



WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE AND HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUB COMMITTEE

AREA: WOKING

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

On 25 June 2014, Woking Joint Committee agreed to establish two sub-committees to enable the Joint Committee to carry out its functions in an efficient and expedient manner.

The Community Safety Sub-Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee have each met at least once. This report provides an overview of the issues considered to date.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Woking Joint Committee is asked to note:

- (i) The work carried out under the Community Safety Sub-Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To keep the Joint Committee informed about the work undertaken, and any decisions taken by its two sub-committees.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 On 25 June 2014, the Joint Committee established and agreed the terms of reference of two sub-committees, one covering Health and Wellbeing and the other Community Safety. Both sub-committees have delegated decision making powers as set out within their terms of reference.

1.2 This report sets out for information a summary of the issues considered at the first meetings of each of the sub-committees.

2. ANALYSIS:

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUB-COMMITTEE

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee meets three times a year and met for the first time on 15 October 2014. The following areas were considered:

- a. Priorities for Health and Wellbeing in Woking were agreed as set out below – work is now underway to develop an action plan to address these priorities:
 - i. Tobacco control;
 - ii. Promoting physical activity, healthy diet and healthy weight;
 - iii. Promoting the uptake of health checks;
 - iv. Ensuring the implementation of the Surrey wide alcohol strategy in Woking including Alcohol Identification and Brief Advice;
 - v. Promote the general uptake of activity targeted at improving the overall wellbeing of Woking’s community;
 - vi. Work in partnership to ensure delivery of the health promotion aspects of the Surrey Dementia Strategy.
- b. Members received an update on the Woking Family Support Programme, including current performance, assistance with referrals and plans for phase 2 of the Troubled Families Programme.

2.2 On the 22 January 2015 a Living Well in Woking Workshop was held at Parkview Centre for the Community. Over 90 people from local organisations came together to celebrate the great community activities that happen in Woking and explore how we can continue to work together to make Woking a great place to live. During the morning people pooled their knowledge of the strengths and resources in Woking’s communities, things that contribute to better health and wellbeing for residents. They also identified some of the gaps in local support and services. In groups participants discussed local plans for improving health and wellbeing in the Borough and for a new integrated hub that will bring together support from health, social care and the voluntary sector. The final discussion looked at how we can continue to work together to make Woking a great place to live and there was plenty of enthusiasm for regular opportunities to come together.

2.3 The Sub-Committee met for the second time on 25 February 2015 to consider the draft Health and Wellbeing action plan, to consider a further update on the Family Support Programme and to receive a presentation from the NW Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group on rehabilitation and reablement services.

COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE

2.4 The Community Safety Sub-Committee meets twice a year and met for the first time on 18 November 2014.

2.5 The Sub-Committee received a presentation on the new anti-social behaviour legislation which commenced on 20 October 2014. In addition, they received the following reports:

- a. Quarterly Community Safety report, which highlighted the key community safety actions taken over the last quarter, as well as the latest crime statistics for Woking;
- b. Community Safety Funding report – the Sub-Committee agreed the delegation of the community safety budget to the Safer Woking Partnership, which will be managed by the Partnership Officers' Group and reported to the Sub-Committee at each meeting;
- c. A review of the Woking Community Incident Action Group (CIAG), which confirmed that the CIAG was fit for purpose, but minor recommendations were suggested including an increased focus on supporting victims;
- d. The annual report of the Safer Woking Partnership, which set out a summary of the key actions and initiatives over the past year, many of which are highlighted on the borough council website (<http://www.woking.gov.uk/community/safety/initiatives>).

2.6 Inspector Nolan Heather is a co-opted member on the Community Safety Sub-Committee, and has set out in annex 1 the latest crime figures for the Borough for Members information and comment.

2.7 There is now an annual Police Crime Summit within the Borough to give residents an opportunity to feed back to a range of agencies. This will take place on the evening of 12 March 2015 at HG Wells Centre, Woking.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 This report is for information and comment only.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 Surrey County Council, Woking Borough Council and Surrey Police have been consulted on this report.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 There are no financial implications as this report is for information only.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT:

6.1 There are no significant risk management implications arising from this report.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 Universal and targeted Health and Wellbeing interventions will be undertaken based on the needs of local populations. Thus targeted approaches will focus not only on the most deprived areas, but will also look, where appropriate to prioritise target (client) groups.
- 7.2 The Safer Woking Partnership aims to make all communities in the borough a safe and pleasant place to live. Where issues arise, the partners work together, with residents as appropriate, to address them.

8. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 8.1 Universal and targeted interventions will be undertaken based on the needs of local populations. People from certain ethnic backgrounds, people with physical and mental disabilities will present a broader spectrum of health and wellbeing and community safety needs for which specific interventions will be delivered, where appropriate.

9. 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	Set out below.
Human Resource/Training and Development	No significant implications arising from this report

9.1 Crime and Disorder implications

The crime and disorder implications are fully considered when the sub-committees make any decisions.

9.2 Public Health implications

The public health implications are fully considered when the sub-committees make any decisions.

10. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 10.1 This Committee is asked to note the report providing an overview of the issues considered by the Health and Wellbeing and Community Safety Sub-Committees to date.

11. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

11.1 The next meeting of the Community Safety Sub-Committee is at 7pm on Wednesday 3 June, and the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee is at 5.30pm on Tuesday 16 June. Both meetings will be held in the Council Chamber at Woking Civic Offices, are open to the public and will be webcast.

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Annexes:

Crime statistics

Sources/background papers:

- Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee papers
- Community Safety Sub-Committee papers

Annex 1

CRIME for Woking fytd (DEC 2014)			
Category	FYTD Sept 13	FYTD Sept 14	%
Criminal damage	547	492	-10.1%
Domestic burglary	242	195	-19.4%
Drug offences	212	173	-18.4%
Fraud and forgery	6	7	16.7%
Violence with injury	260	378	45.4%
Non-domestic burglary	230	179	-22.2%
Other criminal offences	97	110	13.4%
Other violence against the person	531	545	2.6%
Robbery	26	19	-26.9%
Serious Sexual offences	29	63	117.2%
Theft (other than vehicle) & handling stolen goods	934	916	-1.9%
Vehicle crime (excluding interference)	192	147	-23.4%
Vehicle interference and tampering	18	16	-11.1%
Total Notifiable Offences	3330	3259	-2.1%

1. Reducing dwelling burglaries, vehicle crime, anti-social behaviour and serious crime along with building public confidence was the focus for Surrey Police over the past year. The crime categories included in serious acquisitive crime include dwelling burglaries, theft of and from motor vehicles, robbery and aggravated vehicle taking. Serious violent crime includes murder, attempted murder and grievous bodily harm (GBH).

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- Total crime for Woking has reduced by 2.1%, this relates to 71 less offences. This is very positive position building on the reductions achieved the previous years.
 - Vehicle crime continues to reduce and is currently running at 23.4% reduction which is positive in the current economic climate. This relates to a reduction in 45 offences compared to last year. We have managed a significant reduction for the past four years so to continue a reduction will be tough but will be a target we will push for.
 - Dwelling burglary has decreased by 47 offences compared to last year across the borough, a reduction of 19.4 %. This is outstanding work by all for this financial year with the current climate. Like vehicle crime, this is a difficult area to keep reducing but again with focused work and campaigns we will aim to achieve this.
 - There has been a 45.4% increase in violence with injury, which is an increase of 118 incidents compared to last year. The local team are looking at ways to reduce violent crime with injury across the Borough, in both public place violence and domestic incidents. We will work in partnership to tackle not just the night time economy but to proactively manage businesses that breach their licence conditions. This is already getting results with activity such as closing Chertsey Road on a Friday and Saturday evening.
3. We have seen a reduction in most crime categories and will continue to work hard to bring the violent crime back into reduction. So again we have had a productive year so far thanks to the continued partnership work.