

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

DATE: 26 SEPTEMBER 2014

LEAD OFFICER: DAVID NORTH
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SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SAFER WAVERLEY PARTNERSHIP

DIVISION: ALL DIVISIONS IN WAVERLEY

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

The Safer Waverley Partnership is the statutory Community Safety Partnership for Waverley. Under the provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) the County Council is a statutory member of the partnership. The report contains an overview of the partnership's activities in 2013-14 to enable the Local Committee to maintain its overview of community safety in Waverley.

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

- (i) Note the contents of the annual report of the Safer Waverley Partnership in the year 2013-14 and the updated Partnership Plan 2014-17.
- (ii) Offer comments on the work of the Partnership and its priorities.
- (iii) Bear the priorities of the Partnership in mind when making decisions on funding.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee wishes to receive periodic reports on the work of the Safer Waverley Partnership, its achievements and priorities and to consider its contribution to these.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The Committee will be aware that the existing arrangements for tackling crime and disorder and promoting community safety on a local basis date back to the Crime and Disorder Act of 1998. The Act established the principle that the Police, local authorities and other statutory agencies operating locally should share this responsibility.
- 1.2 The Safer Waverley Partnership (SWP) is the statutory Community Safety Partnership (CSP) for Waverley. Formal voting on budgetary responsibility lies with the specified officers representing each of the statutory partners. In

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this respect the County Council is represented on the decision-making Strategy Group by David North (Community Partnership and Committee Officer) in conjunction with the Community Partnership Team Leader for West Surrey. Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is represented separately by its Area Manager.

- 1.3 The Community Partnership Team continues to lead for the County Council in co-ordinating the work of the SWP, contributing to the strategic management of the Partnership and ensuring that relevant services are involved.
- 1.4 The Committee maintains an overview of community safety in Waverley under two Executive functions set out in its Scheme of Delegation:
 - 7.2.b(ii) (Decisions on) Community safety funding that is delegated to the Local Committee
 - 7.3(v) Consider priorities for collaborative work undertaken within the committee's area by county services and partners.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The annual report of the SWP is annexed to this report (**Annex 1**), along with the revised Partnership Plan for 2014-17 (**Annex 2**), both having been approved by the Strategy Group at its meeting on 30 April 2014.
- 2.2 Against the background of reduced finances the partnership continues to promote community safety in Waverley through productive partnership working and, where appropriate, collaboration with neighbouring CSPs. Overall rates of reported crime and anti-social behaviour continued to fall in 2013-14. Decreased rates of domestic and non-domestic burglary and of vehicle crime were welcomed. Increases in some crime-types have been recorded in the first four months of 2014-15 (**Annex 3**). While the relatively small numbers recorded in some cases can generate quite dramatic rates of change, the Partnership has mechanisms in place to address in conjunction with Surrey Police emerging patterns of crime and disorder, e.g. through its Joint Action Group (JAG).
- 2.3 The Partnership has scrutinised the increase in violent crime and, in view of the fact that this has been influenced significantly by increased reporting of domestic abuse, reassured itself that appropriate services are in place to respond and offer appropriate support to survivors.
- 2.4 The Committee will note cross-cutting themes which relate to its specific responsibilities and areas of interest, e.g. the Local Prevention Framework and Family Support Service. Officers ensure that appropriate links are made with work to strengthen the most vulnerable communities in the borough, as reported to the Committee at this meeting.
- 2.5 The **Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014** will come into force in October 2014 and will significantly change the range of powers available to partners, and residents, in addressing anti-social behaviour. The existing 19 powers which deal with anti-social behaviour will be replaced with six faster, more effective ones; landlords will have powers to deal more

swiftly with the most serious anti-social behaviour committed by their tenants; and victims will have the power to ensure that action is taken to deal with persistent anti-social behaviour through the new **community trigger**, and a greater say in what form of sanction an offender receives out of court through the new **community remedy**. Partners are currently agreeing arrangements, both across Surrey and within Waverley, to ensure that they are ready to operate the new arrangements.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 The Committee is invited to note and comment on the report.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 The Partnership has access to the results of resident surveys, notably the “local policing board” consultation sessions which take place regularly throughout the borough, and where appropriate draws together meetings of all relevant stakeholders to address particular local problems.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 As in previous years, the Committee agreed at its 20 June 2014 meeting to allocate its Community Safety budget for 2014-15 to the Safer Waverley Partnership.
- 5.2 County Councillors continue to use their local allocations to support initiatives which contribute to the promotion of community safety.
- 5.3 The Committee will be aware that Home Office funding formerly allocated to CSPs is now managed by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). A proportion of this is set aside in a Community Safety Fund to provide grants to organisations which contribute to improving community safety locally. In 2013-14 two grants were awarded to Waverley organisations:
- £8000 to GASP motor project based in Haslemere
 - £5000 to 40 Degreez youth centre in Farnham

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 The Partnership gives particular attention to these matters and receives regular updates on hate crimes reported in the borough.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 The Partnership is committed to addressing local concerns and enhancing the resilience of communities.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below
Sustainability (including Climate	No significant implications arising

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Change and Carbon Emissions)	from this report.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report.
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	Set out below.
Public Health	Set out below.

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

The report is exclusively concerned with this topic.

8.2 Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults implications

The Partnership has processes in place to address particular concerns and is committed to addressing domestic abuse.

8.3 Public Health implications

The Partnership worked during the year to promote awareness of alcohol misuse and receives regular reports on licensed premises which are giving cause for concern.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 Committee is invited to note the SWP's ongoing work and its achievements over the year 2013-2014. Members also have this opportunity to comment on future priorities and suggest any further topics for attention.

9.2 The County Council is a statutory partner in CSPs and its services are involved in the promotion of safer and stronger communities in Waverley.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 The Community Partnership and Committee Officer will arrange for any comments and suggestions to be reported to the SWP.

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Consulted:

Safer Waverley Partnership

Annexes:

- 1: End of Year Report of the Safer Waverley Partnership 2013-14
- 2: Safer Waverley Partnership Plan 2014-17

Sources/background papers:

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