

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)

DATE: 8 DECEMBER 2015



LEAD OFFICER: JOANNA LONG (Community Partnership and Committee Officer)

SUBJECT: SAFER GUILDFORD PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2015

DIVISION: ALL GUILDFORD DIVISIONS

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The Safer Guildford Partnership is the statutory Community Safety Partnership for Guildford. 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 2015 to enable the local committee to maintain its overview of community safety in Guildford.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Guildford) is asked to:

- (i) Note the contents of the annual report of the Safer Guildford Partnership in the year 2015 (Annex 1).
- (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 Guildford 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 Guildford Partnership is the statutory Community Safety Partnership (CSP) for Guildford. 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 Joanna Long (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.

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- 1.3 The Community Partnership Team continues to lead for the county council in co-ordinating the work of the SGP, 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 Guildford 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 an annual report on progress against its strategic priorities (**Annex 1**).

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The observations set out in this section expands 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 SGP's first DHR is now complete and accepted by the Home Office and the second DHR is now with the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel.
- 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. Prevention of radicalisation and extremism is now included in Ofsted inspections of educational establishments. Safer Guildford Partnership 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 Surrey Guildford Partnership has agreed arrangements for responding which are available online. 7 community trigger applications were received by the partnership in 2014/15, 5 not meeting the

criteria received a 'mini review' and 2 meeting the criteria received a full review.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 The Committee is invited to note and comment on the report.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 The Local Committee Guildford representative on the Safer Guildford Partnership Cllr Fiona White is fully engaged in the partnership.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 As in previous years, the Committee agreed at its June 2015 meeting to allocate its Community Safety budget for 2015-16 to the Safer Guildford Partnership. The corresponding grant made in the year 2014-15 contributed to a partnership budget to deliver the above projects.

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

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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 Safer Guildford Partnership'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 Guildford.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 The Community Partnership and Committee Officer will arrange for any comments and suggestions to be reported to the Safer Guildford Partnership.

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Annexes:

Annex 1 – Safer Guildford Partnership Annual Report 2015, Customer and Community Scrutiny Committee, Guildford Borough Council

Sources/background papers:

- Safer Guildford Partnership Executive, 5 August 2015 – Partnership Performance Quarter One Progress Update
- Safer Guildford Partnership Executive, 5 November 2015 – Partnership Performance Quarter Two Progress Update

Partnership Groups and Delivery Mechanisms (Annex B to Safer Guildford Partnership Annual Scrutiny report 2015)

Safer Guildford Partnership Executive

This group acts as the management board for the Safer Guildford Partnership, and meets every three to four months to manage and oversee the strategic direction of the partnership. It includes representatives from all of the agencies making up the Partnership.

Co-ordination Group

This group comprises officers from Guildford Borough Council, Surrey County Council and Surrey Police. It reports to the Executive on the operational work that takes place to meet the Partnership's priorities, and monitors and oversees progress between Executive meetings.

Joint Action Group (JAG)

The Guildford JAG meets regularly to review crime and disorder levels in the borough, particularly places highlighted by the strategic assessment. It uses crime and incident data to monitor emerging and potential problems. The JAG prioritises activity and occasionally sets up short-term sub-groups to respond to specific problem locations or priority areas.

Community Incident Action Group (CIAG)

This is a multi-agency problem-solving group, which meets regularly to discuss problem individuals and families who are linked with significant anti-social behaviour and other associated community problems. As well as working with those who have a negative impact on the community it now works with repeat and vulnerable victims of antisocial behaviour.

Guildford Domestic Abuse Development Group

This is a new group that will consider the outcomes from the Surrey DA Multi-Agency Development Group and the Surrey DA Communications Group within a local context for Guildford. The group will liaise with local service providers, key partners and agencies along with neighbouring districts and boroughs to seek coordination and consistency with service delivery most especially concerning education and awareness raising activities.

The partnership also link in with various other local and county groups.

Guildford Family Support Team

The Guildford Family Support Team provides intensive outreach support to families who meet the locally agreed criteria, in support of the Government's "Troubled Families" initiative. The team aims to work closely with individual families, and the agencies involved with them, using a 'Team around the Family' (TAF) approach to provide support to help them make changes aimed at securing a more stable future for their children.

Surrey Community Safety Board (CSB)

The board is made up of senior representatives from Surrey Police, District and Borough Councils, Surrey Probation, Surrey Courts, Surrey Crown Prosecution Service, Surrey County Council, Surrey Fire & Rescue Service, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Police and Crime

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Commissioner, Mental Health and Surrey HM Prison Service. The board aims to ensure that Surrey agencies working in the field of community and public safety agree joint strategies and provide clear joined up direction to their organisations to improve outcomes. The board devises strategies and work plans that improve outcomes for the people of Surrey, taking into account a wide agenda including domestic abuse, drugs and alcohol, mental health, safety of children and adults, managing offenders, reducing re-offending, preventing radicalisation, preparing for emergencies, building community cohesion and resilience, crime and disorder, feeling safe and effective justice.

Surrey Domestic Abuse Multi-Agency Development Group

The group acts as the delivery arm of the Surrey Community Safety Board for domestic abuse. It oversees the domestic abuse agenda and develops and delivers the domestic abuse strategy and work plan for Surrey. It oversees a number of domestic abuse related task groups, including the Outreach Monitoring Group, Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Steering Group, Domestic Abuse Communications Group, and the training agenda. The group provides quarterly updates to the Surrey Community Safety Board.

Prevent Delivery Group.

The 'Prevent' agenda is a strategy to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting extremism. The Prevent Delivery Group is a quarterly countywide meeting, which reviews the Prevent duty on organisations. It identifies the areas in which local authorities have a duty to support Prevent, e.g. through training, links to Prevent on websites, attending briefings, monitoring community tensions and local delivery plans. Additionally, updates are provided, on all relevant Prevent matters.

Surrey Domestic Abuse Communications Group

This Surrey-wide group meets quarterly and oversees county wide domestic abuse campaigns. It works with local officers to ensure that campaigns aimed at increasing awareness of domestic abuse and services available to victims are promoted consistently across the county.

Substance Misuse Strategy Group

This is a county-wide group, which produces and oversees a strategy to deal with substance misuse, typically alcohol or drugs. The Safer Guildford Partnership contributes to the development of this strategy, and assists in its implementation.

Guildford Road Safety Group

The Guildford Casualty Reduction Action Group has been discontinued but that an officer link (from the current CRG) is kept with the Guildford Road Safety group and joint work is done around communications plans. The Community Partnership and Committee officer, SCC and the Public Health Co-ordinator, GBC will be attending future meetings of the Guildford Road Safety Working Group.