

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

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SUBJECT: EAST SURREY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - UPDATE

DIVISION: ALL REIGATE & BANSTEAD DIVISIONS

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This report updates the Local Committee on the priorities and work of the East Surrey Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Reigate & Banstead) is asked to note the development of the East Surrey CSP and the range of work it is delivering since the last update report in Spring 2015.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To ensure that the Local Committee is aware of the priorities work of the East Surrey CSP.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 CSPs were set up under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and are statutorily responsible for reducing crime and disorder, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour in their area.
- 1.2 The East Surrey Community Safety Partnership (ESCSP) covering Tandridge, Mole Valley and Reigate & Banstead was established in June 2014 to build on existing collaborative work and provide a more effective and productive method for joint working.
- 1.3 The ESCSP provides an excellent opportunity to identify common themes and work collaboratively across East Surrey where appropriate, whilst still maintaining the ability for individual districts and boroughs to develop bespoke responses to address the needs of their local communities.
- 1.4 The current shared priorities for the ESCSP are:
 - Rural crime
 - Domestic abuse
 - Substance misuse
 - Anti-social behaviour

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- Multi-agency working groups have been established for each priority.
- 1.5 The ESCSP works collaboratively with the countywide Community Safety Board (CSB) and other county groups to ensure effective strategic join up and also provides East Surrey with a greater ability to influence the countywide community safety agenda.
 - 1.6 Louise Round, Tandridge District Council Chief Executive, chairs the ESCSP and also represents East Surrey on the County Community Safety Board.

2. ANALYSIS:

Review of the East Surrey Community Safety Partnership

- 2.1 A recent review of the ESCP was undertaken, using an on-line survey to establish the views of partners. Feedback indicated that Members were generally positive about the partnership and identified numerous benefits around greater collaborative working, improved information sharing, increased funding opportunities and more effective use of resources.
- 2.2 The ESCSP, at its meeting on 15 September 2015, considered the feedback from the CSP survey. There was a conversation about the role of the group and how it fits in and crosses over a wide range of strategic agendas. The feedback from the group was largely positive; however, there was some concern that the group was not strategic enough, did not provide enough written information and whether the appropriate people were invited to present topics. It was also discussed that the group has an important role in sharing information and best practice. It was acknowledged that the group needed to strike the right balance between reporting on strategic issues and updating on local activity. It was concluded that it is important for the ESCSP to add value and be able to identify how it has contributed to the delivery of improved outcomes for residents.
- 2.3 A further review of the ESCSP will be undertaken in 12 months' time.

Recent Activity

- 2.4 A brief overview of activity by the ESCSP against its priorities along with new and emerging issues is described below.
- 2.5 Anti-Social Behaviour: Fly-tipping has been raised as a concern by residents, businesses and public agencies, and as a direct result of this closer collaboration encouraged by the ESCSP a fly-tipping campaign across East Surrey has been developed and implementation begun. In conjunction with partners, roadside 'stop and check' operations took place aimed at identifying illegal waste carriers and sending out a clear message that 'fly-tippers' were not tolerated in the area. Further operations will take place in each district/borough on a quarterly basis. A funding submitted to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for covert CCTV cameras and signage has received approval with work now underway, in collaboration with Environmental Services, to purchase and deploy the cameras.
- 2.6 Domestic Abuse: The East Surrey Domestic Abuse Working Group initiated the launch of an IRIS (Identification and Referral to Improve Safety) project in East Surrey. IRIS is a general practice-based domestic abuse training, support

and referral programme. It is aimed at women who are experiencing domestic violence/abuse from a current partner, ex-partner or adult family member. The Working Group has also recently commissioned a production of 'Hurried Steps', an hour-long play based on testimonies from real women followed by a discussion between the audience and a panel.

2.7 Additionally there is the involvement of the ESCSP in a key piece of work that impacts on both East Surrey and the county as a whole. The first element is the commissioning of the domestic abuse outreach services for the county, which involves ESDAS (East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service), who have the lead role on behalf of all the domestic abuse outreach providers in the county. The second element is the involvement and participation of one of the ESCSP community safety officers in developing the specification for the proposed new countywide service.

2.8 Rural crime: An external communications campaign will be launched in April 2016. Over 30 police officers have received training in relation to rural crime, and the definition for rural crime has now been signed off. The definition is: Any crime of an agricultural, equine, wildlife or heritage nature:

- Agricultural – working farms, farm machinery, farm buildings, smallholdings
- Equine – working stables, tack thefts, equestrian centres
- Wildlife – illegal hare coursing, poaching, interference with protected species
- Heritage – lead theft from churches, ancient monuments, illegal metal detecting.

2.9 Data from the National Rural Crime Network highlights that a large proportion of rural crime goes unreported, so there is work to be done to increase confidence amongst the rural community to encourage reporting.

2.10 Substance misuse: The ESCSP jointly funds an Assertive Drug Outreach Worker to work with those individuals whose chaotic lifestyles impact on the local community.

2.11 Community Incident Action Group (CIAG)/Joint Action Group (JAG): These multi-agency groups, in each of the districts/boroughs, meet regularly to discuss individuals and places of concern due to associated anti-social behaviour (ASB). Following the recent anti-social behaviour, the membership of these groups has been reviewed and realigned, partners are more engaged, and there is a more pro-active role which will ensure ASB is dealt with in a timely and efficient manner. Increasingly, the focus of the interagency work is shifting from enforcement to early intervention, to prevent the escalation of ASB and specifically to deter young people from becoming involved in criminal activity.

2.12 South East Family Support Programme (SEFSP) Tandridge District Council (TDC) is working in partnership with Reigate & Banstead Borough Council (RBBC) and Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) to jointly operate the Surrey Family Support Programme. This aims to target interventions at those families who have and cause the most problems in their communities.

2.13 The countywide target for 2015/16 is for 664 families to be supported by the district and borough based FSP teams. The expected number of families for

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SEFSP to work with during this period is 147. The majority of referrals have issues around education for at least one member of the family, and during a review into family progress that was undertaken earlier this year, it was found that:

- This holistic approach enabled families to better tackle attendance concerns
- As a result of their work with the programme, the home/school relationship improved in more than 82% of cases and attendance improved accordingly

Similar improvements have been found against the other main referral criteria of work and crime/ASB.

- 2.14 This co-ordinated approach to working with families, by offering intensive support, has undoubtedly improved the opportunity for families to become more self-reliant and less dependent on universal services.
- 2.15 During spring 2015, the referral criteria widened to include issues such as mental health, domestic abuse and substance misuse, allowing more families to access the intensive support offer. This had the effect of more than doubling the referral level from two to five per week.
- 2.16 There was also an increase in families who, although having multiple issues, needed less intensive support than that originally offered by the FSP. This has resulted in a new approach being taken called Early Help (EH). The EH approach provides less intensive support over a shorter period of time while still achieving positive outcomes for the families.
- 2.17 Early Help Pilot: The Early Help approach aims to identify and work with families at an earlier stage; to prevent their problems escalating and avoid them entering high cost acute services. The Early Help model is being developed in conjunction with Children's Services and other partners and piloted in East Surrey. Following evaluation, it is expected that this approach model will be rolled out across Surrey.
- 2.18 Emerging Issues: During this year a number of Public Protection/Safeguarding issues have come into the orbit of community safety partnerships. These include Prevent (Counter Terrorism), Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Modern Slavery and Serious Organised Crime. It is anticipated that these will impact increasingly on the time of the Partnership and partnership officers in the foreseeable future.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 Not applicable – report is for information.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Not applicable – report is for information.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Not applicable – report is for information.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 Not applicable – report is for information.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 Not applicable – report is for information.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	The work of the East Surrey Community Safety Partnership detailed in paragraph 2 of this report will have a positive impact on crime and disorder within Reigate & Banstead.
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

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 The Local Committee is asked to note the development of the East Surrey CSP and the range of work it is delivering since the last update report in Spring 2015.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Members will receive further updates on the work of the East Surrey CSP at future Local Committee meetings.

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Sources/background papers:

- East Surrey CSP – Terms of Reference
- Minutes of the East Surrey CSP

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