

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**

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**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF EAST SURREY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP AND PRIORITIES FOR 2017/18**

**DIVISION: ALL TANDRIDGE**

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

This report updates the Local Committee on the priorities and work of the East Surrey Community Safety Partnership (CSP) during 2016 and its priorities for 2017/18.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to note:**

- (i) The range of work the East Surrey CSP has been delivering since the last update report in December 2015.
- (ii) That a further report will be brought to the committee within 6 months on the results of the project at the Arc in Caterham.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

To ensure that the Local Committee is aware of the priorities and 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. In the summer of 2016 the Epsom & Ewell Community Safety Partnership applied to become a member of the ESCSP, following local discussion with statutory partners an application was made to the Office of Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) seeking agreement to this merger. Formal confirmation of this application is awaited from the OPCC.

- 1.4. The ESCSP provides an excellent opportunity to identify shared priorities and work collaboratively across East Surrey where appropriate, whilst still maintaining the ability for individual districts and boroughs to develop bespoke responses to address any emerging issues within the local community.
- 1.5. The current shared priorities for the ESCSP are:
  - Rural crime
  - Domestic abuse
  - Substance misuse
  - Anti-social behaviour
- 1.6. The CSP also has oversight of, and receives regular updates on Serious Organised Crime (SOC), Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and the Prevent agendas, together with any other important emerging issue that require a collaborative or partnership response.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. Louise Round, Tandridge District Council Chief Executive, chairs the ESCSP and also represents East Surrey on the Surrey Community Safety Board.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

### **Recent Activity**

- 2.1. 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 enabled by the ESCSP, a fly-tipping campaign has been implemented across East Surrey.

A successful funding bid was made to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for covert CCTV cameras and signage. The cameras are routinely placed in numerous locations across the area to assist with evidence gathering on illegal flytippers.

Additionally, in conjunction with partners, roadside 'stop and check' operations have taken 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 across East Surrey.

Due to the success of these East Surrey multi-agency operations, a similar model to address fly-tipping is likely to be rolled out across Surrey.

- 2.2. 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, the first area in Surrey to implement this project. IRIS is a General Practice-based domestic abuse training, support and referral programme. Working with ES CCG, IRIS has been introduced to all

Tandridge GP practices and has resulted in a five-fold increase in the number of referrals made to the ES DA Abuse Service (ESDAS) by the GP practices and in excess of 50 women have received help, advice and support. IRIS is acknowledged as a model of best-practice and has also been listed as a key recommendation following recent Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's) in Surrey.

- 2.3. Additionally the ESCSP is involved 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 in developing the specification for the proposed new countywide service. Hilary New, Community Safety Manager for TDC represents ES on these pieces of work.
- 2.4. Rural crime: An external communications campaign was 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 formally 'signed off'. The definition of Rural Crime 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.
- 2.5. Data from the National Rural Crime Network highlights that a large proportion of rural crime goes unreported and much work is taking place to increase confidence amongst the rural community to encourage reporting. Since November 2016, a targeted communication campaign has been in place across Tandridge to improve engagement between police and the rural community as well as improving the visible police presence to increase reassurance.
- 2.6. Community Incident Action Groups (CIAGs) & Joint Action Groups (JAGs): These multi-agency groups meet monthly to discuss individuals and places of concern due to associated anti-social behaviour (ASB).

Legislation and guidance on ASB from the last government has provided a greater focus on victims and the provision of services and support for them. Against this backdrop, a county-wide review of CIAGs has taken place.

It is proposed to move to a harm reduction approach and in conjunction with partners to re-launch CIAGs as Community Harm and Risk Management Meetings (CHaRMM). This group will remain as a district or borough based multi-agency problem solving group where professionals share information on high risk cases, issues or incidents, and put in place appropriate risk management plan. The plans will address the impact on the victim and/or the wider community as well as agreeing actions to reduce the negative community impact that the perpetrators are causing.

In Tandridge, the CIAG also acts as a District wide 'oversight group', receiving updates and briefings on other key topics such as CSE, SOC, Prevent etc to ensure partners are aware of the wider community safety agenda and the priorities of the ES CSP.

2.7. Emerging Issues: During 2016 the focus for CSPs continued to shift towards a Safeguarding / Public Protection agenda, reflecting the reduction in crime over recent years and recent legislation and guidance on areas such as Prevent (Counter Terrorism), Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Modern Slavery and Serious Organised Crime. The expectation is that these, often inter-related agendas, along with a greater victim focus will increasingly become the mainstay of the CSP.

## **Local Committee Community Safety Funding**

### **Background**

2.8. The Local Committee has a delegated budget of £3,000 for community safety projects. At the Local Committee meeting on 23 September 2016, the Local Committee agreed to a new process for allocating these funds, with the aim of giving the committee greater oversight of the expenditure and ensuring better value for money for projects that help to achieve the county's community safety priorities.

### **Project Proposal**

2.9. A needs assessment conducted in discussion with the Manager at the Arc Centre in Caterham indicated local concern about anti-social behaviour around the Arc and surrounding area. The Arc is owned by the Caterham Barracks Community Trust and its task is to work with those 'whose voices are the quietest'.

2.10. The manager at the Arc has formed a small committee of residents who are keen to set up a weekly youth club at the arc to tackle the anti-social behaviour which they believe is caused by boredom and a lack of activities in Caterham on the hill.

2.11. This weekly youth club would have the following expected benefits:

- Reduce anti-social behaviour
- Provide engaging activities for youth people that are educational and fun, and build their life skills.
- Encourage young people to become respectable and valued members of the local community
- Provide positive role models for younger children.
- The Arc being able to engage and work with some of the hardest to reach young people from Caterham on the hill

2.12. The funding will therefore provide a weekly youth club from 6pm-9pm at the Arc in Caterham on the Hill, with a total estimated cost of £2,325 for 12 weeks. Costs include soft play hire, arts and crafts resources, specialist providers brought in once a month for sessions on music, dance, and a

graffiti workshop, funding for DBS clearance for volunteers, and staff costs for the Arc.

- 2.13. This proposal was supported by Tandridge CIAG and endorsed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee.

### Getting underway

- 2.14. Surrey's Youth Services have been working with the managers at the Arc to support them to get started.

- 2.15. The Arc will monitor the success of the youth club through:

- Number of people attending (through registers)
- Impact on young people (photos, videos, feedback from young people)
- Impact on community (fewer complaints and fewer police callouts)

- 2.16. A report will be prepared for the Local Committee outlining the actual moneys spent, and the actual impact, benefits and outcomes for residents.

### **3. OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 Not applicable – report is for information.

### **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

- 4.1 The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee were consulted on the proposal for the Arc in December 2016.

### **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 section 2 of this report will have a positive impact on crime and disorder within Tandridge.
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:**

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**10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

10.1 A further report will be brought to the Local Committee within 6 months to report on the impact of the youth club at the Arc.

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**Annexes:** None

**Sources/background papers:**

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