a delegated budget of £3,294 for community safety projects. Traditionally the Committee has agreed to delegate this funding to the Community Safety Partnership (Safer Guildford Partnership). The purpose of this report is to seek delegation of the 2014/15 budget to the Safer Guildford Partnership.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Guildford) is asked to agree to:

- (i) Agree that the community safety budget of £3,294 delegated to the Local Committee be transferred to the Safer Guildford Partnership.
- (ii) Agree that the Community Partnerships Manager manages and authorises expenditure from the budget delegated to the Local Committee in accordance with the strategic aims of the Safer Guildford Partnership.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The County Council is a statutory member of the Safer Guildford Partnership. The Guildford Local Committee values partnership working that will make a positive contribution to local projects and activities that will create a safer community for all Guildford residents.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 The Safer Guildford Partnership is the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in Guildford. CSP's were established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Section 17). The act stated that tackling crime should be a partnership matter and not solely the responsibility of the Police. The agencies represented on the CSP are required to work in partnership with a range of other local public, private, community and voluntary groups, and with the community itself. This approach recognises that responsibility to address the causes of crime and the interventions required to deliver safe and secure communities lies with a range of organisations working in partnership. A report on the performance of the Safer Guildford Partnership is delivered to the Local Committee on an annual basis.

1.2 The Local Committee is asked to agree that the annual committee budget of £3,294 be transferred to the Safer Guildford Partnership to support local activities and projects which achieve the Partnerships aims and objectives.

2. ANALYSIS:

2.1 Surrey County Council is a statutory member of the Safer Guildford Partnership and supports the strategic aims and objectives of the Partnership within the Partnership Plan and the annual Strategic Assessment.

2.2 The work of the partnership is directed by an executive group, including representatives of the following organisations:

- Guildford Borough Council
- Guildford & Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group
- Surrey County Council
- Surrey Fire and Rescue Service
- Surrey Police
- Surrey Probation Service

2.3 The current Guildford Strategic Assessment reinforces the need to focus on the following issues:

- dwelling & non dwelling burglaries;
- violence against the person, particularly town centre alcohol related violence;
- anti-social behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- speeding motorists and anti-social driving

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 By transferring the budget of £3,294 to the Safer Guildford Partnership the Committee will make a direct financial contribution to the Partnership enabling the community safety projects and activities to continue throughout 2014-15.

3.2 The budget and expenditure of the partnership will be reported to the Local Committee later in the year.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 The Safer Guildford Partnership meets quarterly and has representation from the County Council and the Local Committee. Activities and expenditure are reported and approved at each meeting.
- 4.2 The annual strategic assessment is a joint partnership document on which CSP partners are consulted.
- 4.3 The Local Committee has a direct influence over the work of the CSP by nominating a representative annually.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Partnership working creates value for money opportunities from pooling resources. The Safer Guildford Partnership will scrutinise expenditure to ensure best value.
- 5.2 Expenditure of this budget will be monitored by the Community Partnerships Manager.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 There are no direct equalities and diversity implications, however through the Safer Guildford Partnership the County Council will strive to ensure that services are accessible to harder to reach groups.
- 6.2 Crime reduction is of value to all in the community.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The Safer Guildford Partnership is committed to educating and raising awareness of safer practices and behaviours which benefit all communities across the borough.
- 7.2 Local groups may approach the Safer Guildford Partnership for assistance in delivering projects which directly support the aims of the partnership.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

The transfer of the budget will enable the partnership to continue to work with the community to reduce crime, tackle anti social behaviours and raise awareness of safer practices and behaviours.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Guildford Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Nominate a County Councillor to represent the Local Committee on the CSP in 2014-15.

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- (ii) Agree that the community safety budget of £3,294 delegated to the Local Committee be transferred to the Safer Guildford Partnership.
- (iii) Agree that the Community Partnerships Manager manages and authorises expenditure from the budget delegated to the Local Committee in accordance with the strategic aims of the Safer Guildford Partnership.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 The Local Committee member will join the Safer Guildford Partnership
- 10.2 If the committee are agreeable the Safer Guildford Partnership will be advised and this funding will support projects for the coming year.

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Consulted:

Safer Guildford Partnership

Annexes:

None

Sources/background papers:

- Safer Guildford Partnership Plan 2011-14
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