

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)****DATE: 25 SEPTEMBER 2015****LEAD OFFICER: DAVID NORTH
(COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND COMMITTEE OFFICER)****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 2014-15 to enable the local committee to maintain its understanding 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 2014-15 and the updated Partnership Plan 2015-18.
- (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 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 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 A countywide strategic overview of partnership activity is maintained by the Community Safety Board, chaired by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey.
- 1.5 The local 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.
- 1.6 The partnership has prepared a annual report on progress against its strategic priorities (**Annex 1**). CSPs are also required to develop a rolling three-year plan informed by a review of relevant data and emerging community safety priorities (**Annex 2**).

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The observations set out in this section expand on aspects of the high-level report contained in **Annex 1** and update the committee on recent developments in community safety.
- 2.2 Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) were established under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004), coming into force in 2011. CSP chairs are responsible for initiating reviews when referred by the police. The SWP's first DHR is now complete and accepted by the Home Office, but further DHRs have become necessary and are in preparation. SWP has continued to ensure that outreach services for survivors of domestic abuse are appropriate and that relevant links are maintained with partners; there has been particular interest in ensuring that a service for male survivors is in place.
- 2.3 The arrangements for local delivery of Prevent (the government's strategy to confront terrorism) have changed under the provisions of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act (2015). In Surrey the county council has been identified as the lead agency in the delivery of the Prevent Partnership Group with the support of Surrey Police and, locally, Waverley Borough Council. Prevention of radicalisation and extremism is now included in Ofsted inspections of educational establishments. SWP has sought to raise awareness of risk with schools and remains committed to supporting organisations in meeting their responsibilities.
- 2.4 Preventing and detecting Child Sexual Exploitation has become a major priority for all agencies and the partnership is developing its approach to ensuring that all relevant services and organisations are made aware of the signs and symptoms that may give rise to suspicion and of action to be taken in response. The Safeguarding Board for Surrey takes the lead in the county.

- 2.5 The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 came into force in October 2014: 19 previous powers dealing with anti-social behaviour were replaced with six faster, more effective ones. Victims have the power to ensure that action is taken to deal with persistent anti-social behaviour through the new community trigger and the SWP has agreed arrangements for responding which are available online at:

http://www.waverley.gov.uk/info/870/community_safety/1636/community_trigger

To date no community trigger applications have been investigated by the partnership.

- 2.6 SWP continues to monitor licensed premises causing concern, levels of crime and anti-social behaviour and locations causing concern. A major piece of work undertaken during the year was the continuation of joint efforts to address inappropriate parking, anti-social behaviour and access problems in the Frensham area generated by the popularity of the Great and Little Ponds as visitor destinations. All partners, including the National Trust, have contributed creatively to developing solutions which have included: enforcement of rural clearways in Bacon Lane (agreed by this committee) and Priory Lane, temporary signage, leafleting, provision of up-to-date information via social media and joint patrols of the sites by rangers and Surrey Police. CSPs in west Surrey responded to the raised risk of heathland fires in the spring and early summer of 2015 by recommissioning their broadcast information campaign on Eagle Radio.

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 took place regularly throughout the borough, and where appropriate draws together meetings of all relevant stakeholders to address particular local problems. Officers have attended community engagement events in Cranleigh and at Ockford Ridge/Aarons Hill, Godalming which have enabled them to provide information to residents and understand any concerns they may have about community safety.
- 4.2 Mrs Pat Frost, in her capacity as a Waverley Borough Councillor, sits on the Surrey Police and Crime Panel which scrutinises the activities of the Police and Crime Commissioner. In this capacity she provides an annual update to the SWP.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 As in previous years, the Committee agreed at its 26 June 2015 meeting at allocate its Community Safety budget for 2015-16 to the Safer Waverley Partnership.
- 5.2 The corresponding grant made in the year 2014-15 contributed to a partnership budget, details of which are contained in **Annex 3**. Members are advised that a number of intended items of expenditure, e.g. in support of

upgraded CCTV facilities and the Road User Awareness Day sessions, have been brought forward to the current year.

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 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	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 and the sexual exploitation of children and young people.

8.3 Public Health implications

The Partnership seeks to support initiatives which address those aspects of substance misuse which have an impact on community safety 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 2014-2015. 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 2014-15
- 2: Safer Waverley Partnership Plan 2015-18
3. Safer Waverley Partnership budget 2014-15

Sources/background papers:

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