



## WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 23 SEPTEMBER 2015  
**LEAD OFFICER:** SUE BARHAM, STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (WBC)

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

**AREA:** WOKING

### **SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

On 24 June 2015, Woking Joint Committee agreed to re-establish two sub-committees to enable the Joint Committee to carry out its functions in an efficient and expedient manner.

During the first year of operation, the Community Safety Sub-Committee met twice and the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee met three times. 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 24 June 2015, the Joint Committee agreed to re-establish its 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 by the sub-committees since the last update to the Joint Committee in March 2015.

<b>2. ANALYSIS:</b>
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## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUB-COMMITTEE**

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee met three times during 2014/15.

2.2 At the last meeting in June the following items were discussed:

- a. The updated Health and Wellbeing Action Plan was considered.
  - i. An officer working group has been established to take forward the actions in a co-ordinated way, with different agencies leading on different priorities. This group will link in with existing networks to avoid duplication.
  - ii. An updated health profile has been published by Public Health England, and the key issues of alcohol, smoking, physical activity and dementia are already being addressed through the action plan.
  - iii. Improved communication would be taking place for referrals to the Smoking Cessation Service, and a borough wide enforcement service is being set up to educate and enforce on smoke related litter.
  - iv. There is an intention to set up a Timebank in Woking, and a buddy scheme to encourage the frail and elderly to swim.
  - v. Work is ongoing to promote NHS Health checks across the borough, particularly targeting the Asian community and Carers.
  - vi. The Surrey-wide Alcohol Strategy is being implemented locally through Coram Life Education, Junior Citizen, Alcohol Screening and linking in with GPs to refer appropriate patients on if they have an issue with drinking at home.
  - vii. The Dementia Friendly Strategy is progressing well, with the recent identification of a gap in dementia support for young people. In partnership with Woking Alzheimer's Society, Gimmick's Café began in July 2015 from the Bradbury Centre and offers peer support and information.
  - viii. The Locality Hub based at Woking Community Hospital will provide support for the frail and elderly when it opens at Willow Ward.
  - ix. Work was taking place to pull together information on grants provided by agencies to identify how funding can be more effectively targeted against shared health and social care objectives, under the banner of 'Mission 90'. In addition, a new small grant scheme has been launched by Woking Borough Council for older people.
- b. Members received an update on the Woking Family Support Programme. The Phase II programme was now well underway and work is ongoing to optimise the numbers of referrals going forward. A Quality Assurance Audit has been undertaken, which set out the current strengths and weaknesses, which are currently being addressed.

- c. An update on the Living and Ageing Well in Surrey Awards 2015 was given. These awards provide the opportunity to acknowledge the work undertaken by individuals in the provision of supporting and improving services for older people.

2.3 On the 4 September 2015 the first gathering of the Woking Wellbeing Network was held to bring together groups and organisations that support Woking residents and improve Health and Wellbeing in the borough. The vision is for a thriving network that helps to share information, understand how organisations fit into the bigger picture, and explore opportunities to support each other to address local needs and improve health and wellbeing in Woking.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE**

2.1 The Community Safety Sub-Committee met twice during 2014/15.

2.2 At the last meeting in June, the following items were considered:

- a. The Sub-Committee received the Surrey Fire and Rescue Annual Report. During the last year there had been no fatalities due to fire, and three injuries due to smoke inhalation. Overall the statistics for the borough showed strong performance from the service. The number of safeguarding referrals increased to 42, due to the success of the 'Keeping you safe from fire' campaign with Adult Social Care and the training with fire crews to maximise information sharing between organisations. The multi-agency approach ensured that the most vulnerable people could be afforded the protection required. The Youth Engagement Scheme continued to be very successful, although a lower number of referrals had been received for Woking and so work was taking place to enhance awareness. The new fire station is due to open in Woking in summer 2016.
- b. The Sub-Committee agreed the Safer Woking Partnership Plan 15/16, with the key priorities being Antisocial Behaviour, Crime, Drugs & Alcohol and Reducing Re-offending. In addition the Plan would also focus on Child Sexual Exploitation.
- c. The Sub-Committee received the annual report of activity taken by the partnership during 2014/15. Ongoing work was taking place with Speeding and Anti-Social Driving, Domestic Abuse, Neighbourhood Watch, Street Angels and Coram Life Education. The Surrey Women's Support Centre was undertaking more preventative work in the community, alongside a seconded youth support officer who was identifying the risks of anti-social behaviour.
- d. Over the past year, the main focus for the Police was on reducing dwelling burglaries which had been a great success achieving 80 fewer offences since the previous year, with Woking being the best performing force in Surrey. Serious acquisitive crime had also been reduced by 25.3%, equating to a decrease of 158 offences. Overall, there was a very low amount of crime in comparison with other parts of the country. There had been an increase in violence with injury, although there had been a reduction in town centre crime which had been assisted with the closure of Chertsey Road at night. In addition, there had been an increase in reporting of domestic assaults which enabled the crimes to be investigated and the victims assisted. A large

reduction of 378 anti-social behaviour incidents over the past year was stated to be very positive.

- e. An update on the review of the Joint Action Group was given. A few improvements had been made, but it was agreed that it was operating according to best practice.

2.3 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 took place on 12 March 2015 at HG Wells Centre, Woking. The principal issues of concern were online fraud, Police volunteers and Special Constables and Council Tax.

### **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 20 January 2016, and the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee is at 5.30pm on 4 November 2015. 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:**

None

**Sources/background papers:**

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