



## WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 9 MARCH 2016  
**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.

This report provides an overview of the issues considered by both sub-committees since the last update taken in September 2015.

### **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 September 2015.

**2. ANALYSIS:**

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUB-COMMITTEE**

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee has met twice since the last update – this has included a formal meeting on 4 November 2015 and an informal workshop on 24 February 2016.

2.2 On 4 November Members received an update on both the Health and Wellbeing Plan for Woking and the Family Support Programme. Regarding the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan:

- a. A Lead Officer Group had been established to progress the actions in the Plan, with local agencies having been allocated to lead on each of the eight priorities.
- b. The Stoptober campaign had been successful and an evaluation was due to take place. The Stop Smoking service had been put out to tender with new arrangements due to be put in place next year. In October 2015 new legislation had come into force to prohibit smoking in cars where children were present, and the purchase of buying tobacco on behalf of young people. A new Littering and Enforcement tender had been issued following a pilot, which was expected to begin in January 2015.
- c. Progress of healthy eating, physical activity, parkrun, health champions, Surrey Youth Games and new activities were noted. Outdoor gyms had been introduced at Woking Park and the Vyne. In partnership with Woking Gymnastics Club, a weekly session was being held to encourage inactive children to exercise. The Community Meals Service was offering customers a bottle of water free of charge with their lunchtime meals to help prevent dehydration.
- d. The locations for health checks (focusing on the 40-74 age group, preventing issues such as heart disease, strokes and diabetes) are being extended, with a target of 20 pharmacies offering the checks by January 2016. It was intended to also offer them at the Leisure Centre and undertake promotion through local media and events.
- e. Under the Surrey-wide Alcohol Strategy the range of treatment options available to specific population groups were being expanded to ensure positive health outcomes. A 'High Impact Complex Drinkers' initiative was also being worked on by Public Health.
- f. The Living Well in Woking Week was held between 28 September and 4 October 2015. Take-up had been disappointing although it was hoped that with enhanced partnership working and higher levels of promotion next year more people would take part in the Week. In addition, the Time Banking through WAVS and Buddy Schemes were progressing well.
- g. Dementia Friendly Strategy - the Brightwell Café for young people has been set up and it was expected that the numbers of people making use of it would rise as it became more established. In addition, the GPS tracking service for people with dementia, memory issues or learning difficulties had been set up, although a higher level of referrals was required.

- h. The Locality Hub for the frail and elderly was due to open in December with an Official Opening due to take place at the end of February 2016. The Safe Haven Crisis Café would be situated at the Marjorie Richardson Centre, subject to final agreement of Heads and Terms and again would be open before Christmas / New Year holiday period. It was noted that a total of five applications had been received by the Living Well in Woking Small Grant Scheme. A new service was being trialled to help local people once they had been discharged from hospital through the Homesafe Project.
- i. Recent campaigns include Domestic Abuse Week, Living Well Week, Stoptober and Dry January.

2.3 An update on the Family Support Programme was given. The work programmes for each family are now tracked using a local database developed to capture and analyse both the Team's performance, and the outcomes for families as per the Payment by Results measures. At the end of the second quarter the team had been behind schedule with the targets, although it was expected that they would be achieved by the end of the financial year as increased recruitment of Family Coordinators takes effect. Greater links were also being developed with Surrey Heath and Runnymede Family Support Programme and local faith groups. The Borough had agreed via the governments Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme (SVPRS) to receive twelve families each year for the next five years (subject to annual review). The families would be supported through the Family Support Programme, with the first families expected before Christmas and some in late January 2016.

2.4 The workshop held on 24 February 2016 reviewed how the Woking Wellbeing Plan could be further developed in light of the emerging priorities of the North West Surrey CCG and SCC Adult Social Care / Public Health. A verbal update on the outcomes will be given.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE**

2.5 The Community Safety Sub-Committee has met twice since September. This included a special meeting held on 16 November 2015 to consider the Public Space Protection Order for the Town Centre, and a meeting held on 8 March 2016.

### **Public Spaces Protection Order – Town Centre**

2.6 Following the identification of anti-social behaviour issues in Woking town centre, a request was made to implement a Public Spaces Protection Order for the area, as part of a range of measures being used to address the issues.

2.7 The Sub-Committee considered the results of the statutory consultation, which showed that out of a total of 192 responses, 88% were in favour of the Order and its boundaries. After discussion they supported the position that the Public Space Protection Order should be implemented. It was noted that the Public Spaces Protection Order does not hold a power of arrest but could enable a Fixed Penalty Notice to be issued. However, it is intended for Council Enforcement Officers to work with Surrey Police regarding prevention and signposting for the most vulnerable. The effectiveness of the Order in the community would be reviewed at meetings of the Joint Action Group. The Public Spaces Protection Order would be in place for three years.

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2.8 The meeting on the 8 March 2016 was due to consider the following reports. A verbal update on the outcomes of this meeting will be given:

- a. The Safer Woking Partnership Plan for 2016/19
- b. An update on progress against last years action plan
- c. A report on housing related Anti-Social Behaviour.

### **Woking Crime Summit**

2.9 The Woking Crime Summit was held on 12 November 2015 at HG Wells Conference & Events Centre. This was an opportunity for residents to hear from the Police and Crime Commissioner, Woking Borough Council and their Surrey Police Neighbourhood Inspector about local work, but also to ask questions.

2.10 Questions were raised by residents about a reduction in visible street policing in Woking and concerns about officers not knowing the local area as much as they should have done – this was often due to officers who had been newly stationed in Woking. There was concern over how the Safer Neighbourhood Team were engaging with residents in Woking due to recent non-attendance at community meetings which once would have been attended by police, as well as issues at the time with the Active Citizen email alert system which have since been resolved. Additionally, residents expressed confusion over which local issues were the responsibility of the council and which were the responsibility of the police.

### **3. OPTIONS:**

3.1 This report is for information and comment only.

### **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

4.1 This report is for information.

### **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 A review has been carried out on the Joint Committee which considered whether it has met its objectives since it was established in June 2014. During the review it has been suggested that the work carried out by the two sub-committees may be more effectively carried out through individual Task Groups, with any decisions and updates being taken formally through the main committee. The Joint Committee will consider the establishment of its task groups and any appropriate sub-committees for 2016/17 at their meeting on Wednesday 29 June 2016.

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**Annexes:**

None

**Sources/background papers:**

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