

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL****LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)****DATE: 26 JUNE 2015****LEAD OFFICER: DAVID NORTH****SUBJECT: LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY SAFETY BUDGET 2015-16****DIVISION: ALL DIVISIONS IN WAVERLEY**

<b><u>SUMMARY OF ISSUE:</u></b>
The Local Committee has a delegated budget of £3,337 for community safety projects. Traditionally the Committee has agreed to delegate this funding to the community safety partnership in Waverley (the Safer Waverley Partnership). The Committee is being asked to delegate its 2015/16 funding to the Partnership.
<b><u>RECOMMENDATIONS:</u></b>
<p><b>The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to:</b></p> <p>(i) Agree that the community safety budget of £3,337 that has been delegated to the Local Committee be transferred to the Safer Waverley Partnership for the purpose of addressing the criteria and monitoring requirements detailed in paragraph 1.3 of this report.</p> <p>(ii) Agree that the Community Partnership Manager authorises this expenditure in accordance with the Local Committee's decision.</p>
<b><u>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:</u></b>
The County Council is a statutory member of the community safety partnership, known as the Safer Waverley Partnership. The Council values partnership working that will make a positive contribution to local projects and activities that will create a safer community for Waverley residents.
<b><u>1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:</u></b>

1.1 The Safer Waverley Partnership is the community safety partnership (CSP) in Waverley. CSPs were established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 which established the principle 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 opportunities to address the

causes of crime and disorder and pursue the interventions required to deliver safe and secure communities lie with a range of organisations, groups and individuals working in partnership. A report of the activities undertaken by the Safer Waverley Partnership is delivered to the Local Committee on an annual basis.

1.2 In the past the County Council's contribution to the CSP contained a proportion ring-fenced to deliver domestic abuse support services across the borough. The remainder of the funding supported local community safety activities and projects delivered by the Safer Waverley Partnership. To achieve better value for money, the ring-fenced portion of the funding dedicated to domestic abuse has been centralised across the county. However, the remainder of the budget was delegated to the Local Committee, this year amounting to £3,337.

1.3 The Local Committee Community Safety Fund is designed to support projects and initiatives in Surrey that:

- Are evidence based
- State aims and objectives clearly and concisely
- Clarify project outputs and outcomes
- Demonstrate wider benefits to the community
- Demonstrate how they support the delivery of local Community Safety Partnership plans
- Document proposed evaluation mechanisms
- Demonstrate value for money

Community Safety Partnerships will be asked to report back to the Local Committee on how the funding was used and will be asked to provide the following information:

- A description of the project
- What was done
- The issue or need the project addressed and how it was identified
- The outcomes that were expected and if they were achieved
- How the project benefitted the wider community
- The objectives in the local Community Safety Partnership Plan that the project supported
- How the outcomes were monitored and evaluated

1.4 The Local Committee is asked to agree £3,337 be transferred to the Safer Waverley Partnership to support local activities and projects which achieve the Partnership's aims and objectives.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

2.1 Surrey County Council is a statutory member of the Safer Waverley 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 a strategy group, including representatives of the following organisations:

- Waverley Borough Council
- Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Surrey County Council
- Surrey Fire and Rescue Service
- Surrey Police
- National Probation Service

2.3 The Safer Waverley Partnership continues to focus on the following priorities:  
Building Confidence in our Communities

- Antisocial Behaviour and Promoting Acceptable Behaviour
- Responding to Change
- Tackling Crime

### **3. OPTIONS:**

3.1 By transferring the budget of £3,337 to the Safer Waverley Partnership the Committee will make a direct financial contribution to the Partnership, enabling the community safety projects and activities to continue throughout 2015-16.

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 Waverley Partnership meets at least twice yearly and has representation from the County Council (the Community Partnership and Committee Officer); Surrey Fire and Rescue Service is represented in its own right. Activities and expenditure are reported and approved at each meeting.

4.2 The Partnership reports to the Local Committee annually and seeks members' views on its objectives and activities.

### **5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:**

5.1 Partnership working creates value for money opportunities from pooling resources. The Safer Waverley Partnership will scrutinise expenditure to ensure best value.

5.2 Expenditure of this budget is monitored by the Community Partnerships Manager.

### **6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:**

6.1 There are no direct equalities and diversity implications, but through the Safer Waverley Partnership the County Council will strive to ensure that services are accessible to harder to reach groups. The partnership maintains ongoing monitoring of hate crime.

6.2 Crime reduction is a benefit to all in the community.

**7. LOCALISM:**

- 7.1 The Safer Waverley 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 CSP for funding to deliver projects which directly support the aims of the partnership.
- 7.3 The partnership has given significant support to those communities prioritised by the Committee for particular support.

**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**

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

**9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Agree that the community safety budget of £3,337 that has been delegated to the Local Committee be transferred to the CSP.
- (ii) Agree that the Community Partnerships Manager manages and authorises expenditure from this budget delegated to the Local Committee in accordance with the strategic aims of the CSP.

**10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

- 10.1 The Safer Waverley Partnership will be advised of the transfer and this funding will support projects for the coming year.

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**Consulted:**

Safer Waverley Partnership

**Annexes:**

None

**Sources/background papers:**

Safer Waverley Partnership Action Plan and Priorities:

[http://www.waverley.gov.uk/info/870/community\\_safety/320/community\\_safety\\_in\\_waverley/2](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/info/870/community_safety/320/community_safety_in_waverley/2)

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