

Communities Select Committee
20 October 2014

**Community Safety Partnerships in Surrey
Executive Summary**

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of Services and Performance Management.

Delivery structures

- Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) delivery structures will be tested with the introduction of new tools and powers introduced by the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Crime and Policing Act 2014. Practitioners will need the requisite skills and knowledge to make best use of these streamlined powers.

Surrey Single Strategic Assessment (SSSA)

- The SSSA for 2014-17 is now finalised and has been published on Surrey-i. Overarching strategic themes for the county include: anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse, drugs, alcohol, resilience and mental health.

Performance

- Surrey Police have again delivered improvements in meeting public demands in both confidence and satisfaction levels, and an overall reduction in total notifiable offences. A summary of police performance is provided in **Annex 1**.
- **Annex 2** provides performance comparisons for CSP areas against priority crime types per 1,000 households.

Funding

- The Community Safety Fund was transferred to the elected Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) from April 2013. In 2013/14 £706,844 was awarded to 63 groups. For 2014/15 £623,370 has been made available.
- With regards to CSPs, seven applications to the fund have been received and successful. The total awarded to CSPs in two years is £12,101. A further three bids are currently being reviewed.

Creation of East Surrey Community Safety Partnership

- A significant development in the CSP landscape over the past 12 months is the creation of a single East Surrey CSP merging the CSPs of Mole Valley, Reigate & Banstead and Tandridge.
- The first meeting took place at the end of July 2014, and was taken up in agreeing joint priorities and electing a Chair, Louise Round, Chief Executive, Tandridge District Council.
- **Annex 3** includes the terms of reference and membership of this group.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- In response to the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014, Surrey County Council's (SCC) Community Safety Team, working closely with Surrey Police, led on the development of a multi-agency Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy.

- **Annex 4** illustrates how the 19 existing powers to deal with ASB have been streamlined into six new ones.
- SCC's Community Safety Team have commissioned specialist training in these new powers to facilitate a joined up approach to their implementation. The training is being rolled out throughout October 2014.

The Community Trigger

- The Community Trigger is introduced by the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014 and represents a significant change in the way CSPs are required to operate.
- It gives victims and communities the right to request a review of their anti-social behaviour complaints.
- SCC's Community Safety Team has worked with partners to develop a single Community Trigger Framework for Surrey to ensure a consistent approach across the County.
- The Community Trigger goes live from 20 October 2014. There is currently no way of knowing exactly how many Community Trigger submissions CSPs will receive.

Joint Enforcement Team

- In 2013 the PCC announced his intention to work with partners to deliver Joint Enforcement Teams across Surrey. It was agreed that Reigate & Banstead and Spelthorne Boroughs would pilot the project.
- Reigate & Banstead's Team has now been operating since June 2014 and is beginning to deliver community benefits, with a variety of issue successfully dealt with over the summer months.
- The Spelthorne Team have had a series of setbacks but are now in the process of recruiting and reconfiguring their street scene team to meet the aims of the project.

Victims' Commissioning

- All Police & Crime Commissioners take responsibility for commissioning support services for victims of crime from October 2014.
- A specification for services has been published and has involved an open tender procedure. The PCC expects to award a contract for this service at the end of October 2014, with the commissioned services going live in April 2015.

Domestic Abuse

- With the launch of the Domestic Abuse Strategy in 2013, the focus through 2014 has been on the delivery of the DA action plan. A brief outline of progress is provided in **Annex 5**.

Key Achievements of Surrey CSPs

- All Surrey CSPs were asked what they consider to be their key achievements during 2013/14. A summary of their responses is provided in **Annex 6**.

CSP Challenges for the future

- The introduction of the new ASB tools and powers, although designed to streamline the toolkit, in reality impose additional pressures on all partners with regard to training requirements and issues over their capacity of use the powers to full effect. The launch of the Community Trigger also introduces an element of public accountability that has not necessarily been there before.
- All CSP partners continue to face resource pressures. This could impede individual partners' ability to support some CSP work, which may be seen as secondary to their own agencies' core priorities.